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2nd Quarter 2023

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II. Responsive Programs

Parks, Libraries, Schools, and Community Events

Date	Program	Air Time	Duration
7/29/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Austin has 13 sister cities and Oita <oh ee tah>, Japan is one of them. The Oita ATX Summer Festival takes place September 10th and the Austin-Oita Sister City Committee is looking for volunteers. Information on the festival and volunteer opportunities at AustinOita.org .			
8/8/2023	Morning News Update	8:08am	:42
Plan for Zilker Park will not move forward due to lack of consensus on points			
8/30/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
The Eastside Kings Festival strives to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of largely unknown African American musicians and East Austin's rich tradition of blues, jazz, and gospel music. Taking place September 9th and 10th . Details at EastsideKingsFest.com			
9/22/2023	Morning News Update	8:39am	1:01
Texas Natural History Museum grand re-opening this Saturday; it has been closed for renovations for more than a year			

Performing, Visual, and Media Arts

Date	Program	Air Time	Duration
7/18/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
City Theatre presents Romeo and Juliet, opening Friday at Genesis Creative Collective. Young passions, feuding families, and star-crossed lovers set the scene in Shakespeare's greatest romantic tragedy and one of his most beloved works. City Theatre Austin.org .			

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8/12/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
City Theatre presents the American classic <i>Picnic</i> by William Inge. Sensual, passionate, and funny, it's an endearing portrait about the line between family and self-reliance, restraint and desire. Opens August 18th . Details at City Theatre Austin dot org			
9/27/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Women and their Work presents <i>Eye Moon Cocoon</i> , a new solo exhibition by multidisciplinary, metaphysical artist Virginia L. Montgomery, on view October 7th thru November 30th . Opening reception Saturday the 7th at 7pm. Women and their Work dot org			

Poverty, Hunger, and Homelessness

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/18/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:14
Austin is working to provide shade, water, sunscreen, and other resource stations more accessible to people living in homeless encampments			
8/31/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	:39
Updates on Austin transforming another hotel into permanent supportive housing for those transitioning out of homelessness			

State Government

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/5/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	1:00
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will refuse to testify at his impeachment trial, in defiance of the impeachment rules adopted by the Texas senate. Impeachment is related to Paxton's attempts to use his office to intervene in a federal investigation into one of his political donors			
9/18/2023	Morning News Update	8:05am	1:22
Ken Paxton acquitted, but not all those at the capitol knew the vote was happening			

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/4/2023	Morning News Update	8:10am	1:09
City of Taylor denied an LGBTQ+ group for its Xmas parade, now the city is allowing them to be part of the July 4th parade			
7/14/2023	Morning News Update	8:04am	1:11
Groups in the Austin area want to shed light on issues currently facing local LGBTQIA+ communities			

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Utilities

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/27/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:05

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Austin Water is asking for conservation during persistent drought; landscape watering restrictions are in place and things like checking for leaks and taking shorter showers can help as well

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8/29/2023	Morning News Update	8:11am	1:16

In recent weeks ERCOT has asked 6 times for people to voluntarily lower energy use. They pay factories and bitcoin miners to comply, but why not residential consumers?

Employment and Economy

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/7/2023	Morning News Update	8:08am	1:56
Austin Music Commission won't formally push SXSW to raise pay for artists for now. Low wages for musicians have been an issue for the commission for years; Ascension-Seton nurses say patients suffered during the 3-day strike. Ascension barred striking nurses from returning to work.			
7/20/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	:40
City Council to vote today on raising the standard pay rate for musicians			
9/15/2023	Morning News Update	8:08am	:49
Hotel prices to help with local economy			

Families, Elders, and Pets

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
Week of 8/7/2023	Get Involved	3 per day	2:00
The Get Involved spotlight organization for August is Truth Be Told, whose mission is to empower justice-involved women through programs that promote healing and personal transformation			
7/31/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	:46
Staff at Austin Animal Center looking for fosters as it grapples with overcrowding and keeping dogs cool during the summer heat. The center is climate controlled but if they take in any more dogs, they won't be able to keep them indoors			
8/22/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Family Eldercare is hosting Fans-4-Paws, a summer fan drive to help Central Texans and their pets who are living in hot homes. This Thursday at The Far Out Lounge, with music by Chief Cleopatra, Pearl Z, Van Mary, and Fragile Rock. Summer Fan Drive dot org			
8/22/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:09
Travis County Sherriff's office launches a bridge program between senior citizens and kids with learning disabilities			

Children and Education

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
Week of 7/3/2023	Get Involved	3 per day	2:00
The Get Involved spotlight organization for July is Girlstart, whose mission is to increase girls' interest and engagement in STEM. Girlstart aspires to be the national leader in designing and implementing innovative, high quality informal STEM education programs that inspire girls to transform our world.			

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7/6/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:00
Central Texas school districts are getting ready to comply with the new mandate that each campus have its own dedicated police officer			
8/3/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Hindu Charities for America and Shalom Austin are hosting a school supply packing event, Sunday at the Dell Jewish Community Center. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help pack backpacks for students in need. Details at E C 4 A dot org slash Events.			
8/25/2023	Morning News Update	8:33am	:45
Anti-LGBTQ protests at McCallum HS yesterday			
Week of 9/4/2023	Get Involved	3 per day	2:00
The Get Involved spotlight organization for September is Project Schoolhouse, who partners with Nicaraguan communities to build new schools, provide clean water, improve sanitation, and help students continue their education. We believe that every child has a right to a good education, that every community has a right to clean water in their homes, and that schools can be a foundation for a stronger, more vital, and sustainable future for the whole community.			
8/3/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Learning Bridge is looking for volunteer tutors to work with kids in foster care. Volunteers don't have to be educators, just committed adults who show up and help students with homework and subjects that are challenging to them. Details at Learning Bridge TX dot org			
9/8/2023	Morning News Update	8:34am	:57
AISD and the backlog of special education testing			
9/14/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	1:09
AISd and National Suicide Prevention Week			
9/20/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:06
More Texas school districts are signing onto a suit regarding the new state evaluation system which retroactively applies the new standards to students who graduated before the standard were in place			

Community Health

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/6/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
We Are Blood is in urgent need of blood of all types, but especially Type O. The recent stretch of extreme heat has likely contributed to a shortage of donors, compounding the usual dip in donors every summer. To schedule a donation, go to We Are Blood dot org.			
8/9/2023	Morning News Update	8:06am	:53
County Commissioners voted to fund a year of Narcan, a drug that reverses an opioid overdose			
8/23/2023	Morning News Update	8:05am	1:51
RSV vaccine has been approved for pregnant women; Pilot program to connect more EMT's with non-emergency 911 calls			
8/30/2023	Morning News Update	8:10am	:48
Austin Public Health is asking people to be COVID-conscious as the school year begins			
9/19/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	:48
Texas has highest rate of residents without health insurance			

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Public Safety

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7/12/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	1:14
CoA Public Safety Commission is calling for more transparency of DPS troopers. Push comes at the same time as troopers resume patrolling Austin streets and a shooting by a trooper Monday morning			
9/1/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	:45
Rundown on yesterday's Arboretum shooting			

Weather and Emergencies

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/10/2023	Morning News Update	8:10am	:31
National Weather Service again issues heat advisory until 9PM tonight and that is likely to be extended. "Feels like" temperature will be as high as 111. City asks residents to practice heat safety			
8/1/2023	Morning News Update	8:08am	2:18
Another excessive heat warning; Central Texas HS marching bands taking extra precautions for summer outdoor practices; Misting canopy set-up in Republic Square Park and the City is passing out water			
8/7/2023	Morning News Update	8:09am	1:44
Update on the local wildfires; Weather update: Excessive heat and red flag warnings today, people are asked to avoid outdoor burning and activities that can cause sparks, like mowing or using grills			
9/25/2023	Morning News Update	8:08am	:25
Thousands without power after hailstorm			

Housing and Development

Date	Program	Air time	Duration
7/13/2023	Morning News Update	8:07am	1:10
Two more affordable housing projects have been put on hold due to financing complication, halting construction on 450 units			
8/2/2023	Morning News Update	8:06am	1:10
New study re: barriers to building new houses in Austin			
9/12/2023	Morning News Update	8:30am	:58
New system will help update the public about road/lane closures due to construction projects			
9/26/2023	Morning News Update	8:10am	1:21
CoA is in court this AM re: homeowners and affordable housing			

City Council/Management

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7/19/2023	Morning News Update	8:06am	:53
A draft of the Austin budget will be presented this morning, focused on homeless strategy, public safety, and home affordability			

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Environment

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7/1/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
The Shoal Creek Conservancy is partnering with Austin Resource Recovery and Austin's Watershed Protection Department to remove hard-to-reach shopping carts from Shoal Creek and surrounding area. Saturday, July 29th from 8 to 10am. Shoal Creek Conservancy dot org			
9/6/2023	Morning News Update	8:13am	1:08
Treefolks and 15 partner organizations have applied for a grant to plant trees to provide tree canopies			
9/14/2023	PSA	1 to 3 per day	:20 to :30 live read
Green Corn Project installs and plants organic vegetable gardens for Austin's under-served communities. Fall gardening days begin this Saturday. Volunteers at these "dig-ins" share gardening knowledge and provide nourishing food to others. Green Corn Project dot org			
9/21/2023	Morning News Update	8:06am	:59
Austin getting a new reuse warehouse for bulk furniture and other solid waste recycling			