

VPR News - Vermont Public Radio

Quarterly Issues / Program List

3rd Quarter - July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018

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	Nearly nine years after Northeast dairy farmers filed a class-action lawsuit against a national dairy marketing cooperative, thousands of farmers are receiving their checks. Dairy Farmers of America this week paid an average of 4,000 dollars per farm to settle a lawsuit that accused the group of trying to drive down milk prices. The deals covered farmers in 11 states, including Vermont.	9/1 12:04 pm :20; 8/31 12:04 pm :20
Arts/Culture	The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts is working to repair damage caused by a water main break early Monday morning. The organization says it's MainStage was spared but there was extensive damage to the center's smaller theater, the FlynnSpace.	8/31 8:45 am 4:37; 12:04 pm :20; 4:04 pm :20
Business / Economics	Some Vermont dairy workers say their wages and living conditions have improved, thanks to an agreement reached last year between the workers and Ben and Jerry's.	7/26 8:44am 2:35
Education and Schools	Vermont's public education system is at a crossroads and school districts across the state are trying to determine a way forward. To find the best way to provide a 21st century education to students in a rural state with declining enrollment. The challenges include Act 46 and the amount of money we spend on schools. Also the social services we now ask schools to help provide and the testing and ratcheting up of expectations.	9/11 7:44 am 5:00
Elections	For the first time in history, a transgender woman is a major party candidate for governor. Yesterday [Tuesday], Vermont voters chose former utility executive Christine Hallquist as the Democratic nominee for governor.	8/14 9:59 pm :40; 8/15 6:04 am :45; 8/15 8:04 am :40; 8/15 8:45 am 3:40
Energy / Fuel Costs	A report out today makes recommendations for how Vermont can change the way residents get around, heat their homes and plan their communities in the face of climate change - AND spur economic growth at the same time.	7/31 5:44 pm 5:00; 4:04 pm :20; 8/1 6:20 am :20; 8:20 am :20
Environment	Many of us share connections with a river, lake, stream or pond. We live by them, we swim in them, we boat and we run businesses near them. This summer VPR is bringing you the personal stories from Vermonters about how these bodies of water affect our lives and how we've seen them change over time.	7/9 7:44 am 4:00; 7/16 7:44 am 4:30; 8/13 4:44 pm 5:00
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Vermont has joined the growing number of states to file suit against the pharmaceutical company that makes OxyContin. On Wednesday afternoon, Attorney General TJ Donovan announced that his office is suing Purdue Pharma, charging that the company downplayed the risk of addiction to the painkillers.	9/5 5:10 pm 1:00; 6:10 pm :20; 9/6 6:04 am :30; 8:30 am :30; 7:30 am :30

Law Enforcement	Adults age 21 and over can now legally possess a small amount of recreational marijuana. The new law went into effect yesterday [Sunday] and allows people to have up to an ounce and to grow their own pot. The law does NOT legalize the sale of marijuana.	7/2 7:44 am 4:44; 7/1 8:04 am :30; 7/1 9:04 am :30; 7/1 10:04 am :30; 7/2 6:04 am :40; 7/2 7:04 am :40; 7/2 8:04 am :30
Politics and Government	The state's primary elections are about three weeks away, but many Vermonters are not yet tuned into statewide politics, according to a new VPR-Vermont PBS poll. However, they are concerned about pocketbook issues such as the economy and taxes.	7/23 6:04 am :25; 7:44 am 4:45; 7:20 am :25; 8:44 am :25
State Finances	The state of Vermont is about to invest public money in early-stage technology that could one day help improve water quality in Vermont. Excess phosphorus is responsible for many of the water quality problems in the state. Secretary of Natural Resources Julie Moore says technology to remove that phosphorus from the waste stream is still in its infancy.	7/31 6:04 am :20; 7:04 am :20; 8:04 am
Town Issues / Town Meeting Day	The town of Norwich has been trying to get an affordable housing project off the ground for more than a decade. And there will be a special vote on Election Day to see if the town wants to keep trying to encourage the development.	9/24 7:04 am 2:40
Vermont History / Vermont Culture	Governor Phil Scott says it's important to affirm Vermont's ties with Quebec at a time when President Trump has criticized Canada and triggered a trade war with Ottawa. On Sunday, Scott and Quebec Premier Philippe [Fill-leap] Couillard [COO-wee-yar] signed a joint agreement pledging cooperation on energy, environment, tourism and transportation issues.	8/13 6:04 am :30; 7:31:30 am :30; 12:04 pm :20
Wildlife / Fish / Forests	Outdoor Radio ... 7/18: Biologists Sarah Zahendra and Kent McFarland - who is from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies - head to the fields to see and hear the bobolink in their breeding grounds, which in this case, is in the vast hayfields of Top Acres Farm in South Woodstock, Vermont.	7/18 6:20 pm 8:00; 7/19 7:44am 8:00
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