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Quarterly Issues / Program List 2nd Quarter - April 1, 2018 to June 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	VPR News: Vermont dairy farmers are experiencing some of the hardest times in recent memory. The state Agency of Agriculture says 12 farms have gone out of businesses this year, bringing the number of working dairy farms down to around 750 compared to about 11-hundred ten years ago.	4/3/18 @ 7:44 am, 6 mins 20 seconds & 5:44 pm, 6 mins 20 seconds
Arts/Culture	VPR News: Bach's St. John's Passion will be the capstone work at this weekend's Middlebury Bach Festival. The festival is in its 8th year, and features musicians from near and far. Bach scholar John Butt is conducting the passion. VPR Music's Kari Anderson spoke with him about the work.	4/28/18 @ 9:35 am, 4 minutes 50 seconds
Business / Economics	VPR News: Earlier this year, the Vermont Senate gave approval to the minimum wage legislation. South Burlington Representative Helen Head, who chairs the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs says she thinks the House will follow suit.	4/24/18 @ 6:04 am, 20 seconds, 7:04 am, 20 seconds & 8:44 am, 4 minutes
Education and Schools	VPR News: The State Board of Education is trying to come up with a new way to give out small school grants. Right now about 40 schools get the annual grant just because they're small. But the Legislature wants to change that and so the State Board is trying to figure out new standards for WHICH schools should continue receiving the grants.	6/12/18 @ 8:20 am, 1 min & 7:44 am, 4:28
Elections	VPR News: Senator Bernie Sanders says he'll formally announce his reelection plans next week and says he has more to accomplish as a U.S. Senator. Campaign volunteers are in the process of collecting enough petition signatures to put him on the ballot in November as an Independent candidate.	5/17/18 @ 12:04 pm, 30 seconds, 4:04 pm, 30 seconds & 5:04 pm, 30 seconds
Energy / Fuel Costs	VPR News: The Vermont Public Utility Commission wants an independent investigation into allegations of shoddy construction of the Addison natural gas pipeline. In an order released on Wednesday, the commission noted that Vermont Gas Systems — which built the 41 mile project — has already agreed to an outside review of its construction practices.	4/5/18 @ 6:20 am, 1 minute, 8:20 am, 1 minute & 12:04 pm, 30 seconds
Environment	VPR News: State Treasurer Beth Pearce is urging lawmakers to identify a long term funding source to clean up lakes and streams throughout the state. House members are looking at a plan to impose a surcharge on the rooms and meals tax to generate new revenue for these programs, but the Scott Administration strongly opposes that move. The Administration says the state has enough money for water cleanup for the next few years and that natural revenue growth could provide extra money needed down the road.	4/30/18 @ 4:04 pm, 20 seconds & 6:04 pm, 20 seconds; 5/01/18 @ 6:04 am, 30 seconds
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	VPR News: Organizations who serve the homeless are working to be more thoughtful in the design of their spaces. VPR's Liam Elder-Connors visited one organization in Burlington that's been making some changes to their shelters.	4/19/18 @ 7:44 am, 3:32

Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	VPR News: 21,000 Vermonters, many employed by Vermont School Districts, have had problems with the health reimbursements they are supposed to receive from their employers. VPR's Emily Corwin reports.	5/9/18 @ 6:20 am, 1 min, 7:04 am, 1 min & 7:44 am, 5 min
Law Enforcement	VPR News: Governor Phil Scott is set to sign a trio of sweeping gun restriction bills into law today [Wednesday]. Until recently passing gun control legislation in Vermont was a near impossible task and second amendment advocates are frustrated with the rapid change in the state's gun laws. Earlier this week, VPR's Liam Elder-Connors visited one gun store in South Burlington where the owners and customers say the change goes against Vermont's culture.	4/11/18 @ 6:04 am, 20 seconds, 7:04 am, 20 seconds, 7:44 am, 4 mins & 8:04 am, 20 seconds
Politics and Government	VPR News: Today, Governor Phil Scott vetoed four bills passed by the Legislature, including one that would have raised the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour by 20-24. Scott also vetoed legislation that would have created a mandatory paid family and medical leave program in Vermont.	5/22/18 @ 6:04 pm, 1 min; 5/23/18 @ 6:10 am, 1 min, 7:04 am, 1 min, 7:20 am, 1 min & 8:20 am, 1 min
State Finances	VPR News: Vermont lawmakers will return to the Statehouse today to finish up work on the 2018 legislative session. But as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, the budget they're expected to approve is almost certainly headed for a gubernatorial veto.	5/10/18 @ 8:44 am, 4:30
Town Issues / Town Meeting Day	VPR News: Bucking the trend of low voter turnout, the village of Johnson's annual meeting had to be recessed last week because the number of people in attendance exceeded the meeting room's capacity. Village President Eric Osgood [OZ-good] says the municipal building's meeting room can accommodate 49 people, according to the fire code.	4/16/18 @ 6:20 am, 20 seconds & 8:20 am, 20 seconds
Vermont History / Vermont Culture	Rumble Strip: you'll hear from artists and criminals, taxidermists and soccer moms, lawyers and waitresses. Erica Heilman invites herself into people's homes to find out what they know, what they hate, who they love, what they're afraid of, and what makes them more like you than you'd realized. These are vivid stories of the everyday. Airs the second Wednesday of the month at 6:20 PM and the following Thursday at 7:50 AM. This week, Carl Blaisdell's trailer looks out over the farm he ran for most of his life, then sold. After farming, Carl seemed to make a smooth transition to being a "mountain man," which is how he described himself — and the name pretty much fits.	5/9/18 @ 6:20 pm, 7 min 45 seconds; 5/10/18 @ 7:50 am, 7 minutes 45 seconds
Wildlife / Fish / Forests	Outdoor Radio: The Vermont Center for Ecostudies and VPR unite the sounds and science of nature in the monthly feature, Outdoor Radio. The program is hosted by biologists Kent McFarland and Sara Zahendra, who share their knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm for wildlife education and conservation. This week, we are awed by the size, beauty and power of the bald eagle but Ben Franklin described it as a bird of "bad moral character."	4/18/18 @ 6:20 pm, 8:11; 4/19/18 @ 7:50 am, 8:11