#### WCMH-TV

4th Quarter 2023

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Development/Economics
Health and Healthcare
Education
Transportation/Infrastructure
Crime and Safety
Government (Laws, Taxes, Public officials)
Minorities & Disability Issues
Community

#### **Programs**

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
4.1	Education and Government	6:02 a.m.	10/02/2023	1 minute, 38 seconds	NBC4 Today	A judge could put a halt on Governor DeWine's attempt to create a new Department of Education and Workforce today, effectively stripping the current state Board of Education of most of its powers. Rather than an elected leader, the new department leader would be selected by DeWine. This would affect the oversight of curriculum, policy, and rulemaking.
4.1	Crime and Safety	4:05 p.m.	10/03/2023	1 minute, 36 seconds	First at 4	WCMH warned residents about an incoming emergency alert test. The sound can be alarming, but it is just to test alerts on phones and TVs.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	4:02 p.m.	10/05/2023	1 minute, 39 seconds	First at 4	The grace period for Ohio's Distracted Driving law is over. This means distracted driving is now a primary offense with few exceptions.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:00 a.m.	10/09/2023	1 minute, 47 seconds	NBC4 Today	A man was shot and killed at a Greyhound Bus station on the city's west side. A suspect is in custody. The bus station has seen ongoing issues, including other shooting calls, stabbings and other incidents, leaving residents worried. The city has asked the bus company to make changes, or they could shut the station down.
4.1	Education	4:31 p.m.	10/09/2023	1 hour, 22 seconds	First at 4	Columbus City Schools are hosting student conversations. This is a chance for educators to hear from students on a variety of issues from inside the classroom to outside of school.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	11:12 p.m.	10/09/2023	4 minutes, 47 seconds	NBC4 at 11	The highest-ranking Black woman at AT&T Ohio files a civil rights lawsuit against the company. She says she was fired after receiving a racist death threat, and that the company used her as a scapegoat for departmental layoffs. AT&T claims she violated department policy. The person who filled her position after she was fired is a white man.
4.1	Community	4:30 p.m.	10/10/2023	1 minute, 14 seconds	First at 4	The Mid-Ohio Food Collective is bringing access to healthy food to the community. They opened a new service allowing customers to pick up meals from a refrigerated locker.
4.1	Education	5:09 p.m.	10/10/2023	2 minutes, 16 seconds	NBC4 at 5	Right now, there is a push to get more high school students interested in the skilled trades. Students at Hilliard City Schools got firsthand experience in seeing what a career in these fields would look like at an expo.

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4.1	Government	6:02 a.m.	10/11/2023	2 minutes, 17 seconds	NBC4 Today	Ohio House Republicans are suing speaker Jason Stephens. They say he was not authorized to use campaign funding from the Ohio Huse Republican Alliance Campaign Committee because he was not elected leader of that Committee. They say he must return the money. Meanwhile, Speaker Stephens says as the leader of House Republicans, he retains the power to use the funds.
4.1	Government	11:07 p.m.	10/11/2023	1 minute, 28 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Republicans in the Ohio Senate make a rare move and pass two resolutions urging Ohioans to vote no on Issues 1 and 2. Elected officials are generally not allowed to use a function of their office to advocate for or against a citizen-initiated referendum, but by passing the resolution, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle can do so, because it is now considered official legislative business.
4.1	Development/ Economics	4:19 p.m.	10/12/2023	1 minute, 49 seconds	First at 4	The South Side Thrive Collaborative works to improve quality of life in South Columbus. They held a job fair to show employers that residents are skilled and ready to work.
4.1	Development/ Economics	6:15 p.m.	10/13/2023	1 minute, 45 second	NBC4 at 6	Thousands of runners are in Central Ohio for the Columbus Marathon. Local businesses say that this is among the busiest weekends of the year. Hotels, restaurants and see an uptick in business.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:10 p.m.	10/16/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The Columbus City Council is teaming up with the city's major hospital systems to forgive \$335 million in medical debt. Recipients must be between 200-400% of the federal poverty level and have been treated at one of the hospitals between 2014-2020.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	11:05 p.m.	10/16/2023	1 minute, 14 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Concerned residents on the west side of Columbus hold a town hall about a Greyhound bus station they say is bringing crime and violence to their neighborhood. The city of Columbus is seeking an injunction against the property owners, but shutting the station down is taking longer than the residents would like.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:05 p.m.	10/18/2023	1 minute, 59 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus City Council approves funding for the Ground Floor Growth Initiative, a half-million-dollar program to incentivize minority business owners to open up shop in Downtown Columbus. The money will be used to cover part of lease agreements, improve spaces, and provide support for businesses moving into vacant spaces along Gay Street.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:07 p.m.	10/23/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 at 11	Columbus-area pediatric doctors are seeing a rise in children's injuries from high-powered magnets. Research shows that the rise comes after a ban on those magnets in children's toys was repealed.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:00 p.m.	10/24/2023	2 minutes, 32 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Nearly a year after a 4-year-old girl died when she was struck by a car in a crosswalk, neighbors near the crossing say it is still dangerous. Residents are calling for a stop light to be installed, instead of just the flashing pedestrian beacons when someone is crossing the road. The City of Columbus says it will "refresh" the area next year, including narrowing lanes to slow traffic, but there are no plans for a stop light.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	11:14 p.m.	10/26/2023	2 minutes, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Doctors in central Ohio are seeing a rise in stroke symptoms in younger patients. Doctors say there are several factors that could be driving the increase. An

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						18-year-old stroke survivor shares his story and what he's doing to raise awareness.
4.1	Education	6:16 p.m.	10/29/2023	1 minute, 15 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Study revealed that 1 in 3 women will experience domestic violence Ohio Women Against Domestic Violence talked with women about their experiences and to let them know there is a safe place available for them.
4.1	Education	11:02 p.m.	10/30/2023	2 minutes, 27 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus City Council approves more than a million dollars for the Columbus Promise program, which sends qualifying Columbus City Schools students to Columbus State Community College for free. Program leaders say it provides access to higher education many of those students would not have.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:03 a.m.	10/31/2023	3 minutes, 30 seconds	NBC4 Today	Today is Halloween and many communities will be hosting trick or treat. Health experts say children should never consume candy before a guardian carefully checks it over. The guardian should look for any signs of tampering and check the label for any allergens.
4.1	Government	12:00 p.m.	11/02/2023	1 minute, 17 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	It can be a struggle for some people to keep their homes warm during the colder months. That's why the Ohio Department of Development offers its home energy assistance winter crisis program. As of November 1st, eligible Ohioans can apply. The program helps people who are facing service disconnection or have been disconnected from their gas or electric company.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:05 p.m.	11/06/2023	2 minutes, 17 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Advocates for homeless people and private property owners clash over the removal of a homeless camp on the south side of Columbus. Advocates say the growing housing crisis in central Ohio needs to be

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						addressed to help those who are unhoused. Columbus City Council members say they are working on passing packages that would fund more affordable housing projects.
4.1	Education	11:04 p.m.	11/08/2023	2 minutes, 2 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus City Schools will receive nearly \$100 million a year after voters approve its most recent levy. School Board members say the fund will help maintain current district operations and programs as well as six new pre-K classrooms.
4.1	Government	4:04 a.m.	11/09/2023	1 minute, 21 seconds	NBC4 Today	Ohioans voted in favor to enshrine abortion rights in the State's Constitution. On December 7th, the amendment goes into effect, but lawmakers are already ironing out some details. Issue One supersedes other State laws. Still democratic state leaders are introducing the Reproductive Care Act to repeal existing state statutes related to abortion care, and add protections for patients.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	4:05 p.m.	11/09/223	1 minute, 27 seconds	First at 4	The Central Ohio Transit Authority bus system is working to be more accessible to autistic and neurodivergent customers. They created an app to make it easier to travel.
4.1	Transportation/ Infrastructure	5:50 a.m.	11/14/2023	1 minute, 8 seconds	NBC4 Today	Roundabouts are becoming more common in central Ohio and controversial, but they are statistically the safest option when it comes to busy intersections. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, roundabouts cut down crashes by about 40% and cut down serious injury and fatal crashes by anywhere from 80 to 90%. That's because they naturally slow or calm traffic and essentially eliminate the possibility of a "T-bone" crash or a direct hit to the driver's side door. As roundabouts

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						become more and more plentiful, ODOT says they are working with other agencies, such as the BMV as well as driver training schools to make sure people are educated on the proper way to navigate them.
4.1	Development/ Economics	4:44 p.m.	11/16/2023	2 minutes, 21 seconds	First at 4	Thousands of Starbucks employees walked of the job across the country. Local striking workers say they are pushing for better work conditions and better wages.
4.1	Education	11:02 p.m.	11/16/2023	2 minutes, 46 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Tempers flared at the Big Walnut Local Schools board meeting. Some board members want to ban the display of any flags besides the US flag and the Ohio flag. The effort comes after complaints of "students feeling threatened" by the display of Pride flags. Parents at the meeting showed overwhelming support for the display of the Pride flag and embracing the LGBTQ community. The resolution to ban other flags was tabled.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	11:14 p.m.	11/20/2023	2 minutes, 27 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus City Council approves more than \$4 million in funding to complete the new Franklin County Crisis Care Center. The new facility will help the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County provide more care to people battling mental health and substance abuse disorders. The center will provide care to those struggling, regardless of insurance or ability to pay.
4.1	Government	12:00 p.m.	11/23/2023	1 minute, 32 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	Today, Columbus city leaders are announcing their proposed 2024 Operating Budget. Mayor Andrew Ginther says it would be the largest in the city's history, totaling \$1.19 billion. Ginther says the main

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						focuses of the budget are neighborhood safety, affordability, and core city services. He says the team has worked hard to make sure this historic proposed budget represents Columbus' diverse people and neighborhoods.
4.1	Crime and Safety	5:03 a.m.	11/27/2023	2 minute, 4 seconds	NBC4 Today	Police are warning parents to check their kids' iPhones due to privacy concerns about Apple's new IOS 17 updates. The Liberty Township and Powell Fire Department are warning that the feature 'namedrop' could put kids' contact information at risk. The feature allows users to easily share contact information and photos by just holding two phones close together. It is automatically turned on when you install.
4.1	Government	11:16 p.m.	11/27/2023	1 minute, 6 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose officially moved his office into the same building where his Senate campaign has conducted business. Critics say the move is an ethical violation, given that he is the chief elections officer in the state, while running in a highly contested U.S. Senate race. LaRose's office says the Secretary will not do further campaign work from that location, although there is no legal restriction from doing so.
4.1	Development Economics/	11:09 p.m.	11/28/2023	1 minute, 8 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Leaders break ground on the new hotel at the Hollywood Casino on the west side of Columbus. City tourism officials say the hotel and conference center will help support the city's booming tourism industry by giving groups another place to stay when they hold conferences and events in town. They also expect 2024 to bring in the most visitor spending in

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						the city's history because of the major sporting events coming to town.
4.1	Crime and Safety	4:00 p.m.	11/29/2023	1 minute, 45 seconds	First at 4	After an uptick in stolen vehicles, a local police department is working on prevention. Bexley police provide steering wheel locks to residents.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	6:15 p.m.	11/30/2023	1 minute, 15 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The King Arts Center received a grant from Google to modernize their classic exhibits and make them more interactive to help bring Black history alive.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:03 a.m.	12/01/2023	1 minute, 26 seconds	NBC4 Today	With a month left in the year, we've already surpassed last year's homicide numbers. A local group, Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children, is working with law enforcement and other community partners to try to keep the number below 100 in 2024. The initiative is still in its early stages, but they hope to be intentional, and data driven.
4.1	Crime and Safety	7:03 p.m.	12/01/2023	1 minute	NBC4 at 7	Olentangy high school principal Robert Griffiths resigned after records accused him of sexually harassing and discriminating against an assistant principal in the district.
4.1	Development/ Economics	6:03 a.m.	12/04/2023	1 minute, 41 seconds	NBC4 Today	Columbus City Council is considering liquor objections against nine local businesses, including a local bar with a history of violence. The Columbus City Attorney hopes that by closing the bar and taking its liquor license, whoever decides to buy it will revamp the space and turn it into something positive for the community.
4.1	Crime and Safety	5:06 p.m.	12/04/2023	3 minutes, 22 seconds	NBC4 at 5	A former top state officials is now facing charges linked to the biggest bribery scandal in Ohio's history. Sam Randazzo is facing federal charged like the ones that landed the state's former house speaker in prison.

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4.1	Development/ Economics	4:10 p.m.	12/06/2023	1 minute, 33 seconds	First at 4	Tourism officials estimate the Major League Soccer Cup Final, being played in Columbus, will bring in around \$8 million in visitor spending.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:05 p.m.	12/06/2023	2 minutes, 50 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Neighbors in east Columbus are worried that speeding drivers have become such a problem on their street, they don't let their children play basketball in the driveway without blocking it off with their own cars. They tell NBC4 multiple 311 complaints have gone unanswered. The city says the complaints dealt with unique circumstances that the city would not have been able to prevent. The city may consider conducting a speed study.
4.1	Government	12:00 p.m.	12/07/2023	2 minutes, 13 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	As of midnight, recreational marijuana became legal in Ohio. Now people 21 and older can smoke, possess, and grow it. Even though it was approved by voters a month ago, there is still debate in the statehouse over what exactly the law will look like. The senate passed their version of the bill yesterday to tweak Issue 2 with only two votes against it, but the legislature failed to send anything to the governor's desk before marijuana became legal.
4.1	Government	11:06 p.m.	12/08/2023	1 minute, 9 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther is under fire after having ex parte communications with the judge presiding over the city's lawsuit seeking to shut down a bus terminal. The terminal's owner says the move could undermine the public's trust in the court system. A spokesperson for the mayor's office says they cannot comment on the accusations of improper communication
4.1	Crime and Safety	4:00 p.m.	12/11/2023	1 minute 54 seconds	First at 4	More than fifty schools across Ohio received threats from an alleged Russian organization. Many local

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						schools had increased police presence, but the FBI assured the threats had no validity.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	5:02 p.m.	12/11/2023	2 minutes, 45 seconds	NBC4 at 5	Students at Ohio University are outraged after an alleged incident of racism near campus. A group of black students say racial slurs were hurdled at them and they were threatened with a gun.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:06 p.m.	12/11/2023	2 minutes, 50 seconds	NBC4 at 11	NBC4 at 11 Columbus City Council gives an update on its recently passed strategic housing initiative, aimed at combatting what members call a housing crisis in central Ohio. So far, more than \$20 million has been spent on affordable housing developments, emergency rental assistance, and legal representation in eviction court.
4.1	Community	7:05 p.m.	12/13/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 7	As temperatures begin to drop, a resource center in Chillicothe is once again opening its doors to provide a warm place to stay for those in need.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	11:00 p.m.	12/13/2023	2 minute, 31 seconds	NBC4 at 11	LGBTQ+ students and their allies at Big Walnut Local Schools speak out as the board of education considers a proposal that would ban flags and symbols from the classroom. They are particularly worried about the banning of the Pride flag, especially after a pride poster was found in a urinal in the boy's restroom. The students formed the Pride Society to combat the resolution, help LGBTQ+ students feel welcome, and combat homophobia in the school district.
4.1	Government	7:03 p.m.	12/15/2023	1 minute, 45 seconds	NBC4 at 7	Measures are moving forward that opponents say hurt the right of transgender people. A bill that restricts sports participation and medical care for transgender kids is on Governor Mike DeWine's

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						desk. This comes as the Big Walnut School district takes up the issue in their school board.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	11:09 p.m.	12/15/2023	1 minute	NBC4 at 11	Local health departments warn the community about an increase in overdoses, with five or more fatal overdoses in a 24-hour period. The Franklin County Coroner says the overdoses are linked to the powerful synthetic opioid carfentanyl. Outreach workers plan on handing out naloxone and opioid test strips to help those battling substance abuse disorder stay safe.
4.1	Education	11:00 p.m.	12/19/2023	1 minute, 59 seconds	NBC4 at 11	For the first time in more than 20 years, Columbus City Schools will conduct district-wide building assessments. District leaders say the funding comes from the permanent improvement levy voters passed – critics say it is not a sound use of taxpayer dollars.
4.1	Education	4:00 p.m.	12/20/2023	2 minutes, 22 seconds	First at 4	The Columbus City School district decided to cut their online academy. Parents spoke out at the school's' board meeting pleading for the program to stay.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:10 p.m.	12/20/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 6	A new cancer treatment center opened at The James Hospital featuring proton therapy, something local cancer patients previously had to travel out of town to get.
4.1	Government	6:04 a.m.	12/26/2023	2 minutes, 6 seconds	NBC4 Today	We are just days away from Columbus's flavored tobacco ban going into effect. On January 1 <sup>st</sup> , stores within city limits will be prohibited from selling flavored tobacco in any form. City Council passed the law to prevent young people from being pulled into tobacco use, but local businesses say the law will force them to close their doors for good.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	6:05 p.m.	12/27/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 at 6	A growing number of "swatting" (fake emergency) calls have been made against current and former GOP state lawmakers and Attorney General Dave Yost.
4.1	Government	7:10 p.m.	12/28/2023	1 minute	NBC4 at 7	Columbus City Council now has a new look. After more than 100 years of operating at large, members are now voted in to represent different districts.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	4:00 p.m.	12/29/2023	4 minutes, 27 seconds	First at 4	Governor Mike DeWine vetoed House Bill 68. If enacted, it would have restricted the medical care of transgender minors and banned transgender girls from female sports.

The station also aired the following public service announcements during the 4th quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative	
Health and Healthcare	60 seconds	Feeding America – Anti-Hunger Campaign	
Crime and Safety	60 seconds	Don't Text & Drive – Good Habits	
Community	30 seconds	United Way of Central Ohio - LiveUnited	
Transportation/Infrastructure	30 seconds	Keep America Beautiful Recyling Campaign	
Community	30/60 seconds	Foster Care Adoption	
Community	30 seconds	Costume Party for Short North Arts Alliance	
Education	10/15/30 seconds	Autism Walk	
Crime and Safety	15/30 seconds	Ohio Association of Broadcasters – National Guard Recruitment	
Community	30 seconds	Make a Wish Foundation	
Education	15 seconds	Columbus Library Author Series	
Education	30/60 seconds	Boys & Girls Club – What It's About	
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Teacher – Anti-Hunger Campaign	
Community	30 seconds	Humane Society Shelter Pet Adoption	
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Feeding America; Wishful Thinking – from the Ad Council	
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Round-Up for RMHC - Ronald McDonald House Charities	

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Education	30 seconds	FAFSA Café – Federal Student Loan Program
Community	15/30 seconds	Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive