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Quarterly Issues / Program List

2nd Quarter - April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

The Community Issues listed in this section of the report aired during local VPR newscasts. This listing is illustrative of the programs aired on VPR and is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of programs responsive to issues of importance to the community. A daily programming and local newscast schedule is provided at the end of this report.

Issue	VPR News - Story Narratives	Air Date(s) & Length
Agriculture	A wet, cold spring has made it difficult for farmers to get out in their fields and repair damage from this past winter. Its also meant that getting a good first cutting for hay has been delayed — or simply impossible — for many who rely on the forage to feed their herd through the winter. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	6/14/19 at 6:31:30 a.m. 3 mins 1 sec
Agriculture	A lone feral swine shot and killed near Lyndonville in March tested positive for the pseudorabies virus, or PRV. The virus is harmless to humans but can be lethal to domestic pigs, other livestock and pets. And once a pig is infected with PRV, it can continue to spread the virus for the rest of its life. Broadcast on Vermont Edition	5/15/19 at 12:45 and 7:45 p.m. 11 mins
Arts / Culture	What may be Rutland's largest art exhibit ever includes everything from paintings, sculptures and video installations to an elephant-sized pair of boxer shorts. The show spans two floors and more than 12-thousand square feet of gallery space and showcases artists from all over Vermont who have one thing in common – age. Broadcast on All Things Considered.	4/29/19 at 5:44 p.m. 4 mins 33 sec
Arts / Culture	A film about the effects of parental incarceration is making its way around the state. The movie, a project of the Lamoille Restorative Center, features young Vermonters growing up with a parent in jail. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	4/29/19 at 8:44 a.m. 5 mins
Business / Economics	What does it take to run a business not only successfully, but across generations? Is it any easier when your work family is also your actual family? We're talking about Vermont's family-run businesses and the trade-offs and challenges that come from keeping a company within the family. Broadcast during Vermont Edition	6/4/19 at noon and 7 p.m. 30 mins 27sec
Business / Economics	Will it matter if a major pipeline company has a larger stake in the parent companies of Green Mountain Power and Vermont Gas? Climate activists and opponents of gas pipelines think so. Broadcast during All Things Considered.	5/17/19 at 5:44 p.m. 5 mins 22 sec
Education and Schools	It's been nothing but bad news for the school districts that were fighting forced mergers under the state's controversial law, Act 46. Lawmakers failed to come up with a plan to delay the mergers, and the court battle, so far, hasn't slowed the process. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	5/23/19 at 8:45 a.m. 3mins 15 secs, 5:44 p.m. 44 sec

Education and Schools	The Agency of Education sent out a sharply worded memo last month saying it would take every action legally available to get the districts to merge. Now, school boards are reluctantly putting the pieces in place to have their new districts operational before July first. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	4/5/19 8:45 a.m. 4 mins 31 sec
Health Care / Public Health	More than half of the rural counties in the country no longer have hospitals where women can give birth. With Springfield Hospital's Birthing Center closing, VPR looks at the rural healthcare and birthing centers. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	5/8/19 at 7:21 a.m. 6 mins
Health Care / Public Health	Springfield Hospital is likely to declare bankruptcy in the next month or so, interim CEO Mike Halstead said Wednesday. The hospital has scheduled a series of information sessions around the region to update the public on the status of the organization, and at a meeting in Springfield Wednesday Halstead said a Chapter 11 bankruptcy declaration was imminent. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	5/31/19 at 6:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m. 30 sec
Politics and Government	As the legislative session enters the home stretch, lawmakers STILL have not figured out how to pay for what most insist is a priority- cleaning up Lake Champlain and other waterways. The issue at hand is how to raise between 8 and 10 million dollars in new revenue for cleanup efforts. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	4/10/19 at 7:44 a.m. 3 mins 22 sec
Politics and Government	The Progressive party scored two wins on Town Meeting Day, giving it nearly half the seats on the city council, and pushing famously liberal Burlington even further to the left. Now, with a stronger coalition, Progressives see an opportunity to push their agenda on topics like climate change. Broadcast during Morning Edition.	4/8/19 at 7:44 a.m. 3 mins 34 sec