

## **Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station KVRF-FM**

**January 1 to March 31, 2019**

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### **Summary:**

In the first quarter of 2019 input from board members, contact with local officials and leaders in the area served, discussions with a growing cadre of volunteers, and a review of Facebook postings, email feedback and survey responses, once again continued to confirm the listing of previously identified issues as significant in the KVRF service area.

During the quarter the KVRF Board met bi-monthly to review operations of the station including receiving reports about programming from the Chief Operating Officer. The KVRF Board also met bi-monthly in work sessions to discuss strategic planning as well as specific board projects. The Citizens Advisory Board also met during this quarter and reported to the Operating Board via a CAB member's appearance at operating board meetings.

KVRF continued internet audio streaming of the local Borough Assembly, School District Board meetings, and Palmer City Council Meetings. This service forms the background for the public affairs coverage during the morning show and public affairs programming.

We have continued programming dedicated to regular, in-depth coverage of the issues identified.

The Chief Operating Officer (COO) regularly attends meetings of the local emergency planning committee. After the November 2018 earthquake KVRF reviewed our successes in remaining on the air and updated our protocols for operation during emergencies.

Our third transmitter established in Glacier View, continues to extend our broadcast signal to an underserved area north of our previous service area. A representative from the area on the Board of Directors provides input from the area's listeners, as well as a weekly program discussing area issues with citizens in Glacier View. We also receive daily weather reports provided by Glacier View residents Monday through Friday. Two KVRF representatives also attended a Chickaloon Community Council meeting and discussed additional programming possibilities for the Chickaloon area from the Glacier View transmitter site.

Both the Operating Board and the Citizens Advisory Board are exploring programming for additional issues: technical and regulatory changes affecting aviation safety, implications of national health care legislation for all residents and reflections on political gridlock in Alaska legislative budget negotiations.

## **Issues.**

The station continued to address the following significant issues facing our community:

1. Public Safety: Increased attention continues this quarter on impacts to individuals as a result of proposed changes to the criminal justice system at the state level, as well as the increase in homelessness.
2. Local Arts and Culture: Finding venues for local musicians, and artists; publicizing art events.
3. Economic Development: accommodating development of Agriculture, Industry, Retail, and Tourism businesses, while respecting individual's rights - especially in regard to ordinances fostering changes in short term rentals.
4. Environment: Balancing encouragement of economic development and associated environmental regulations, dealing with resource extraction of timber, and zoning.
5. Education: Keeping up with the growth of the school-aged population and exploring education as lifelong learning, especially given the extraordinary pressure on the State of Alaska's budget including education.
6. Community Planning: Planning for roads and trails in response to population growth.
7. Aging: Finding sources of funding for services to an increasingly older population.
8. Government: Balancing the desire for small, efficient government with the need for services, especially as funding from the state declines precipitously.
9. Technology: Encouraging use of technology while mitigating unintended negative consequences.
10. Social Services: Understanding and supporting the non-profit's role in providing services, especially through funding mechanisms such as the Pick, Click and Give program associated with the Permanent Fund.
11. Health: Choosing healthy lifestyles in the face of a plethora of information and highlighting the details of the cost of healthcare and the availability of public health services.

## **Section II Specific Issue Programming:**

**See attached spreadsheet for examples of responsive programming.**