

KUT Public File

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3rd Quarter 2023

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II. Responsive Programing

Energy/Environment

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/3/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:58
Thousands of dead fish washed up on Texas beaches last month in part because of warmer waters with lower concentrations of oxygen. KUT's Sangita Menon reports on how the heat dome has been affecting fish in Central Texas.			
7/24/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:51
You can see the effects of extreme heat all over Austin -- and Lady Bird Lake is no exception. KUT's Mose Buchele reports the hot summer is encouraging plant growth to blanket parts of the lake, especially near the shore.			
8/15/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:30
The city of Austin is now in stage 2 drought restrictions — which means watering for commercial buildings and homes is more limited. Automatic irrigation and hose-end watering are limited to one day a week. Restaurants can only serve water on request. Charity car washes aren't allowed. At home, car washing should be done with an auto shut-off valve or bucket. Patio misters at bars, restaurants, and other commercial properties can only operate in the evening. And large ornamental fountains can't be used.			
8/17/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:45
ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, is asking people to conserve electricity today from 3:00 to 8:00PM. KUT's Mose Buchele reports the request comes on a day with temperatures possibly as high as we've seen this summer, high energy use and potential low electricity reserves.			

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Health/Healthcare

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/14/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:11
Central Texas Kind Clinic locations are seeing a major increase in demand for sexually transmitted infection testing. It comes as the clinic is experiencing a funding crisis.			
7/20/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	1:00
We Are Blood – which collects blood and platelets and supplies them to 50 area hospitals and clinics – hit critically low levels this week and last and had to request units from other areas.			
7/31/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:53
State health workers are concerned droves of Texans could lose Medicaid coverage because of mismanagement. KUT's Andrew Weber reports staffers have sent an anonymous letter to the head of the Health and Human Services Commission.			

Voting/Elections

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
8/16/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:51
People who live in Travis County will vote this year on the county's largest ever bond package.			
9/4/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:36
A federal judge says Austin's rules limiting when political candidates can raise money are unconstitutional.			
9/19/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:56
County voter registrars in Texas may have a harder time cleaning up their voter rolls. KUT's Sangita Menon reports the reason is Texas lawmakers voting to withdraw from a voter registration database called ERIC.			

Legislature

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
9/5/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	4:05
The impeachment trial of Ken Paxton in the Texas Senate is set to start TODAY. The suspended Republican attorney general faces 20 articles of impeachment — including constitutional bribery and dereliction of duty. But, despite mounting evidence against Paxton, GOP officials on his home turf, Collin County, are standing by him.			
9/15/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:31
Texas state senators are now deliberating in the impeachment trial of Ken Paxton. The suspended Texas Attorney General faces charges of obstruction of justice and bribery. The Texas Newsroom's Sergio Martínez-Beltrán reports a verdict could come as soon as today.			

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Education

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/18/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:16
<p>The Georgetown Independent School District has named a lone finalist to be its next superintendent. Devin Padavil has been Taylor I-S-D's superintendent since January 2021. KUT's Kailey Hunt says Padavil has a long history with Central Texas schools.</p>			
8/22/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	6:11
<p>Classes at Huston-Tillotson University here in Austin are now underway for the fall semester. It's the second year as President of the historically Black university for President Melva K. Wallace. As she prepared to start her second year, I visited her in her campus office to ask about the year ahead. She told me she's energized and ready to go for the new school year. But Wallace says the school still faces a lingering, major problem from last year.</p>			
9/21/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:51
<p>A new Texas law requiring armed security officers at schools continues to dominate discussions at Central Texas school board meetings. KUT's Kailey Hunt reports Round Rock I-S-D is the latest district taking up the topic.</p>			
9/22/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	5:50
<p>Federal aid helped childcare providers in Texas keep their doors open during the pandemic. But now, that COVID relief is running out. KUT's Becky Fogel reports childcare providers in Austin are bracing for an uncertain future — all while giving the kids they educate love and support.</p>			

Housing and Development

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/13/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:13
<p>Two more affordable housing projects are on hold in Austin. Last week, another project planned for downtown was paused, keeping hundreds of affordable apartments off the market.</p>			
7/20/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:00
<p>Austin leaders want to lower the amount of land required to build a house in the city. KUT's Luz Moreno-Lozano reports the change is an effort to encourage developers to build smaller and cheaper homes.</p>			
7/28/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:17
<p>An amendment adopted this week by the City of Austin's planning commission could allow more creative spaces and music venues in the city, and not just in the downtown area. Chad Swiatecki is with the Austin Monitor. He says, as it is now, regulations make it much more difficult to open one of these spaces away from downtown Austin, where it's widely allowed.</p>			
8/8/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:46
<p>Rent prices have been decreasing, <i>slightly</i>, across the Austin metro area.</p>			

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Labor/Business/Economy

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/5/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:51
Austin musicians have been calling on South by Southwest Music for better pay. And KUT's Andrew Weber reports that campaign continues this evening.			
7/10/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:40
A new report from the Austin Chamber of Commerce shows jobs in the city's tech industry are growing faster than other sectors.			
7/25/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:01
Austin-San Antonio Congressman Greg Casar is calling on the federal government to enact stricter protections for workers to prevent heat-related illness.			
9/1/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:49
Leaders at Ascension Seton Medical Center have canceled a bargaining session with the union that represents some 900 nurses at the hospital. KUT's Olivia Aldridge has more about that.			
9/12/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:55
The Austin Independent School District is working on plans to turn a couple of its properties into housing that staff can afford. KUT's Becky Fogel reports, a majority of the district's employees say housing costs are putting a strain on their finances.			

Criminal Justice/Emergency Services/Public Safety

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/12/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	1:01
Austin is suspending its patrol partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety. KUT's Andrew Weber reports the pause on the embattled patrol plan comes after pushback on DPS tactics this week.			
7/13/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:52
More safety improvements are on the way to the Rainey Street area, near Downtown Austin. It's after the city's parks and recreation department proposed a number of upgrades for the popular entertainment district, as we hear from KUT's Luz Moreno-Lozano.			
8/10/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:45
Local and federal law enforcement arrested a man today in connection with an explosion inside a St. David's Medical Center parking garage last night.			
8/23/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:51
Travis County officials say they've prepared the county's Expo Center to serve people affected by a potential wildfire or severe weather. KUT's Andrew Weber reports the preparation comes after multiple disaster declarations.			

Transportation and Infrastructure

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/17/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:48

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The city is moving ahead with an experiment on a two-mile stretch of Barton Springs Road. The number of car lanes will be reduced from two in each direction to one, and protected bike lanes will be installed on Barton Springs from South Lamar to Stratford Drive in Zilker Park.

7/27/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:56
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New signs that show how fast you're driving are popping up on FM 1826 between the Salt Lick and SH 45. It's a seven-mile stretch of road through the Hill Country — with one lane in each direction. KUT's Nathan Bernier reports the effort is part of a statewide campaign aimed at getting people to slow down.

8/2/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
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TxDOT is making changes to the once-in-a-generation expansion of I-35 through Central Austin. KUT Nathan Bernier reports on tweaks to the plan intended to appease local critics.

8/14/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:54
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A MetroRail train is stuck at the downtown station this afternoon. CapMetro says a mechanical issue is to blame, so the transit agency is running buses from the Austin Convention Center to MLK station. But broken trains aren't the only risks on the rail these days. As KUT's Nathan Bernier reports, the intense heat can warp the tracks.

9/21/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:54
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The agency behind Austin's voter-approved transit expansion has green lit a budget for 2024. KUT's Nathan Bernier reports on how the Austin Transit Partnership plans to spend 190-million dollars.

Diversity, Race, and Gender Issues

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7/4/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:50
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The City of Taylor has adopted new guidelines for all its special events — including today's Fourth of July parade. It comes after an L-G-B-T-Q plus group was denied entry into a Christmas parade last year. As KUT's Kailey Hunt reports, the new rules are a welcome change for many in the community.

8/3/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:57
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Amid a statewide trend of anti-LGBTQ legislation and policy, one Central Texas city plans to return its attention to its fair housing ordinance -- to ensure protections for the community.

8/24/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
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Texas Health Action has offered free sexual health services out of its Kind Clinic program for years. Now, Kind Clinic is launching a new offering to provide intersex-specific health care

8/28/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
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A federal judge is considering whether to block a new Texas law that opponents say will limit students' access to books with characters who are people of color or LGBTQ+. KUT's Becky Fogel reports the judge, who held a hearing today, is expected to issue a ruling before House Bill 900 takes effect on Friday. (1:03)

9/6/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	1:02
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A new Texas law prohibiting race-based hair discrimination is now in effect. KUT's Kailey Hunt tells us how the CROWN Act inspired a Hutto woman to give back.

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Community Interest and Local Issues

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/6/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	1:00
The Leander Library Foundation is expected to be dissolved at tonight's Leander City Council meeting. KUT's Kailey Hunt reports the decision to dismantle the non-profit comes in part because of a lack of interest from community members.			
9/11/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
Singer-songwriter Charlie Robison has died. He was a fixture in the Central Texas country scene since the '80s, fusing together Zydeco, rock and Americana.			

Local Government, Management, and Utilities

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
9/11/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:46
The Travis County Tax Office says homeowners should expect their final property tax bills by the end of November. KUT's Audrey McGlinchy has more.			
9/14/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
Today the Austin City Council okayed a plan to make police data more available, as we hear from KUT's Andrew Weber.			
9/28/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:46
Austin Energy bills are going up. But as KUT's Andrew Weber reports, the increases are not as steep as others we've seen recently.			

Poverty and Homelessness

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
7/21/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:54
The Austin City Council is going forward with its plan to set up a temporary shelter by the end of the month for up to 300 people experiencing homelessness			
8/18/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:55
The University of Texas says a large number UT students face food insecurity. KUT's Krissi Micklethwait reports on a program intended to address the issue - as students return to campus for the fall semester.			
9/26/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:55
More low-income Central Texans are seeking care from indigent health services. And KUT's Kailey Hunt reports many of them are in need of a specific kind of care.			

Weather and Emergencies

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8/4/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	:58

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Today's temperature at Camp Mabry in Northwest Austin hit triple digits for the 28th straight day - breaking the previous record set in 2011.

8/9/2023	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:00
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The Parmer Lane wildfire has destroyed at least one apartment building, and damaged multiple others, near Parmer Lane and Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park. The fire started up around six p-m Tuesday as a brush fire. Several hundred people were evacuated from the Bexley at Silverado and Whitestone Landing apartment complexes

8/15/2023	All Things Considered	3pm-6pm	1:02
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The threat of wildfires has the City of Austin and Travis County issuing disaster declarations.
