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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

4th Quarter 2020

October 1 to December 31

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

- Issue 1: **COVID Shutdown**

- Issue 2: **School/ College COVID Issues**

- Issue 3: **College Financial Woes**

- Issue 4: **Election Issues**

- Issue 5: **COVID Vaccines/ Treatments**

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Programs and Issues – 2019

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breath of our reporting and our commitment to “live” local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

Monday-Friday:

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news:
6:05am – 7:05am – 8:05am – 12:05pm – 4:05pm – 5:05pm
Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from CBS Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Melissa Sheketoff joins the Morning News Service with a “live” interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our “Conversation with the Editor” series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont’s most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: The Waterbury Record (Waterbury) – Lisa Loomis, Reporter
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter
Wednesday: The Chronicle (Barton) - Bethany Dunbar, Editor
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Dave Crosby, Reporter

Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Rick Cengeri, host a show that provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide spectrum. During the legislative session, Ric originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World’s Fair and other gatherings.

The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the “Special Assignment” section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a “sound bite” service.

The Afternoon News Service: 4-5:30PM

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day’s breaking news stories with Calvin Cutler from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site.

Waterbury Roundabout (Monday) – Lisa Scagliotti, Editor

Vermont Business Magazine (Wednesday)—Tim McQuiston, Editor

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter

Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them “over the air.”

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

Saturday Morning:

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is “live and local” with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features “For the Birds” a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; “The Green Mountain Club” report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

Sunday Morning:

At 6:00AM, WDEV airs CBS Radio Sunday Morning, and “The Takeout with Majhor Garrett”, a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide “Team Coverage” of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.

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Speaking ~~today~~ at the Governors COVID-19 Response news conference, Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine said that the state is monitoring four schools as a result of COVID positive cases.

1013SOT: Mark Levine A

Dr. Levine added that at this time, the state is not mandating these schools close or go to remote learning.

1013SOT: Mark Levine B

The Health Commissioner also said that the state is investigating a potential outbreak among youth and adult hockey players in Central Vermont.

1013SOT: Mark Levine C

He also indicated that some of the school positive cases are as a result of the hockey situation and said the community at large does not need to be tested right now.

1013SOT Mark Levine D

Secretary of Human Services Mike Smith then said the state is now allowing indoor visitors into long-term care facilities in counties with 0-10 percent positivity rates under strict guidelines.

1013SOT Mike Smith A

The new guidelines went into effect Monday.

Financial Regulation Commissiner Michael Pieciak said that while Vermont's overall numbers are still good, our recent performance is concerning.

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Radio Vermont > Wednesday ANS - 10/14/2020 > B9 Sugarbush Staff

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1. 10/14/2020 10:55:37 AM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:13

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Sugarbush is looking to have even more staff on hand this winter in order to spread out where resort guests can access food but finding those staff may prove difficult.

Hadley Leskovski has details.

(1014SOT Hadley Leskovski B)

There is more on this story at valley reporter dot com.

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B15* - Surge Sites

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With COVID cases and hospitalizations rising again, the Vermont National Guard Thursday began rebuilding a surge hospital at the fairgrounds in Essex Junction.

About two-thirds of all in-patient beds and all intensive care beds are now full, but officials want to be ready in case those numbers increase.

The Champlain Valley Expo is again turning into an overflow hospital.

Vermont National Guard Major Matthew Lehman tells Channel 3 when the surge site was taken down this summer due to a decline in coronavirus cases, they packed it up so it could easily be put back together.

(112020SOT Matthew Lehman)

The design will fit 200 beds total for non-COVID patients.

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The Health Department announced 99 new cases of the Coronavirus on Friday. That case number puts Vermont over the 4,000 case threshold over the entire course of the pandemic.

Vermont has now seen 4,005 total positive cases. There are currently 16 Vermonters in the hospital and two in the ICU.

Vermont also announced 72 new cases on Thursday with three more deaths, bringing the states death total to 67.

Governor Phil Scott addressed that Friday:

112720SOT Phil Scott C

The ages of the deceased were 76, 81 and 94.

Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine spoke about a worry that both he and the Health Department share.

112720SOT Dr. Mark Levine A

Dr. Levine also spoke about a recent outbreak at a nursing facility.

112720SOT Dr. Mark Levine B

And Dr. Levine said the best way to protect these facilities is to protect our communities so we can limit the spread of the virus.

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The pastor of a church in Irasburg says the state improperly handled an alleged COVID situation in his congregation.

This comes after the Health Department issued a warning to parishioners Friday that a member tested positive for COVID19.

Pastor George Lawson of the New Hope Bible Church posted online about a call Wednesday from an official from the Health Department, who asked him for a list of names of all parishioners who attended church Sunday, November 22nd but Lawson said he did not have one.

(113020SOT George Lawson)

Lawson says the parishioner told him later they did not go. Lawson says the person also claims the COVID test actually came back negative.

Lawson says the parishioner took another COVID test this weekend. He says if they or anyone else in the congregation tests positive, he'll close the church for a week while people quarantine.

The church did hold a service on Sunday.



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The Waterbury River of Light Parade has been a tradition for a decade but this year it's getting a makeover because of the Pandemic.

Lisa Scagliotti of the Waterbury Roundabout has more.

120120SOT Lisa Scagliotti A

The communities taking part will be Waterbury, Duxbury, Waitsfield and Middlesex.

120120SOT Lisa Scagliotti B

You can learn more at Waterbury Roundabout dot org.

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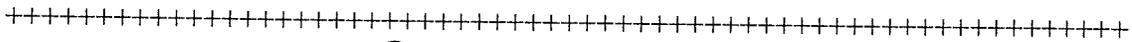
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New Year's Eve is the deadline for Vermont to spend all of its \$1.25 billion in Cares Act federal funding, but many state officials and nonprofits say it's not going to provide enough help to everyone who needs it and that Congress must act to pass another stimulus package.

Vermont has spent about two-thirds of its Cares Act funding on housing, business and farm grants, education, COVID testing, broadband, PPE, and many other sectors.

With the year-end deadline to spend it all, some states are calling for an extension or more flexibility.

Vt. Finance Commissioner Adam Greshin tells Channel 3 the Scott administration and the Legislature are planning to spend it all with the expectation that more aid is not on the way.

(120320SOT Adam Greshin)

Greshin says the state is hearing from three key groups that need help -- health care organizations seeking PPE and testing; businesses and advocacy groups looking for funding; and frontline workers asking for more hazard pay.

But without more help from the federal government, some of the programs will expire, including the hotel voucher program for the homeless and grants for renters and landlords.

Here's Erhard Mahnke with the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition.

(120320SOT Erhard Mahnke)

Organizations that provide food to Vermonters are also feeling the squeeze. During the pandemic, one in three residents experienced food insecurity. But Hunger Free Vermont's Anore Horton is calling on Vermonters to use the state's existing programs, like 3Squares Vermont, if they need food assistance.

(120320SOT Anore Horton)

Advocates are asking those who are able to donate, to help.

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With a Covid vaccine possibly approved this week, Dex Rowe got some insight from Doug Meyer, the Chief of Operations for Operation Warp Speed...

~~(COVID ROWE 1107) 1:09~~

120720 Dex Rowe :58

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Dex Rowe spoke with Doug Meyer, the Chief of Operations for Operation Warp Speed and asked him how the number of doses for each state are determined...

~~(COVID ROWE 1107A) :44~~

120720 Dex Rowe A :38

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The Orange Southwest Supervisory Union is moving back to in-person instruction this week as they monitor cases in the area.

Ray Small of the Hardwick Gazette has the story.

(121720SOT Ray Small B)

OSSU is prepared to move back to remote learning if there is a COVID outbreak in the community.

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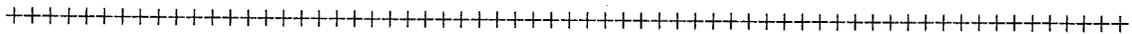
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Several schools in our region are switching back to in-person learning Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday.

That includes all Rutland City Public Schools and Williamstown Middle and High School.

Channel 3 News reports that spending the last week in remote learning helped the schools avoid asking kids what they did for Thanksgiving, and gave teachers time to quarantine.

In Franklin County, New York, students also headed back to the classroom on Monday.

Franklin County's school districts shifted to fully remote learning in November during a spike in cases.

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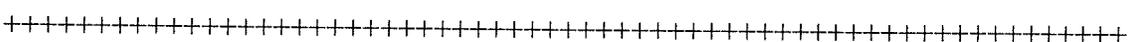
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Vermont's tax commissioner is forecasting that education property taxes could rise an average of 9% next year, mostly as a result of the pandemic-induced recession, new pension obligations, and rising school spending.

VTDigger reports that prediction was laid out in the so-called December 1 letter, a document the Department is required to prepare and send to lawmakers by that date each year.

The forecast from the annual projections are not set in stone, but they do set the stage for local budgeting decisions and debates at the Statehouse.

However, state leaders said they do not think a 9% increase would be tenable for Vermonters struggling to recover financially from the pandemic.

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Williamstown Middle and High school will be moving remote this week, but it's not because of a COVID case.

Interim principal Gary Clark says as much as they would like to be in-person, he says they can't offer the quality of education they would like with the high number of adults having to be out of the building. He says a large amount of faculty and staff members are following the guidelines set forth by the Governor and quarantining in regards to Thanksgiving gatherings.

Channel 3 News reports

~~We're~~ told they will still offer meal packs for pick up on Tuesday.

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All schools in the Orange Southwest School District will be fully remote until further notice.

WCAX says that includes students and families in Randolph, Braintree, and Brookfield, Vermont. The board voted to keep schools in remote session following the Thanksgiving break until it's deemed safe for students to return.

According to school leaders, they are still waiting to hear about 20 tests, but say closing the district after at least eight positive cases was appropriate. They also say about one-third of the families contact tracers spoke with didn't care and very clearly expressed their resistance to quarantine or explicitly said they wouldn't be following the rules.

Orange County has seen 121 cases within the past two weeks.

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Both Calais Elementary School and U-32 will go fully remote for two days starting today.

Washington Central Superintendent Bryan Olkowski sent families a letter saying three school members have tested positive.

The health department has already tracked down close contacts and ask families to monitor students' health.

Calais Elementary will also be remote next Monday and Tuesday.

Washington County reported 28 new COVID cases Sunday and 384 cases over the past 2 weeks.

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The Orange Southwest School District has closed all its buildings and moved to remote learning due to the spike in cases in its schools.

Tim Calabro of the White River Valley Herald tells us why.

(112020SOT Tim Calabro B)

That school district covers the towns of Randolph, Braintree, and Brookfield.

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Harwood Middle and High Schools were closed and moved to remote learning last Thursday and Friday due to a positive case of Covid in the school community.

Now, Hadley Leskovski tells us the Harwood Students are back to in-person instruction.

(111820SOT Hadley Leskovski A)

Meanwhile, Leskovski says Harwood Union Superintendent Brigid Nease moved the Moretown Elementary students to remote instruction Monday through today due to lack of available staff.

(111820SOT Hadley Leskovski B)

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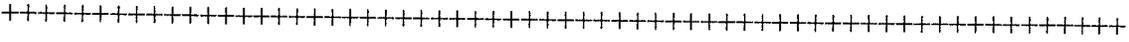
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Vermont's three electors cast their votes for President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris at the Statehouse on ~~Monday~~ *Monday the 5th of Jan.*

VT Digger reports that Vermont's electors were the first in the nation to vote. Under federal law electors meet in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to cast their ballots, which reflect the decisions made by each state's voters. Collectively, the electors form the nation's Electoral College.

Secretary of State Jim Condos administered the oath of office to the electors -- Keshia Ram, a state senator-elect from Chittenden County; Washington County Democratic Party chair Linda Gravel; and former state Democratic Party chair Terry Anderson.

Calvin Cutler of WCAAX ~~discusses~~ *explained* why those representatives served as the electors.

121520SOT Calvin Cutler A : 14s cue: within the party

~~In the case of Ram, her selection is a big one and headlines a couple of other "firsts." Ram ^{became} Vermont's first elector of color.~~

~~121520SOT Calvin Cutler B : 25s cue...surreal to be back~~

~~You can learn more at WCAAX dot com.~~

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MIRO GETS NOMINATION

Mayor Miro Weinberger is officially Burlington's Democratic mayoral nominee after Sunday's virtual Democratic caucus.

WCAX reports that Weinberger will face Progressive City Councilor Max Tracy and Independent City Councilor Ali Dieng in March. This is Weinberger's fourth mayoral run.

The Democratic Party said about 500 people registered to participate in the caucus. About 1,400 people participated in last week's Progressive caucus.

Party chair Adam Roof attributes the smaller turnout to the fact that no other Democrat was running against Weinberger for the nomination. Two candidates were vying for the Progressive Party's nomination.

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City Council President Max Tracy has won the Progressive nomination for Mayor of Burlington.,

Joshua Wronski, Executive Director of the Vermont Progressive Party, says a record 1,420 Burlington residents voted in the party's caucus. 787 voted for Tracy and 631 for City Councilor Brian Pine.

Tracy will face off against incumbent Democratic Mayor Miro Weinberger on Town Meeting Day.

On Saturday the Progressive Party will hold a virtual rally on Facebook Live to formally launch Tracy's general election campaign.

The Democratic caucus is this Sunday.

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Leading up to Election Day there is a fair amount of electoral uncertainty in the race between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.

With many states switching to a mail in ballot system, some may not know the results on election night.

Vermont town clerks are allowed to process ballots ahead of time, so we will most likely know who wins.

Voters like Lucy Powell, a college student from Massachusetts, told Channel 3 she suspects there will be some unrest, no matter who wins, but believes that Vermonters should be able to protest without violence.

(110120SOT Lucy Powell)

Jarred Tompson was at a rally for President Trump in Barre on Friday. He agreed that big cities may see serious disruption, but feels that will not be the case in Vermont.

(110120SOT Jarren Tompson)

Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Michael Schirling said they don't anticipate any widespread protests or violence in Vermont, and law enforcement does have plans in place depending on the outcome.

(110120SOT Michael Schirling)

Schirling did not reveal details about what those plans would be.

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Vermont voters are going to be casting ballots for president, governor, the state's lone member of the U.S. House and other statewide and local candidates.

Opening times for polling places on Tuesday vary, but all close at 7 p.m.

Republican President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden, are both seeking Vermont's three electoral votes.

Incumbent Republican Governor Phil Scott is seeking his third two-year-term. His Democratic challenger is Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman.

U.S. Rep. Peter Welch is seeking reelection to the post he first won in 2006, facing registered nurse Miriam Berry, who is seeking to become the first woman to ever represent Vermont in Congress.

WDEV will provide live coverage of election night tomorrow evening starting at seven o'clock.

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The Addison Senate race is heating up.

John Flowers has the latest.

(102820SOT John Flowers A)

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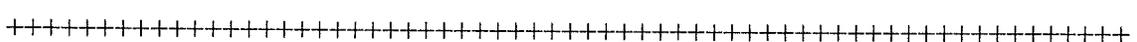
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Alderman Chris Etori will make a bid for mayor in Rutland City.

VTDigger reports that Etori will likely challenge incumbent Mayor David Allaire, who has not yet confirmed he'll run for reelection.

City residents first elected Allaire in March 2017, and he won handily again in 2019 by more than 1,000 votes.

Currently serving his third term and sixth year on the city's Board of Alderman, Etori said he thinks he could bring fresh leadership to the city, under his fiscally conservative but socially liberal policies.

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The Vermont Legislature will look differently when the group resumes session on January 7th.

Calvin Cutler of WCAX has more on the makeup of the legislature.

112420SOT Calvin Cutler A

Cutler says the Legislature may need to continue to work remotely or to have some kind of hybrid model and that could impact how the Legislature works on certain issues.

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Vermont Democratic House Speaker Mitzi Johnson has lost her re-election bid by 23 votes to Republican Michael Morgan.

Morgan picked up three votes in the recount of the two-seat Grand Isle-Chittenden race after Johnson narrowly lost by 18 votes on Election Day. The nine-term incumbent's loss means that House Democrats will have to select a new speaker for the coming session. They will vote on a new speaker in two weeks.

The full House will elect its next speaker in January.

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The Vermont Senate Democratic caucus, has unanimously nominated Windham County Senator Becca Balint, to be the next Senate pro tempore and Windsor County Senator Alison Clarkson, to be the new majority leader.

Democrats will hold a 24-6 edge over Republicans in the Senate next year, so the caucus choices will be the Senate's new leaders.

The Democratic caucus also chose Rutland County Senator Cheryl Hooker, as the assistant majority leader -- the caucus whip.

Grand Isle Senator Dick Mazza, will return to his role as the third member of the Committee on Committees, which sets the state of play for the upper chamber -- including decisions about who will chair committees.

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LOCAL - VT HOUSE SPEAKER RACE

Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas of Bradford has exited the race for speaker of the Vermont House, likely clearing the path for Jill Krowinski of Burlington to lead the chamber in January.

Days after Speaker Mitzi Johnson lost her House seat this month, Copeland Hanzas became the first candidate to declare her interest in the speakership and began lobbying colleagues for support.

Seven Days reports that, in addition to Krowinski, at least one other candidate remains in the running. Woodstock Rep. Charlie Kimbell, a two-term moderate, said he's continuing to seek support for his candidacy, but he acknowledged that he was unlikely to prevail.

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The field for Burlington mayor is getting crowded.

VTDigger reports that Democratic incumbent Miro Weinberger announced he's running for reelection.

Progressive Councilors Brian Pine and Max Tracy will also seek their party's nomination. Independent Councilor Ali Dieng confirmed to VTDigger Tuesday morning that he's also running for mayor. South End resident Patrick White told Seven Days that he plans to run an independent.

Weinberger's administration has enjoyed considerable success navigating the Covid-19 pandemic as one of the least affected cities in the country. But some see him as vulnerable in this race, primarily due to the perpetually stalled CityPlace downtown development project and the recent protests around police reform in the Burlington Police Department.

Voters will cast ballots on Town Meeting Day in March.

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As the presidential race was called for Joe Biden on Saturday, Republican Gov. Phil Scott congratulated the Democrat and said he is counting on the president-elect to “deliver the principled, unifying leadership he committed to on the campaign trail.”

VTDigger reports that the governor was joined by Vermont's congressional delegation, each of whom praised the former vice president on his victory.

Congressman Peter Welch, said, “I don't think any of us realized what a burden we were carrying with Donald Trump's anger and division.”

Sens. Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy both also celebrated Biden's victory.

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The media declaration that Joe Biden will be the next president of the United States set off a celebration in downtown Burlington on Saturday.

When Associated Press called Biden the victor, people immediately began trickling onto Church Street with smiles, waving to get each other's attention.

Then, the celebration kicked off. One celebrant told Channel 3 that the news brought an end to a stressful time.

(1109SOT BT BIDEN)

Biden supporters like Tiffany Feldman say they know the decision isn't official until December, but they're optimistic this change is here to stay.

(1109SOT Tiffany Feldman)

Democratic Mayor Miro Weinberger also stepped out on Church Street to celebrate.

(1109SOT Miro Weinberger A)

The only Trump supporter WCAX saw on Church Street says they still expect recounts, which they're confident will swing the election back in the President Trump's favor.

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About 60 President Donald Trump supporters gathered in front of the statehouse Saturday to show support for the president and to support a vigorous challenge of the reported election results.

The rally-goers were soon met with a similar number of counter-protesters. The two sides shared the statehouse lawn for about three hours. President Trump supporters waved Trump 2020 flags and had signs that read "stop the steal" and "the media is complicit."

They say they believe the election was rigged and manipulated, and they agree with President Trump's claim that there was widespread vote-by-mail fraud.

Christopher Meriweather told Channel 3 they support President Trump's refusal to concede, and they believe he has the evidence to prove his accusation.

(1109SOT Christopher Meriweather)

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Some Vermont Republicans are smiling Wednesday after Phil Scott's landslide victory in the governor's race and small gains at the Statehouse.

Democratic and progressive lawmakers will still hold most of the power under the golden dome, but Republicans picked up more seats than they have held in the last six years.

GOP leaders say they've tried to tie their message to the governor's as his popularity has soared, in large part, because of how Vermonters view his handling of the pandemic.

(110520SOT Phil Scott)

Scott received over 245,000 votes, shattering Vermont's previous record set by Howard Dean in 1992.

Democrats won big in the other statewide races, taking the lieutenant governor and retaining the offices of state auditor, treasurer, attorney general, and secretary of state. Peter Welch won the Congressional seat, And Joe Biden won Vermont's three electoral votes.

tells Channel 3

But Paul Dame with the Vermont Republican Party ~~says~~ GOP leaders are also pleased with their own gains.

(110520SOT Paul Dame A)

He says republicans picked up several key seats in the legislature - three in the House and one in the Senate.

Democrats still control the senate 21 to 7. But in the House, there's now 99 Democrats and Progressives, 46 Republicans, and five Independents.

Bert Johnson, a political science professor at Middlebury College says that could pose a hurdle to Democrats trying to override a Scott veto.

(110520SOT Bert Johnson)

And though Republicans are still the minority, Dame says the GOP hopes they can tie their brand to Scott and keep picking off seats.

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While most Vermont counties are expected to vote for former Vice President Joe Biden on Election Day, GOP officials say Essex County will likely go red again in 2020. Essex was the sole Vermont county that voted for Trump in 2016,

VTDigger reports that Republican leaders say this year they also hope to gain momentum in Orleans and Caledonia counties, where the president lost by just a handful of votes four years ago.

In 2016, Trump ended up with about 42% of the vote in the Northeast Kingdom's counties -- compared to about 30% statewide -- though Hillary Clinton won more total votes in the three counties.

Officials say high unemployment rates and low income levels in the Kingdom motivated the 2016 vote -- motivations that many say still exist in the region.

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POLL OBSERVERS

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos signed a directive that will introduce new requirements for poll observers who want to “challenge” voters on Election Day.

VT Digger reports that under state law, political parties, independent candidates and public committees advocating for or against ballot questions are allowed to send two representatives to Vermont polling places to watch and challenge voters’ rights to cast ballots.

These observers can challenge voters on two grounds: if they suspect a voter is not the person they claim to be, or that they have already voted in a given election. Members of local boards of civil authority then determine whether an individual can vote.

Condos’ directive will require election observers who want to challenge voters to register with town clerks no later than Friday, four days before the election. He said the requirement is aimed at giving local election officials the opportunity to make adjustments to accommodate for poll observers, and maintain a safe, socially-distanced environment.

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Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos is once again urging people to cast their ballots early, ahead of the November 3rd general election.

In a statement Wednesday, Condos said voters should make their early voting plan and return their voted ballot using the safe, secure early voting option of their choice.

Voters must follow all instructions in the ballot package.

The ballots can be mailed, returned directly to the voter's town or city clerk or brought to the polls on Election Day.

Condos says people who plan to mail their ballots should get them in the mail by Saturday to ensure there is time enough for the ballots to be delivered by Election Day.

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The Vermont Secretary of State's Office recently sent out absentee ballots to 438,000 active registered voters so that state residents have the option to vote by mail this November.

But VTDigger reports that thousands of those ballots have returned to town and city clerks offices around the state because they're undeliverable, and didn't reach voters.

Officials say that is because residents either recently moved, or didn't provide precise or accurate address information to their towns.

However, people who haven't received mailable ballots still have time to request them.

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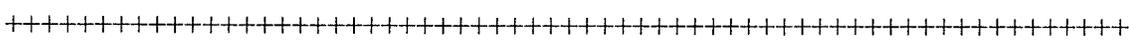
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Vermonters have been voting at an extremely high rate this election season, both in mailed-in ballots and in absentee ballots.

Calvin Cutler of WCAX has more.

1015SOT: Calvin Cutler A :19s

With so many Vermonters already getting their votes in early, what will candidates do as the election nears?

1015SOT: Calvin Cutler B: 23s

And how will the early ballots impact the actual voter turn out on election day?

1015SOT: Calvin Cutler C: 24s

You can learn more at WCAX dot com.

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UVM President Suresh Garimella announced that the university is freezing its tuition rates for the next academic year and this will be the second year in a row.

VTDigger reports that Garimella also announced a freeze in room and board rates for the next school year, something that hasn't been done in over 30 years at UVM.

Audio here from Garimella comes from NBC5.

102620SOT: Suresh Garimella A

This is just a proposal, so who makes the final call and when? Calvin Cutler of WCAX told WDEV yesterday.

102720SOT Calvin Cutler B

UVM's total cost of attendance -- a figure that includes tuition, room and board, fees, books and personal expenses -- is currently \$35,000 for in-state students and \$60,000 for out-of-

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After 11 years, the only pharmacy school in Vermont is closing this coming June.

The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Vermont made the decision to close its campus because of the decrease in enrollment.

College President Greg Dewey says enrollment at the Colchester campus has been declining since 2012.

They are making sure the 1,300 students have the resources they need to complete their requirements and graduate on time.

Regional Dean Jennifer Mathews tells Local22/Local 44 there's a decline in enrollment in pharmacies across the country, but that does not mean there is less of a need for pharmacists.

(111720SOT Jennifer Matthews)

General Counsel at the Board of Pharmacy, Gabriel Gilman said the pandemic has put a lot of stress on pharmacists and the entire health system.

(111720SOT Gabriel Gillman)

The New York campus is going to continue to actively recruit students *FROM* ~~who are here in~~ Vermont that want to consider pharmacy as a profession.

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The Community College of Vermont is celebrating its 50th anniversary -- and new location in downtown St. Albans.

In the last 50 years, CCV had a variety of locations in St. Albans.

But a new state of the art college now resides on the corner of Congress and Main Streets.

Linda Lawrence, the Assistant Director of Operations at CCV, tells Local 22/ Local 44 that they think students will appreciate the new location.

(111920SOT Linda Lawrence)

The Owner of Congress and Main, Grant Butterfield, says the building will be home to CCV, Northwestern Medical College, and Vermont Tech.

(111920SOT Grant Butterfield)

Joyce Judy, the President of CCV, says the nursing program will be a key piece of what will be offered in the new building.

(111920SOT Joyce Judy)

Tim Smith, the Mayor of St. Albans, said it's big news for the city.

(111920SOT Tim Smith)

The CCV system serves over 10,000 Vermonters every year and CCV is the second largest college in the state behind the University of Vermont.

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Vermont Law School President and Dean Thomas McHenry is leaving the school.

Tim Calabro has more on the tenure of the Dean while at the Royalton School.

(112020SOT Tim Calabro C)

McHenry's history at VLS was not without controversy. There's more in the latest issue of the White River Valley Herald.

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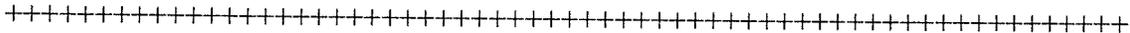
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A draft report commissioned by lawmakers recommends consolidating the Vermont State College system while urging the state to spend more money on higher education.

The commission was created to assess the future of the financially struggling system after former chancellor Jeb Spaulding recommended closing Northern Vermont University's campuses in Johnson and Lyndon, as well as Vermont Technical College.

The plan would have left Castleton University to fulfill the system's function.

Community backlash prompted Spaulding to withdraw the proposal and resign.

The Select Committee on the Future of Public Higher Education in Vermont was created by the Legislature's Joint Fiscal Office. Its draft report was made available earlier this week.

VSC spokeswoman Katherine Levasseur said the final report would not be issued until April.

The report notes that Vermont has ranked well behind other states for public investment in higher education for decades, making the VSC one of the least-affordable state college systems for in-state students, all of which is exacerbated by demographic trends increasing competition for students among colleges.

The report claims any real solution will involve more state money, but the report also calls for cost reductions.

The report recommended either combining NVU, Castleton, and Vermont Tech, or combining Castleton and NVU, while leaving VTC as its own entity.

The report estimates that consolidating the three will save \$20 million to \$25 million a year, while leaving VTC separate would save \$14 million a year.

Community College of Vermont remains untouched in both scenarios.

The report notes that CCV is more cost-effective than its counterparts in other states.

New Text Document

Northern Vermont University has announced a gift of three and a half million dollars, the largest in state colleges history.

It comes from Mark and Molly Vallade (vah-LAID).

Mark graduated from what was then known as Lyndon State College in 1978. He is now the president and CEO of Carhartt Clothing.

Vermont State Colleges Chancellor Sophie Zdatny says it's a very generous gift that she hopes it will inspire other alumni to contribute as well.

(120120SOT Sophie Zdatny)

The funding will come over the next three years.

Shawn Tester, the head of the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, tells NBC5 that 119 people out of his 600-person workforce graduated from NVU or one of the other state colleges.

(120120SOT Shawn Tester)

But many of the VSC colleges are also in financial crisis to varying degrees, as enrollment continues a slow downward trend.

State lawmakers agreed to ramp up "bridge ^{funding} ~~finding~~" this year as work continues to develop a plan to turn the balance sheet around -- or perhaps close a campus.

New Text Document

Facing a growing budget deficit exacerbated by the pandemic response, The University of Vermont presented a plan to eliminate 12 majors, 11 minors, and four master's degree programs from its College of Arts and Sciences.

According to the document sent to faculty, programs on the chopping block include geology, religion, and some foreign language majors.

William Falls, the dean of the college, says the programs have seen declining student enrollment with each graduating on average fewer than five students per year. The 120 students enrolled in the programs now will be able to finish their degree before the programs are phased out.

He said some staff could be reassigned to other departments, but there's no guarantee.

One program on the chopping block is geology. Professor Paul Bierman tells Channel 3 that losing this program could also mean UVM losing prospective students and money.

(120320SOT Paul Bierman A)

Bierman is also worried it could leave the entire state without trained environmentalists.

(123020SOT Paul Bierman B)

Students and faculty plan to speak with administrators about the proposed cuts soon.

The plan has to be reviewed by the faculty senate before it's approved.

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Goddard College announced that President Bernard Bull will leave the Plainfield School.

The Times-Argus reports he has accepted the position of president at Concordia University in Nebraska.

Bull joined Goddard in 2018, just as the school learned it had been placed on a two-year probation term by the New England Commission of Higher Education and faced the threat of losing its accreditation.

Under Bull's leadership, Goddard was able to work toward balancing its budget and stabilizing its finances, during a stretch where some other Vermont colleges have closed.

Goddard was removed from the probationary status in October and has been given 10-year accreditation.

Bull said the school went from a projection of over a million dollar projected deficit budget to operating from a balanced budget with growing cash reserves.

Gloria Willingham-Toure' is the Chair of Goddard's Board of Trustees. She says they expect the school to name a new president by June.

New Text Document

UVM administrators are responding to concerns about a proposal to cut more than two dozen programs at the school.

The cuts were recommended because of low enrollment, graduation rates and an increasing deficit within the college of arts and sciences.

Majors, minors and master's programs in geology, religion, classics and foreign languages are on the cut list.

UVM Provost Patricia Prelock tells Channel 3 that many of the classes will still be offered but students would not be able to choose them as a major or minor if the proposal passes.

(120820SOT Patricia Prelock)

Right now, it's just a proposal. No classes or programs will be impacted this school year.

The faculty senate will discuss the idea. A decision is expected to be final before the start of the next school year in the fall.

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A new study says that Castleton University, Northern Vermont University and Vermont Technical College should ~~all~~ become one school, and the state should more than double its investment in the state college system, at least in the short term.

VT Digger reports that the long-awaited recommendations were issued ~~Friday~~ by a legislative panel that includes lawmakers, college presidents, faculty, and student representatives, among others.

~~But~~ the nearly 80-page report adopted by the panel ~~Friday~~ was mostly written by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, a nonprofit consulting firm. The panel is expected to issue two additional reports in the coming months.

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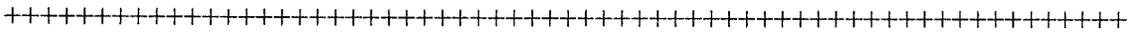
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The Montpelier-based New England Culinary Institute is closing.

In a letter to the community, NECI (necky) said it is discontinuing all credit-bearing courses, immediately commencing a teach-out.

When the current students graduate in the Spring, the school will shut down for good, though leaders haven't specified a date.

The school was founded in 1980. It had more than 800 students enrolled in 1999. This past February, there were just 50 students enrolled at the school.

NECI President Milan Milasinovic pointed the pandemic as "the burden that we could not overcome."

He partially blames the state's requirement to close all retail operations in March for limiting their ability to properly educate culinary students on an "economically viable basis."

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The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees' executive committee has unanimously approved a five-year plan for the state colleges system recommended by the chancellor.

The Caledonian Record reports that the committee recommends that the Community College of Vermont is left as a standalone accredited institution under the system umbrella and that Castleton University, Northern Vermont University and the Vermont Technical College be consolidated into one single accreditation system.

The coronavirus pandemic thrust the system into crisis when \$5.1 million in room and board had to be refunded.

The state approved a more than \$30 million bridge funding measure to keep the system afloat this year.

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Southern Vermont College in Bennington has a new owner.

Southwestern Vermont Health Care closed on the former SVC campus Wednesday afternoon.

Officials say they plan to make the campus a space the community can use.

The \$4.6 million deal comes following a bankruptcy judge's recent decision to allow the sale of the 371-acre campus to SVHC. ~~as well as~~

Thomas Dee, SVHC's president and CEO tells WCAX NEWS they are still working on short and long-term plans but that they envision the fields, gymnasium, and 230 acres of trails on campus to be used by the community. He says it's an opportunity to enhance the health and welfare of all community members.

(123120SOT Thomas Dee A)

Bennington Town Manager Stuart Hurd says both town officials, and neighbors to the campus, are pleased with the outcome.

(123120SOT Stuart Hurd).

Dee says the mansion needs major care, but financially stable ideas will put the college to good use rather than falling into disrepair by sitting empty.

He also noted a connection between the Medical Center and the college.

(123120SOT Thomas Dee B)

A separate sale of the Gate House building was completed to Kenneth Milman of Bennington.

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Vermont is now four years into its all-payer health care model, a multibillion-dollar gambit to rein in costs and improve services, but supporters say it's not moving as quickly or as well as hoped.

Vermont is approaching a crossroads in health care reform efforts. At the core of the debate is the question of whether the new all-payer model is actually saving the state money.

In the coming months, state leaders will decide whether to continue the experimental effort administered by OneCare Vermont, a group of hospitals and providers tasked with overseeing reform.

OneCare seeks to lower skyrocketing health care costs by investing in preventative care and paying doctors, home health providers, and others through fixed payments instead of charging for each procedure.

Kevin Mullin, chair of the Green Mountain Care Board, the state regulator charged with ensuring the model is working.

(1001SOT Kevin Mullin A)

In a recent warning, federal regulators, who are allowing the all-payer experiment, say the state isn't meeting its targets in how many Vermonters are participating in OneCare.

By this point, OneCare was supposed to have 260,000 Vermonters in the program, but there are only about 150,000.

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The Green Mountain Care Board unanimously approved OneCare's \$1.4 billion budget Wednesday, but urged the organization to do more to track its success in rolling out Vermont's health care reform efforts.

VT Digger reports that, after rebuking the company for increasing salaries, the board cut administrative and salary costs back to 2019 levels.

Next year's budget is an attempt to address some of the major complaints with the system.

Officials say 2021 will be a decisive year in determining the success of OneCare, which is in its fourth year of a five-year agreement to change the way health care is funded in Vermont.

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The Rutland Regional Medical Center is now using a new \$24 million building that provides much-needed space for health care providers.

Officials held a ribbon cutting on Monday for the Thomas W. Huebner Medical Office Building.

The groundbreaking for the 37 thousand square foot, two story facility was in April 2019 and the building was put into use in September.

Huebner was the hospital's long-time president. He retired in March 2018.

Current President Claudio Fort says the hospital had been out of room for its busiest practices -- orthopedics, ear nose and throat, and psychiatry.

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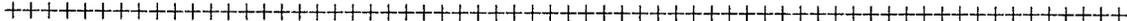
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The University of Vermont Health Network is now confirming that it was the victim of a cyberattack.

UVM Medical Center President Doctor Stephen Leffler told Channel 3 they are working with the FBI and Vermont Department of Public Safety to investigate the malicious attack and they are still able to provide high-level care to their patients.

(103020SOT Stephen Leffler)

Officials said it did not affect patient care but some procedures were canceled.

Federal agencies say cybercriminals unleashed a major ransomware assault against the U.S. health care system. Independent security experts said it had already hobbled at least five U.S. hospitals earlier this week and could impact hundreds more.

Dawn Lebaron is the Medical Center's Vice President of Hospital Services.

She says the hospital had made efforts to prepare for an attack like this.

(103020SOT Dawn Lebaron)

The New York Times has reported that the cyberattacks on hospitals across the country were by Russian hackers and that they're holding data hostage in exchange for multi-million dollar payments.

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A hospital news release says the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont has approved the Chapter 11 reorganization plans of Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital.

According to court documents, Bankruptcy Court Judge Colleen A. Brown confirmed Thursday that this will allow the two organizations to exit bankruptcy. Valley News reports that the confirmation is the final step in the reorganization that began in July 2019.

Thursday's news release from the hospital says the two organizations will be restructured with separate boards of directors but will continue to collaborate for patient care.

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A \$5.25 million gift to Dartmouth-Hitchcock will support a new, five-story building to house more patients at the medical center in Lebanon. It's the second-largest gift in the history of Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

The Patient Pavilion, set to open in 2023, will provide 64 patient rooms to help address the increasing needs of patients from around the region who require care from the medical center, the state's only Trauma 1 Center.

NBC5 reports that nearly 300 critically ill patients are turned away every month due to lack of bed capacity at the hospital. The gift is from Dartmouth-Hitchcock Trustee Bill Conaty and his wife, Sue. Conaty served 40 years with General Electric.

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UVM Medical Center's IT chief revealed this week that it was a ransomware attack that downed the hospital's online systems in October.

VTDigger reports that the attackers left a link in a single folder on a network computer to contact the hackers.

It presumably led to a ransom request -- but hospital officials never opened the link to check. Hospital leaders concluded that paying a ransom wouldn't have saved time or effort.

Nearly two months after the attack that cost the hospital tens of millions, officials are remaining tight-lipped about the perpetrators and methods of the attack, citing an ongoing FBI investigation.

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Vermont health care regulators have given the go-ahead for plans to expand the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington.

The hospital says the Green Mountain Care Board issued a certificate of need for the \$26 million project. Construction is expected to begin in the spring. It's hoped the project can be finished by the fall of 2023. The hospital will include the renovation of 7,700-square-feet of building space and the construction of another 6,700-square-feet.

It will also create a new main entrance and relocate a number of departments.

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The Burlington Police Department may soon be unable to staff its overnight shift.

VTDigger reports that the city council placed a cap of 74 officers on the previously 91-officer department in an effort to reallocate funds toward racial justice initiatives.

Acting Police Chief Jon Murad said Friday that the department currently has 81 officers, and is quickly losing more to retirements and resignations.

Murad said once the department reaches its new cap, BPD will not be able to effectively respond to calls that occur between 3 and 7:30 a.m. He said the department is considering ending its midnight shift entirely to ensure officers are able to respond to calls safely and effectively.

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Burlington police announce a two-year plan to address staffing issues at the department.

At last night's Burlington City Council meeting, Police Acting Chief Jon Murad said there is "no short-term fix" as the department is down 15% from the previous staffing levels. There are currently 81 sworn officers and they anticipate 79 by January.

Murad says it takes about 14 months to recruit new officers and put them through the Vermont Police Academy. He says it could be another five to six years before the Burlington Police Department has 90 sworn officers again.

As a result, Murad says Burlington can explore the option of diverting some calls for service to civilian employees rather than armed officers.

This would likely be for calls regarding homelessness, animal complaints, juvenile disturbances, and non-criminal mental health calls.

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The Vermont Department of Public Safety wants public feedback on Vermont's initiative to modernize policing across Vermont.

A draft Statewide Policy on Police Use of Force is available for review.

The opportunity for comment and feedback is part of Governor Phil Scott's Public Safety Reform Initiative, created through an Executive Order.

This fall, the Department of Public Safety shared multiple draft proposals for public consideration and feedback, including policies related to body-worn cameras, citizen oversight, hiring and promotion, and internal affairs.

The policies, and the newly posted draft Statewide Policy on Police Use of Force, are available for review at dps.vermont.gov/modernization.

DPS asks the public to submit any feedback prior to January 6th.

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The Vermont attorney general's office has dropped charges against a former St. Albans police officer and his father.

30-year old Zachary Pigeon, of St. Albans, and 57-year old Allen Pigeon, of Swanton, had been accused of burglary, kidnapping, aggravated assault, simple assault, and obstruction of justice.

They were accused of entering a woman's home and assaulting her outside in April.

Prosecutors say the state cannot meet the elements of the charged crimes beyond a reasonable doubt.

The woman also claimed the assault happened because the men tried to prevent her from revealing years of sex abuse by Zachary Pigeon.

The attorney general says that right now, the state doesn't have enough evidence to bring criminal charges against the St. Albans police officer, but charges could still be brought down the road.