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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

4th Quarter 2022

October 1st to December 31st, 2022

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 Developments**

Issue 2: **Election Results**

Issue 3: **Drug Overdose / Fentanyl Traffic**

Issue 4: **Housing Shortage**

Issue 5: **Recreational Cannabis Market Launch**

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Programs and Issues – 2022

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breadth 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 Alexandra Montgomery 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 News & Citizen (Morrisville) – Tommy Gardner, Reporter
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter
Wednesday: The Valley Reporter (Waitisfield) –Erica Nichols-Frazier, Reporter
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Tim Calabro, Publisher

Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program 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, The program originates direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). The 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

Seven Days (Tuesday) – Courtney Lamdin, Reporter

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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Classes were canceled at Spaulding High School ~~today~~ *today. mon*

The Barre school posted on its Facebook at 7:15 a.m. that too many faculty and staff members were out to safely open the school.

~~The post said there would be more details about after-school activities later in the day.~~

The post was written by Barre Unified Union School District Superintendent Chris Hennessey.

In it he wrote that all other schools in the district, including Barre City elementary and middle school, Barre Town Middle and Elementary, Spaulding Educational Alternatives, and the Central Vermont Career Center are open for business as usual.

Beginning last week, Hennessey said we experienced a significant increase in student and staff absences due to illness across the community, and an uptick in Covid cases along with a variety of other bugs are keeping people out across the district. *the school is open today*

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Students at U-32 Middle and High School in Montpelier and Spaulding High School in Barre returned to classes Tuesday, a day after widespread illnesses and staffing shortages prompted officials to close the schools.

Superintendent Chris Hennessey of the Barre Unified School District tells Local 22 News districts are already struggling with staffing shortages, and the spike in illnesses make it that much harder for teachers and students.

(100522SOT Chris Hennessey)

Kristin Hubert, superintendent for the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union, said closing a school is a last resort.

(100522SOT Kristin Hubert)

Hennessey says Spaulding High School will continue to monitor staffing issues moving forward.

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Vermont lawmakers are trying to figure out what the upcoming legislative session should look like as COVID continues.

The pandemic and social distancing measures forced lawmakers to conduct their work remotely.

The Health Department ranks Vermont's community COVID levels as low, but two-and-a-half years later, lawmakers are once again holding the COVID conversation.

In the next session, rapid antigen tests won't be free for the public and masking will be optional. And unlike pre-pandemic, committee meetings will continue to be streamed online so Vermonters will be able to tune in or testify on legislation from wherever they can get online.

Rep. Jill Krowinski, D-Vt. House Speaker tells WCAX News she thinks they have handled the situation well.

(101122SOT Jill Krowinski)

Meanwhile, the concern of coronavirus in cramped committee rooms also jump-started the conversation about legislative space, a long-simmering conversation about whether to add on to the Statehouse.

Outgoing state Sen. Joe Benning says if the Legislature moved forward with an expansion, it would likely be a new floor above the cafeteria.

(101122SOT Joe Benning)

The Legislature has two requests for proposals for contractors to assess if changes need to be made and where and how to expand if necessary. But first, lawmakers are moving forward with plans to overhaul the building's airflow problems with a new HVAC system. Krowinski says that's going to take some time.

(101122SOT Jill Krowinski B)

There's no decision yet on whether lawmakers will be able to vote remotely.

New Text Document

Lawmakers voted Monday to discontinue Covid-19 vaccination and testing policies for public visitors to the Statehouse in favor of posting signs that "strongly recommend" visitors be vaccinated.

The old policy, passed in December 2021, had recommended visitors provide proof of vaccination to Statehouse staff upon entry to the building and be screened for symptoms of Covid.

But Sergeant-at-Arms Janet Miller told members of the Committee on Joint Rules on Monday that the rule was only followed for "a couple weeks" into the legislative session because there were not enough staff to enforce it.

The old policy had also allowed members of the public to request rapid tests from the Sergeant-at-Arms. Miller said no one has asked for those tests since the system was put into place.

V-T Digger reports that In addition to recommending vaccines, the new policy also requires signage to specify that people with symptoms of Covid should refrain from entering legislative spaces.

The new motion passed unanimously. Only one member appeared to question its efficacy: Republican Senator Randy Brock, of Franklin County, said government buildings post signs all the time and "no one reads" them.

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Vermont state leaders rolled up their sleeves on Tuesday for flu and COVID shots.

Gov. Phil Scott and other members of his administration received the shots and they are encouraging others to do the same.

Leaders say coronavirus has reached an endemic stage in Vermont, but they expect an uptick in cases this winter, so the governor and others say they're getting boosters now for protection.

You can get your booster in a variety of locations, including local clinics.

Scott says as of now, there are no immediate plans to scale up mass vaccination clinics.

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Covid-19 levels in Vermont remain "low," according to the latest weekly surveillance report from the state Department of Health.

The state says Covid case counts and ~~hospital admissions~~ ticked downward slightly from the previous week.

But State data also shows an uptick in Covid hospitalizations.

As of Wednesday, 43 people were hospitalized with the virus, including eight in intensive care.

That's a slight decline from a recent high of 58 patients on Monday, but higher than the averages for July and August, when the state generally reported between 20 to 40 people hospitalized at a given time.

Intensive care hospitalizations have remained mostly level since May.

Bennington County was rated "high" for the second week in a row by the CDC and Orleans, Lamoille, Caledonia and Rutland counties were rated as having "medium" Covid levels. All other Vermont counties had "low" Covid levels, according to the CDC.

The department reported two additional Covid related deaths this week, for a total of 6 so far in October. Eleven people died from Covid in September, compared to 19 in August.



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Despite his pledge last November not to accept any corporate PAC money, Vermont's Democratic Rep. Peter Welch has continued to accept sizable campaign contributions from high-powered industry groups that frequently lobby Congress.

Welch is now running for the U.S. Senate. And according to his campaign's quarterly finance report filed Friday with the Federal Election Commission, those contributions include at least \$17,000 from political action committees, or PACs, representing the sugar industry.

The biggest contributor in that sector was the American Crystal Sugar Company PAC, which made headlines this month when a nonpartisan watchdog group found that the Minnesota-based company ranked among the top campaign contributors to members of Congress who voted against certification of the 2020 presidential election.

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A new poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire for WCAX News shows Governor Phil Scott is the favorite heading into the November election, but his Democrat challenger has gained ground in the race.

Scott continues to hold a double-digit lead over Brenda Siegel, but Siegel is gaining ground. A July poll which showed her receiving 16% of the vote. The latest poll says among prospective voters, 48% said they would cast their vote for Scott compared to 31% for Siegel; 13% are undecided.

In the race for lieutenant governor, Progressive Democrat David Zuckerman is leading Republican Joe Benning by 16 percentage points-- 51% to Benning's 35%; 12% of voters are undecided.

Some 765 Vermonters completed the online survey between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3. The margin of error is 3.5%.

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The Vermont Democratic Party is once again calling on the state GOP to denounce a Republican legislative candidate who claims he was present at the U.S. Capitol during the riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

The Democratic Party's latest blast centers around one candidate vying to represent a southern Vermont district in the state House. But it follows a pattern of calling out Republicans who have denied the results of the 2020 election, and associating those individuals with the party's more moderate stalwarts, such as Gov. Phil Scott.

The candidate in question, John Lyddy of Whitingham, is running to represent the Windham-6 district, which includes Halifax, Whitingham and Wilmington, in the Vermont House.

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A Progressive member of the Burlington City Council has resigned, effective immediately.

Ward 8 Councilor Ali House defeated Democrat Hannah King by 43 votes on Town Meeting Day in March, and was sworn in in April.

Both House and King were students at the University of Vermont at the time, seeking to represent a ward largely populated by UVM students.

House told local media outlets quote --“Over the last few months, several serious situations have made it difficult for me to carry out my council duties, and my mental health has been impacted in many ways. I would appreciate space from the public as I heal from these experiences.”

Burlington Democratic Party Chair Adam Roof tells Local 22 News that for now Ward 8 is unrepresented in the Council.

(100622SOT Adam Roof)

East District Progressive Jack Hanson — representing both Ward 1 and Ward 8 — resigned three weeks ago to apply for a position with Burlington Electric.

He stepped down to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

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~~THE WASHINGTON 3 DISTRICT, REPRESENTING BARRE CITY.~~

DEMOCRATS KATE MCCANN AND CONOR CASEY WON THE TWO SEATS IN WASHINGTON-4, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF MONTPELIER.

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IN THE ORANGE 1 DISTRICT - FOR THE TOWNS OF ORANGE, CORINTH, AND VERSHIRE, REPUBLICAN SAMANTHA LEFEBVRE AND DEMOCRAT CARL DEMROW WERE NECK AND NECK LATE INTO THE NIGHT. *Kenew holds a 52.9% to 44.90% lead*
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IN THE ORANGE ~~WASHINGTON~~ DISTRICT - WHOSE TOWNS INCLUDE GROTON, WEST TOPSHAM, AND NEWBURY CENTER, DEMOCRAT KELSEY ROOT-WINCHESTER LED INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN JOE PARSONS BY ONE VOTE, AS THEY AWAITED THE FINAL TOWN TO REPORT IN. WHEN THE COUNT WAS COMPLETE, Parsons WON THE HOUSE SEAT.

IN THE WASHINGTON ORANGE DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES WEBSTERVILLE AND SOUTH BARRE, TOPPER MCFARLANE AND REPUBLICAN GINA CALFETTI TOOK THE TWO SEATS THERE.

IN LYNDONVILLE, SHEFFIELD, AND SUTTON, REPUBLICAN CHARLES WILSON, AND DEMOCRAT DENNIS LABOUNTY WON SEATS IN THE CALEDONIA-3 DISTRICT.

IN THE CHITTENDEN FRANKLIN DISTRICT, FOR THE TOWNS OF MILTON AND GEORGIA, REPUBLICANS CHRIS MATTOS AND CHRIS TAYLOR WON THE TWO SEATS, WITH TAYLOR DEFEATING DEMOCRAT EMILY HECKER BY JUST 53 VOTES.

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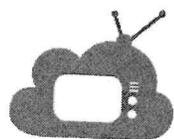
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Burlington voters struck down a proposal in 2015 to allow Queen City residents who aren't U.S. citizens to vote in city elections. However, the City Council Charter Change Committee voted unanimously Thursday to send the issue to the full council again.

Montpelier and Winooski have both approved non-citizen voting since Burlington voters rejected it. Councilor Gene Bergman, the chair of the Charter Change Committee, believes the full council will take up non-citizen voting on November 21.

Meanwhile, ranked choice voting will return to Burlington on December 6 in the East District City Council special election to succeed Jack Hanson. At the moment, ranked choice voting is to be used for council seats only. The committee has recently considered an expansion so that mayoral and School Board elections would also be decided that way.

The ranked choice expansion could go to the full City Council at any of its last three meetings of the year on November 21, December 5 and December 12. It wasn't clear Thursday night which meeting that might be.

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The upcoming general election is Vermont's second featuring universal mail-in ballots. And just like 2020, some households are receiving ballots addressed to tenants or homeowners who have moved out. That includes the home of Vermont GOP chair Paul Dame, who received a ballot belonging to a former homeowner he never heard of.

That extra ballot came because the former resident was still on the town's voter checklist. Removing ineligible voters from the list must follow certain state and federal law requirements. Voters can become "challenged" if they miss multiple elections. Local town clerks will then follow up.

In 2020, Essex voter Ray Tomlinson also received two ballots. This time around he received only one after the voter behind that extra ballot was removed from the voter rolls. In an effort to gather more stories like Tomlinson's, the Vermont GOP is launching an online tool to report duplicate or excess ballots. The survey has gathered 10 reports so far from towns including Northfield, Wallingford, Burlington, and Putney.

Vt. Secretary of State Jim Condos says the voter checklist maintenance is really an ongoing process, and he suspects the new GOP list is politically motivated and cautions that any effort to make it easier to remove people from the voter rolls needs to be done carefully.

101522SOT Jim Condos

GOP election skeptics, including former President Trump, have taken aim at universal mail-in ballot systems. arguing they can lead to election fraud, something there is no evidence to support. Dame says the new website is simply a tool to streamline election expenses.

101522SOT Paul Dame

According to Condos, voters that receive extra ballots should contact their town or city clerk.

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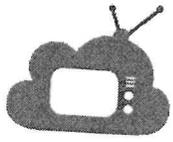
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From 2018 through 2021, 237 Vermonters were treated in an emergency room at least twice for an opioid overdose, according to a new state report -- and nearly a quarter of repeat ER trips occurred within 30 days of the person's first visit.

The report, released Wednesday, marks the first time the Vermont Department of Health has analyzed patterns of repeat emergency room visits due to an opioid overdose. It comes as the state is seeing a sustained increase in both fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses, since the coronavirus pandemic started in 2020.

Health officials say they'd like to see more people who've overdosed visit emergency rooms, where they can receive not only medical care but referral to other support services.

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A man from Springfield, Massachusetts, was arrested for allegedly bringing drugs into Vermont, and police said he didn't come quietly.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office says a deputy stopped a car speeding on Interstate 91 in Westminster on Sept. 29.

As the deputy got out of his cruiser, 27-year-old Bill Japakih is accused of taking off and driving dangerously through Bellows Falls.

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Police say a tire deflation device was set up and that the car finally stopped on an I-91 access road.

Japakih then reportedly ran off into the woods before being arrested.

Police got a search warrant for his backpack, which they say had nearly 1 kilogram of cocaine and about 2,400 bags of suspected fentanyl. He faces charges including trafficking fentanyl, cocaine, transportation into the state, and resisting arrest.

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Radio Vermont News

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An investigation is underway at Brattleboro Union High School involving possible fentanyl-laced drugs ingested by two students.

~~The kids are OK, but the incident continues to concern the community.~~

~~The two recent drug-related medical emergencies have this community doing something students say doesn't always happen: They are talking about it.~~

Cassie Damkoehler, the interim principal at Brattleboro Union High School wrote a letter to parents to say that two students took pills on campus which were possibly laced with fentanyl and ended up needing immediate medical care.

(100722SOT Cassie Damkoehler)

That same day she held assemblies to tell the students exactly what happened.

School officials believe the students got the pills from a peer on campus but they declined to offer additional details.

Both kids who took the drugs ended up being OK.

Senior Kaiya Colby is friends with one of them. She spoke to WCAX News

(100722SOT Kaiya Colby).

The Brattleboro police chief declined to be interviewed about the incident, but did say there is an open and active investigation.

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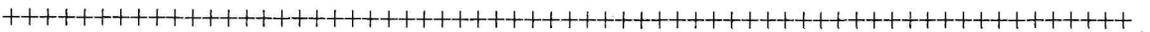
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In Vermont, the number of fatal overdoses still has not dropped from those levels during the pandemic.

Amanda Jones, lead public health analyst with the Vermont Department of Health, says 94 overdose deaths have been reported so far this year.

Jones said that number is on par with what Vermont saw in 2021 and a big factor was the pandemic.

Many recovery resources were on display at the Champlain Valley Expo on Friday.

Brad Ferland, co-chair of the Substance Use Addiction Summit, tells NBC5 News he lost his nephew to an overdose.

Now, he wants to make it easier for others to find help, similar to what he received.

(100322SOT Brad Ferland)

If you or a loved one is struggling with addiction or substance use, you can find more information through VT Helplink.



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At a public hearing last week that drew more than 100 people to Copley County Club, the Morristown planning council approved zoning bylaw changes for the village and town aimed to further regulate growth in town.

The town selectboard and village trustees will decide in November whether to accept the changes, but last week's decision -- plus a week to warn next month's local legislative meetings -- make the proposed rules the new guidebook for zoning in town.

Planning Director Todd Thomas said the proposed zoning changes represent "the biggest tightening of zoning regulations this town has ever seen, in my opinion." Because of that, he said developers are scrambling to apply for projects under the less strict bylaws.

The selectboard hosts its public hearing on the proposed changes Monday, November 7th.

The village trustees hold their hearing on the changes on Wednesday, November 16th.

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The crisis is acute, and there's no silver bullet. That was the message at the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition's southeastern Vermont Virtual Town Hall last week.

Affordable housing experts and legislators from Windham and Windsor counties met to discuss what's working, what's not, and how lawmakers can collaborate with housing professionals to produce more affordable housing.

For some people looking for affordable housing, cost isn't the only consideration. Accessibility is a big thing, and there is an aging population in Vermont. New forms of property ownership and operation, particularly short-term rentals, have also presented challenges for creating affordable housing opportunities.

According to those present, no single thing could fix Vermont's housing problem. But better zoning, tiny homes and renovated apartments all matter.

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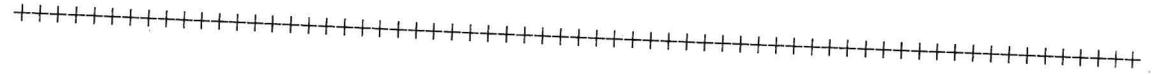
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Since the last public hearing in July, the rezoning plan for Taft Corners in Williston has become a controversial topic of discussion. Residents are expressing concerns about a proposed increase in building heights and a lack of affordable housing.

The rezoning project of Taft Corners plans to redesign the busy shopping center into a vibrant, mixed use downtown area with a strong pedestrian orientation.

The current maximum building height for Taft Corners is 52 feet. Officials are seeking to increase the absolute limit for all Taft Corners building units to 87 feet. The board previously voted to scale back the proposed height increase from 110 feet to 87 feet. The Selectboard may vote on the proposed building heights at a hearing on ~~Oct 4~~
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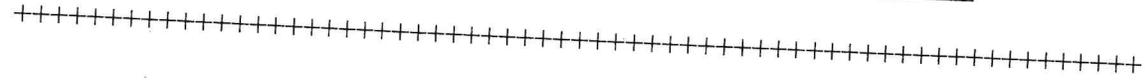
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Radio Vermont News

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Two weeks after Vermont introduced a retail cannabis market, business has been booming.

Nat Williams, General Manager of Ceres Collaborative tells Local 22 News his shop saw over 650 people on opening day and have steadily seen around 450 per day.

(101722SOT Nat Williams A)

He says some of the products have garnered the most demand.

(101722SOT Nat Williams B)

Williams says he is looking forward to some others stores coming into the area. He says he hopes they will have a collaborative approach, as opposed to a competitive one.

(101722SOT Nat Williams C)

The Vermont Cannabis Control Board has approved six more retail licenses in recent days, including the Green State Gardener Dispensary in Burlington and the Green Man in St Johnsbury that opened over the weekend.

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The first cannabis retail license given in the Northeast Kingdom has been issued by Vermont's Cannabis Control Board.

The Green Man in St. Johnsbury Center is the fourth newly licensed business in the state.

Owner Zeb Overton of St. Johnsbury is planning to open for business at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The state board began issuing licenses for retail operations on Oct. 1st, and Overton said he's been anxiously waiting for the green light to begin selling products.

By a vote of 785 to 754, St. Johnsbury voters approved cannabis retail operations in April of 2021.

When deciding whether to rent the space for a cannabis shop, Overton said he spoke with the neighbors to gauge their reaction and identify any opposition, and there was no pushback.

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The owner of a St. Johnsbury tobacco store is accused of selling illegal substances to minors and other crimes.

Authorities say on September 23rd, A search warrant was executed at "Best Buds Smoke Shop" on Eastern Avenue.

The Caledonia Record says that search led to the seizure of drugs, ledgers, cash, and other evidence suggesting illegal drug sales at the shop.

The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery says the raid was based on a six-month investigation driven by complaints from local residents.

Local law enforcement has also confirmed they have received complaints from the public about possible illegal substances being sold there to minors.

The shop's owner 46-year old Barry Joel McKee faces possible charges of possession and sale of cannabis, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, selling or dispensing hallucinogenic drugs and selling or dispensing to minors.

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Three retail shops opened their doors Saturday to recreational marijuana users for the first time.

Dave Silberman, co-owner of Flora Cannabis in Middlebury, tells Local 22 News the days of cannabis being sold “in the shadows” are over.

(100322SOT Dave Silberman)

Mountain Girl Cannabis in Rutland and CeresMED in Burlington were also open for business Saturday. A fourth business has been licensed to sell recreational pot but isn't ready to open yet.

Vermont is joining 14 other states with legal adult-use cannabis sales. Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, and Virginia — and Washington, D.C., have legalized the use of recreational marijuana, but haven't begun sales yet.

Silberman said Flora had 11 strains of cannabis from five growers available Saturday. Edibles and other products won't be in stock until after the harvest.

Matt Simon of the Marijuana Policy Project, which worked for years to legalize cannabis in Vermont, was also one of Flora's first customers.

(100322SOT Matt Simon)

Vermont's Cannabis Control Board prioritized review and waived licensing fees for social equity applicants.