

Issues/Programs list October 1 – December 31, 2019

The most significant community issues during this period covered by Nevada Public Radio are listed here. The producers and Program Director direct the content and selection of the program **KNPR's State of Nevada** airing weekdays 9 – 10 a. m. and 7 – 8 p. m.

- Climate change
- Election
- Water
- Housing
- Transportation

KNPR also broadcasts regularly scheduled programs from NPR, including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and more, which respond to issues of importance to the community.

['Trying To Keep It Together' After Six Die In Las Vegas Apartment Fire](#)

Dec 27, 2019

As investigators combed through the aftermath of a Las Vegas apartment fire that left six dead, survivors struggled to get on with their lives.

[New Master Plan Will Offer A Peek At The Las Vegas Of 2050](#)

Dec 27, 2019

Wondering what Las Vegas might look like in 2050?

[Reno, Developers Attacking Affordable Housing Crisis Head-On](#)

Dec 23, 2019

Across Nevada, housing costs are rising. Part of that is the influx of new people seeking homes and apartments; part of it is not enough homes and apartments are being built.

[Nevada Named One Of The Least Charitable States](#)

Dec 23, 2019

A new WalletHub ranking looked at where the most generous Americans live

[Holiday Cocktails In Las Vegas](#)

Dec 23, 2019

For many of us, the holidays are the best time of the year.

[Trans Character At The Heart Of Vegas Author's Youth Novel](#)

Dec 20, 2019

A teenage boy. The girl he's crushing on. Bullies he must avoid.

[Supreme Court Report: Family Court is Doing It \(Mostly\) Right](#)

Dec 18, 2019

The Nevada Supreme Court has issued its report on the counties' family court systems, and guess what? It found the often-criticized Clark County family court is doing most things right.

[Holiday Scams Abound In Nevada](#)

Dec 18, 2019

It's the time of year

[The Keepers](#)

Dec 18, 2019

The Keepers, two new hour-long specials from The Kitchen Sisters and PRX with host

[Third Coast Audio Festival: Best of the Best 2019](#)

Dec 18, 2019

Best of the Best is an annual ode to audio storytelling, taking listeners on a journey through the full breadth of what's possible in stories made from sound.

[Holiday Plants](#)

Dec 17, 2019

The '12 Days of Christmas' takes on a botanical theme.

[Water Managers Consider The Future Of The Colorado River](#)

Dec 17, 2019

A rather quiet gathering

[Warren Hopes To Win Nevada With Her Signature Plans For Everything](#)

Dec 13, 2019

Elizabeth Warren

[As Winter Approaches, All Eyes Turn Toward Rocky Mountain Snowpack](#)

Dec 13, 2019

The West's water security is wrapped up in snow. When it melts, it becomes drinking and irrigation water for millions throughout the region.

['Cut Me, Mick,' Legendary Cutman Talks Myths, Realities Of Combat Sports](#)

Dec 13, 2019

Las Vegas is one of the premiere locations for boxing and mixed martial arts. Some of the biggest names in the sport have held their title bouts here.

[That Doggie in the Window: Do Pets Make Good Presents?](#)

Dec 12, 2019

Of the 1,300 dogs at Lied Animal Shelter in October, more than 500 were adopted.

[Despite Sharp Rise, Increased Reports Of Campus Sex Assaults Seen As A Positive](#)

Dec 11, 2019

Sexual assaults on Nevada's two largest campuses rose sharply from 2017 to 2018.

[Culinary Union Flexes Muscle With Dem Candidate Town Halls](#)

Dec 10, 2019

How does the Culinary Union get face time with the three highest-polling Democratic presidential candidates in the same

[Winter Is Coming ... And It Could Be Warmer](#)

Dec 10, 2019

Winter is coming -- and no, we're not talking about Jon Snow.

[How To Prepare For The Jobs Coming Soon To Las Vegas](#)

Dec 10, 2019

When the first whistle blows at Allegiant Stadium next football season, it will kick off a string of major new developments in Las Vegas.

[John L. Smith On The Stadium Board And Circus Circus](#)

Dec 10, 2019

The stadium's on its way to completion, so does

[Californians Find Home Means Nevada](#)

Dec 10, 2019

You may get mad when you

[Sutro Tunnel](#)

Dec 09, 2019

It was just over 150 years ago that Adolph Sutro sets his sights on building a drainage tunnel for mines in northern Nevada.

[AG Ford Warns Rural Sheriffs On Enforcement Of New Gun Laws](#)

Dec 05, 2019

State attorney general Aaron Ford has been on the job less than a year. But he hit the ground running.

['Manson Family,' 'Royale' Highlights Of A Strong Fall Theater Season](#)

Dec 05, 2019

November was a big month for local theater. UNLV put on the 2014 Pulitzer winner for drama.

[KNPR Files Legal Motion Over Endowment Funds](#)

Dec 05, 2019

It's been a few months since Nevada Public Radio announced the resignation of its chief executive officer amid an investigation into the financial status of the station.

[Nevada Gaming Industry Updates Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Policies](#)

Dec 04, 2019

Historically, sexual harassment of casino employees in Las Vegas casinos was not unusual.

[Las Vegas Preservation Commission Turns 20, Looks At Its Own History](#)

Dec 03, 2019

The Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission just did a deep dive into history — its own.

[A Win, A Sucker Punch And A New Coach Coming To UNLV](#)

Dec 03, 2019

Officials at the Mountain West conference are still investigating the bench-clearing brawl that followed UNLV's victory over University of Nevada, Reno this weekend.

[New Restaurant Billing Practice Upsets Diners](#)

Dec 03, 2019

Lotus of Siam is one of

[Giving Thanks: A Celebration of Fall, Food, & Gratitude](#)

Nov 28, 2019

Great American writers will grace us this Thanksgiving, 2019. Giving Thanks remembers poet Mary Oliver as she reads poems of gratitude and nature.

[Revived Commission To Address Concerns Of Surging Asian-American Community](#)

Nov 27, 2019

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent the fastest growing demographic in Nevada.

[Three Decades Later: Where Is AIDS/HIV In Nevada?](#)

Nov 27, 2019

Some 36 years after the first person died from AIDS in Nevada, the lifestyle for those infected with HIV, and their futures, has changed dramatically.

[Miracle On Shadow Lane? UNLV Med School Getting The Money It Needs](#)

Nov 27, 2019

Ever since the announcement three years ago that UNLV wanted to build a medical school, it's been a waiting game. For money.

[The Great Listen From StoryCorps](#)

Nov 27, 2019

Imagine what we'd find out if we'd just ask?

[Amazon: Behind the Smiles](#)

Nov 27, 2019

Shop. Click. And the next day, your purchase is on your doorstep. Amazon has changed the face of shopping, but at a surprisingly high human cost.

[Charting The Future Of Health Care In Rural Nevada](#)

Nov 27, 2019

In the fall of 2015, Tonopah's hospital closed, leaving thousands of central Nevada's rural residents with no urgent care for a hundred miles.

[New GOED Boss Promises Approach That 'Matches Nevada Today'](#)

Nov 26, 2019

The new head of the Governor's Office of Economic Development is an old hand in Nevada.

[Historically Left Out, Colorado River Tribes Call For More Sway In Western Water Talks](#)

Nov 26, 2019

Earlier this year, Arizona -- one of seven southwestern states that rely on the Colorado River -- was in the midst of a heated discussion about water.

[Mirage Casino Turns 30](#)

Nov 26, 2019

It has been 30 years since the Mirage Casino-Resort opened its doors becoming the first of a new brand of mega-casino in Las Vegas.

[Future Water Shortfall In Arizona County Leaves Some In Limbo Today](#)

Nov 25, 2019

Patrick Johnson closed on 2,500 acres in Pinal County over five years ago. The property, just off Interstate 8, is mostly farm fields right now.

[Presidential Candidate Marianne Williamson Addresses Social, Political Ills](#)

Nov 22, 2019

Marianne Williamson may be the most unconventional candidate of the primary season.

[Simplicity is Key to Stress-Free Holiday Entertaining](#)

Nov 22, 2019

From Thanksgiving to Boxing Day, November and December bring many reasons to entertain. But if you're the party planner (or cook, or both!), how do you keep it fresh and stress-free?

[Expanded Loan Forgiveness Program Aims To Bring More Health Care To Rural Nevada](#)

Nov 22, 2019

A new law signed by Governor Steve Sisolak could help rural areas attract more health care professio

[John Wesley Powell](#)

Nov 22, 2019

Lake Powell is named after someone who had a desire to explore the west -- and that he did.

[House Yucca Mountain Advocate Retiring, Exiting Nuke Waste Fight](#)

Nov 22, 2019

For two decades Representative John Shimkus has been one of the strongest congressional supporters of storing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. But that's about to change.

[Officials Seek To Revive Rural Tonopah Hospital](#)

Nov 22, 2019

When Tonopah's hospital closed in 2015, it didn't just leave the town without an emergency room – it left the region without one, too.

[Four Years Later, Tonopah Recovering From Hospital Closure](#)

Nov 14, 2019

In the fall of 2015, the Nye Regional Medical Center in Tonopah closed, leaving residents with no hos

[Undersheriff McMahill On The Challenges Facing Las Vegas Metro Police](#)

Nov 14, 2019

Las Vegas police have had their hands full.

[Flu Season Already Filling Hospital Beds](#)

Nov 13, 2019

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[In A Revived Arizona River, A Wildlife Oasis Is Remade](#)

Nov 12, 2019

Much of the Santa Cruz River is a dry, desert wash, only flowing after heavy monsoon rains.

[What Will The Huntridge Theater Become?](#)

Nov 12, 2019

The historic Huntridge Theater in downtown Las Vegas is in the process of being sold.

[Advocates Say New City Ordinance Won't Solve Homeless Issue](#)

Nov 12, 2019

The City of Las Vegas says it is doing the right thing by fining and potentially jailing homeless campers who refuse to stay in a shelter.

[Could Kaos Closure Signal Downturn Of Las Vegas Nightclubs?](#)

Nov 08, 2019

Red Rock Resorts announced last week it was immediately closing its newest nightclub. Kaos had been open less than a year and was part of a \$690 million renovation of the Palms Casino.

['We're Going To Fight This!': Mormon Families Stand Strong After Mexico Attack](#)

Nov 08, 2019

In Mexico, a family member of the nine women and children shot to death in a violent ambush Monday says they won't be run off by the drug cartels that have made the area around their homes so dange

[Bye-Bye Coach? And Hello Running Rebels?](#)

Nov 08, 2019

Despite his stellar record as a high school coach, Tony Sanchez has not done it at UNLV. Is it all over for Sanchez at UNLV, or is this even a coaching issue?

[Children's Issues At The Forefront Of UNLV Advocacy Group](#)

Nov 08, 2019

Nevada doesn't make it easy for kids.

[As Populations Of Wild Horses Soar, So Do Tensions Over Management](#)

Nov 06, 2019

The fight over wild horses in the West has put ranchers, animal advocates, conservationists, the Bureau of Land Management and others at odds with one another for decades.

[John L. Smith On Tom Steyer's Presidential Push In Nevada](#)

Nov 06, 2019

Democratic Party presidential candidate Tom Steyer's com

[Hot Times In The Biggest Little City](#)

Nov 06, 2019

Reno made its name by welcoming the kinds of things other cities wouldn't touch.

[A More Supportive Therapy Option For The LGBTQ Community](#)

Nov 05, 2019

Mental illness and suicide are massive problems in Nevada, especially for LGBTQ people.

[1 Per 2,000 Students: Does CCSD Have Enough School Psychologists?](#)

Nov 04, 2019

Teen suicide is rising in Nevada and mental health care in the state is ranked the lowest in the country.

[Highway Patrol Files For Collective Bargaining Rights](#)

Nov 04, 2019

During the last legislative session, Nevada lawmakers approved SB135, which recognizes the collective bargaining

[Rep. Titus On The Next Step In The Impeachment Inquiry](#)

Nov 01, 2019

The push to impeach President Donald Trump is moving f

[A Craft Beer Movement Is Brewing In Las Vegas](#)

Oct 31, 2019

Las Vegas is one of America's booziest cities. And beer has played a big part in developing that reputation.

[Ending A Life: Locals Look To Start Conversations About Death](#)

Oct 30, 2019

Research suggests Nevada's senior population could triple from 2000 to 2030. Some call it the silver tsunami. And among the many challenges this aging nation faces is — how to die?

[Threats, Assaults Against Federal Employees On The Rise](#)

Oct 30, 2019

The number of threats or assaults against federal employees who oversee public lands is on the rise.

[Are Things That Go Bump In The Night Real?](#)

Oct 30, 2019

People have a fascination, or fear, of the afterlife. What lies beyond? Nirvana? Hell? If there's nothing, is this it--is this all we have?

[Kamala Harris Hopes For Big Win In Nevada](#)

Oct 29, 2019

Presidential candidates on the Democratic side keep streaming into Nevada.

[John L Smith: Details Of Rapper 'Mally Mall' Prostitution Case](#)

Oct 28, 2019

Jamal Rashid is a rapper and a producer, and now he's also a convicted pimp.

[Campus Hate Speech Challenges UNR Administration](#)

Oct 28, 2019

UNR was thrust into an uncomfortable spotlight in 2017 when one of its students was photographed at the violent white supremacist

[Returning Fire To The Landscape](#)

Oct 24, 2019

Last week, the Reno-Sparks area experienced smoke and hazy conditions while authorities warned residents of high fire danger.

[What Little Things Can You Do To Combat Climate Change?](#)

Oct 24, 2019

Recent news about climate change and the environment has been gloomy. Temperatures are soaring. Water is scarce. Carbon emissions are too high. And if things stay the same, they say the future is bleak.

[Ghost Plants](#)

Oct 23, 2019

When the Halloween season rolls around, my entire neighborhood is festooned with spider webs, witches hanging in front of windows, and pumpkins all over the place.

[Terminal Las Vegas Woman Becomes Focus Of Assisted-Suicide Debate](#)

Oct 23, 2019

In the time she has left, Las Vegas Hanna Olivas still works when she can as a make-up artist, enjoys her grandkids and loves time with her husband, Jerry.

[Clark County To Assist On Truancy, Homelessness And High-Speed Trains](#)

Oct 21, 2019

The Clark County Commission is one of the most powerful governing bodies in Nevada. And it's overseeing some pretty big projects in the Las Vegas area.

[John L Smith: Prison Guards' Case Could Wreak Havoc On State's Finances](#)

Oct 21, 2019

Prison guards in Nevada scored a major victory last week when a federal appeals court ruled in their favor.

[U.S. Attorney For Nevada Talks Gangs, Opioids, And Cannabis](#)

Oct 21, 2019

Nicholas Trutanich has been U.S. attorney for Nevada since January, after being unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

[Threat Of Recession Looms Like A Dark Cloud Over Nevada](#)

Oct 18, 2019

Growth in the global economy is stalling. Trade tension with China is at an all-time high. So is a recession near? Many economists say yes.

[Don't Worry About The VGK, Worry About The Rebels](#)

Oct 18, 2019

In college football, Vanderbilt isn't exactly Alabama, a perennial football powerhouse.

[City Of Elko Works To Protect Homeless As Cold Weather Arrives](#)

Oct 18, 2019

In Elko, some 422 miles north of Las Vegas, it's starting to get very cold at night. Temperatures are freezing or below.

[BLM Chief's Comments A Worry For Nevada?](#)

Oct 17, 2019

The Bureau of Land Management is moving much of its Washington D.C. office to the West.

[Global Gaming Expo Wowed By Sports Betting, But Are We?](#)

Oct 17, 2019

Legalized gambling is already a multi-billion dollar industry in several states.

["Climate Whiplash" Tests Four Corners Communities' Ability To Adapt](#)

Oct 16, 2019

Climate change has been called the new normal. But residents in some parts of the Southwest say after living through the last two years, there's nothing normal about it.

[Vegas City Opera Performing At Smith Center, Old Mining Town](#)

Oct 15, 2019

The Vegas City Opera is planning for its first show at the Smith Center.

[Gaming Control Board To Steve Wynn: You're Out; John L. Smith Weighs In](#)

Oct 15, 2019

The state Gaming Control Board has moved to prevent Steve Wynn from ever again being licensed by the state.

[Caring For Coroners](#)

Oct 15, 2019

Mass shootings like the one that happened on October 1, 2017, can have intense emotional consequences for first responders.

[Historians Say West Long Defined By Debates Over Immigration, Water](#)

Oct 14, 2019

Experts on the history of the American West are moseying into Las Vegas this week.

[City To Consider Changing Domestic Violence Statute](#)

Oct 14, 2019

Last week, the city of Las Vegas decided it would stop charging people with misdemeanors for domestic violence.

[As Vaping Illnesses Rise, Should Governments Step In?](#)

Oct 11, 2019

The number of illnesses and deaths in the country tied to vaping – or using electronic cigarettes - continues to rise.

[Las Vegas Changes Domestic Violence Laws, Advocates Say Victims In More Danger](#)

Oct 10, 2019

The city of Las Vegas decided it would stop charging people with misdemeanors for domestic violence.

[Las Vegas Artists Paint The Town With Collaboration and Celebration](#)

Oct 08, 2019

Arts are on the march in Las Vegas. At least that's what promoters of weekend art events say.

[Youth Mental Health Advocates: Hospital's Closure Is Part of Bigger Problem](#)

Oct 08, 2019

In August, state regulators told Montevista Hospital in Las Vegas to stop taking new patients.

[The Growing Problem Of Heat-Related Deaths In Southern Nevada](#)

Oct 08, 2019

Hot summer days are nothing new for Nevadans.

[John L Smith: MGM Settlement Could Set Precedent For Corporations In Gun Debate](#)

Oct 08, 2019

MGM Resorts announced a massive settlement with the families of victims of the October 1st shooting.

[Democratic Candidate Andrew Yang Wants To Make You \\$12,000 Richer](#)

Oct 07, 2019

Entrepreneur Andrew Yang's most recent visit comes at an opportune time -- the presidential gun forum.

[Beto O'Rourke Draws Parallels Between Las Vegas And His Native El Paso](#)

Oct 07, 2019

Beto O'Rourke's run for the presidency had largely remained in the shadows of higher-polling candidates like Elizabeth W

[Urban Design Enlisted As Weapon To Combat Heat Island Effect](#)

Oct 07, 2019

Much has changed since 19th-century wit Oscar Wilde said conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative.

[Both Ends Of Nevada Attract Democratic Presidential Candidates](#)

Oct 06, 2019

Democratic presidential candidates crisscrossed Nevada last week, wi

[Joe Biden Talks Impeachment And Green Economy During Reno Stop](#)

Oct 04, 2019

Joe Biden has been leading in the polls since he announced he was running for president.

[Jail Or Help For Homeless In Street Camps?](#)

Oct 04, 2019

Those who seek aid for the homeless, along with several homeless themselves, wearing T-shirts provided by the city, protested a city-borne proposal Wednesday that they say will criminalize street e

[Pet Care Update: Experts Talk Nutrition, Spay-Neuter, Hoarding and More](#)

Oct 02, 2019

Nevadans share their homes with some 1.5 million dogs, cats, birds, and horses. Most consider them family.

[Bad To Worse: Time For Change At UNLV Football?](#)

Oct 02, 2019

It was, in a word, debilitating. UNLV's football team, with pretty high hopes in Coach Tony Sanchez's fourth year, was destroyed by a middling Wyoming team last weekend.

[What Is Ozone Pollution Costing Nevada?](#)

Oct 02, 2019

Climate change is having effects everywhere and it's only going to get more pronounced.

[John L. Smith: Taxis Taking A New Path To The Strip](#)

Oct 01, 2019

New flat rates for taxis driving from McCarran International Airport to the Strip were just approved by the Nevada Taxicab Authority.