

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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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	Crime and Safety	5:00 a.m.	4/01/2023	1 minute, 7 seconds	NBC4 Today	Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther announced the creation of the Office of Violence Prevention. The director says the recent deadly shootings and stabbings have made her even more eager to get the office off the ground. She says the city is putting record amounts of money into juvenile programming to steer them in a positive direction.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	5:00 a.m.	4/02/2023	1 minute, 20 seconds	NBC4 Today	The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is celebrating Donate Life Month by planting pinwheels for each organ transplant completed at the facility. This adds up to more than 1,200 pinwheels. However, they estimate that more than 105,000

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						people are still waiting for a life-saving transplant. Many transplant recipients will meet their donors for the first time at the event as well.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:03 p.m.	4/03/2023	2 minutes, 1 second	NBC4 at 11	Columbus City Council approves \$375,000 in funding for Community Crime Patrol, an organization of civilians that makes routine patrols in parts of the city. City council members explain how groups like this help curb violence.
4.1	Government	6:02 a.m.	4/04/2023	2 minutes, 30 seconds	NBC4 Today	Ohio's new distracted driving law took effect. It targets drivers who text and drive or those who scroll on social media behind the wheel. From now until October 4 th , officers will give drivers a warning. After that drivers will be cited and will have to pay a fine.
4.1	Development/ Infrastructure	12:01 p.m.	4/05/2023	1 minute, 15 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	Severe weather is on the way to central Ohio and American Electric Power is preparing for any outages. They will have crews on standby and will be ready to jump into action when they receive a call about an issue.
4.1	Education	5:32 p.m.	4/05/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 at 5:30	The inaugural year for "The Columbus Promise" is nearly complete, and the program is now working to welcome its second class. The program paid for more than 700 students to attend their first year of college. This year, it is connecting students with employers while they study.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:05 p.m.	4/05/2023	1 minute, 34 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Gun violence is a public health crisis in the city of Columbus. Columbus Public Health is working to prevent that violence by giving away safe storage lock boxes for residents. Dr. Mysheika Roberts with Columbus Public Health says, not only is safe

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						storage of firearms the law in Columbus, but it can prevent many gun-related deaths. She says it's too often she hears about guns getting into the wrong hands. She says the community needs to be conscious of this and work together.
4.1	Development/ Infrastructure	12:01 p.m.	4/06/2023	1 minute, 42 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	Right now, crews are working hard in Lancaster to clean up storm damage. Several areas are reporting power outages and trees are down across the area.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:00 p.m.	4/06/2023	2 minutes, 8 seconds	NBC4 at 11	NBC4 does a walk-along with Community Crime Patrol, a group that just received new funding from Columbus City Council. Members of CCP explain what they do and how they connect with residents to deter crime.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:04 p.m.	4/07/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 Today	Community members are concerned with rising homicide rates in Columbus. So far in 2023, police say there have been 44 homicides, which is 14 more than we had at this time last year. 31 of the 44 homicides have involved guns.
4.1	Community	11:00 p.m.	4/07/2022	2 minutes	NBC4 at 11	Community members living on the east side are not backing down as senseless violence continues to happen in their neighborhood. People who live near the Barnett Recreation Center are showing support and sending words of encouragement to those working at the center.
4.1	Crime and Safety	5:00 a.m.	4/08/2023	1: minute, 5 seconds	NBC4 Today	The Franklin County Prosecutor's office announced the "Conviction Integrity Unit," aimed at reviewing claims of wrongful conviction. They will review claims against court transcripts and police reports – as well as looking for new evidence that could prove innocence. The unit's director says all final decisions will be made by the elected prosecutor.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	6:00 p.m.	4/08/2023	1 minute, 59 seconds	NBC4 at 6	A group of residents who live at Wedgewood Apartments, a west side apartment complex plagued by violence, are coming together to change the future of the community. Today, they held their second annual Wedgewood Easter Egg Palooza. This is the first event being held by a group striving to become the resident council.
4.1	Crime and Safety	12:00 p.m.	4/11/2023	1 minute, 52 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	A Columbus man will be spending time in jail after his young child discharged a firearm. Video released today by the city attorney shows the gun going off twice, once from the child and then by the man when he goes to grab the gun.
4.1	Transportation/ Infrastructure	4:14 p.m.	4/12/2023	2 minutes, 10 seconds	First at 4	The City of Columbus says they are working to get potholes fixed. Here are tips on how to report them.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:06 p.m.	4/13/2023	2 minutes, 31 seconds	NBC4 at 11	A community planning group is helping Licking County communities prepare for expected development in the next decade, largely surrounding the Intel plant. They expect road congestion to be one of the biggest issues for the area moving forward.
4.1	Transportation/ Infrastructure	6:00 a.m.	4/19/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 Today	A semi-truck carrying 40,000 pounds of motor oil crashed on I-70 East near Courtright Road. Columbus Police say the semi overturned and crashed into the bridge support, spilling those boxes on the interstate. The truck also caught fire at some point. The driver was taken to the hospital in stable condition.
4.1	Government	11:08 p.m.	4/19/2023	1 minute, 21 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Senate Joint Resolution 2 and House Joint Resolution 1 move forward in their respective chambers at the Ohio Statehouse. The measures would put forth a ballot measure that, if approved by

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						voters, would raise the threshold to amend Ohio’s constitution from a simple majority to a supermajority. Supporters say it would protect the constitution from special interest groups; opponents say it would put Ohio under 41% minority rule.
4.1	Development/ Economics	6:12 p.m.	4/22/2023	1 minute, 58 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Thousands of people are gathered at the Schottenstein Center for a party with a purpose. The second annual Classic for Columbus is underway. The game features some of the top basketball players from historically black colleges and universities along with players from Ohio’s traditional universities.
4.1	Development/ Economics	6:04 a.m.	4/24/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 Today	Columbus City Council is voting on an ordinance that would provide funding to Latitude Five25 residents who were forced out of their homes on Christmas Day. The money would come from a \$265k grant to provide direct cash and furniture to the residents who were displaced.
4.1	Education	11:04 p.m.	4/24/2023	3 minutes, 40 seconds	NBC4 at 11	The board of the State Teachers Retirement System is set to vote on a 30% increase in pay and bonuses for staff – after the pension fund lost millions of dollars last year. Retired teachers say the staff does not deserve the raises, but a spokesperson says they are beating the market.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	11:00 p.m.	4/25/2023	2 minutes, 24 seconds	NBC4 at 11	OhioHealth debuts its “Made for Medicine” program. The program is designed for black middle school students, to get hands on experience in the medical field.

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4.1	Government	6:07 a.m.	4/26/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 Today	Ohio lawmakers are voting on the state’s \$95 billion budget. It addresses things from public school funding to solar eclipse safety for 2024. It would also give an income tax cut to the middle class and increase the minimum wage for schoolteachers to \$40k a year.
4.1	Crime and Safety	4:08 p.m.	4/27/2023	1 minute, 37 seconds	First at 4	Columbus police asking for help getting Glock switches off the streets.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	11:06 p.m.	4/27/2023	2 minutes, 28 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus Public Health launches its million-dollar “Make It Make Sense” campaign, designed to connect people with the resources to quit tobacco use. The goal is to reach as many people as possible before the ban on flavored tobacco products goes into effect next year. The city’s health commissioner says many diseases and conditions are exacerbated by smoking in central Ohio.
4.1	Crime and Safety	5:01 p.m.	4/28/2023	2 minutes, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 5	As city leaders try to make Columbus safer, they're asking for the community's help. They're urging people to properly store their guns. They say if people did, certain dangerous situations could be avoided.
4.1	Transportation/ Infrastructure	5:00 a.m.	4/29/2023	1 minute, 17 seconds	NBC4 Today	Ohio Senators Sherrod Brown and JD Vance are working on a bipartisan plan to improve safety measures for railroads in the wake of the toxic train derailment in East Palestine. Brown says the rail industry is resisting their plan to require at least two employees on every train – but they’re determined to pass the changes.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:04 p.m.	5/01/2023	1 minute, 23 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Local law enforcement is seeing an uptick in street takeover events. One of these illegal gatherings took place in Clintonville, and when police tried to break

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						it up, someone started shooting at officers. Police give us a look at the surveillance video of the event and explain how these gatherings can quickly escalate with violent consequences.
4.1	Development/ Economics	12:00 p.m.	5/03/2023	1 minute, 44 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	Google announced they are investing more money in central Ohio with two more data centers opening in the region. One will be in Columbus and the other in Lancaster.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	11:00 p.m.	5/03/2023	2 minutes, 53 seconds	NBC4 at 11	The Central American Conference of Rabbis, including a rabbi from Central Ohio, is speaking out against neo-Nazi groups after one such group protested outside a drag fundraiser for underprivileged transgender youth in Columbus. Why they say their faith compels them to stand up for transgender rights.
4.1	Crime and Safety	12:04 p.m.	5/04/2023	1 minute, 24 seconds	NBC4 at Noon	The Ohio Department of Transportation and the American Academy of Pediatrics are teaming up to give out nearly 10,000 helmets today. The goal is to get as many kids wearing helmets as possible.
4.1	Government	4:31 p.m.	5/04/2023	1 minute, 27 seconds	First at 4	A statehouse bill aims to make the adoption process easier. It would speed it up and provide additional financial support.
4.1	Crime and Safety	7:00 p.m.	5/05/2023	2 minutes, 8 seconds	NBC4 at 7	The city of Columbus is taking another step in stopping crime in a westside neighborhood with a history of violence. Today, the city installed Shotspotter technology at Wedgewood Village Apartments. Shotspotter is a sensor technology that sends alerts to law enforcement when gunfire-like noises are detected. At least four shootings have been reported in the neighborhood this year.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	10:59 p.m.	5/06/2023	2 minutes, 55 seconds	NBC4 at 11	It was a violent and deadly night across the city of Columbus. Columbus Police are reporting three people dead and multiple others injured in three separate shootings overnight. All down North High Street, shop windows have bullet holes in the glass. Police had High Street to Goodale Street blocked off for nearly twelve hours to investigate.
4.1	Government	11:06 p.m.	5/08/2023	4 minutes, 3 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Governor DeWine asks for the resignation of a State Teachers Retirement System board member, who was seen as a reformer on the board. The pension fund has lost millions of dollars in recent years. Retired teachers blame the board for mismanagement and are outraged that the board staff received bonuses. They're demanding answers from the governor about why their champion on the board was replaced. Governor DeWine says the removal was due to attendance issues.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:00 p.m.	5/09/2023	2 minutes, 36 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Business owners and residents are worried that recent shootings in Columbus' Short North Arts District will hurt their bottom line. They say safety measures announced by the city are welcome, but still wonder if visitors will feel comfortable spending time in the popular neighborhood.
4.1	Government	7:00 p.m.	5/10/2023	2 minutes, 8 seconds	NBC4 at 7	Protestors at the Ohio Statehouse made their voices heard today as lawmakers advance two controversial bills. One bill passed out of committee would limit transgendered athletes to participating in sports that correspond with their gender at birth. A separate bill is adding a special August Election to ask Ohioans one question- should it be harder to amend the state constitution.

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4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:05 p.m.	5/11/2023	1 minute, 48 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The COVID-19 public emergency has officially come to an end. The Ohio Department of Health says Ohioans will see changes, like no more free COVID tests and how the state tracks COVID-19 data.
4.1	Crime and Safety	5:03 a.m.	5/13/2023	1 minute, 50 seconds	NBC4 Today	An officer-involved shooting in the Short North has people on edge, since the area had been considered a generally safe one. Ten people were shot, and eleven guns were recovered after two shootings. Many people say the area used to be run down but now is a very lively place to be in, but people are still apprehensive about coming to the Short North.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:09 p.m.	5/16/2023	1 minute, 53 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Suicide rates in Ohio are on the rise, with five Ohioans taking their life every single day. Where the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation says resources can be funneled to help bring those numbers down.
4.1	Education	6:15 p.m.	5/17/2023	1 minute, 37 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The first students in the Columbus Promise program graduated from Columbus State Community College. The program is a first-of-its kind public-private partnership that allows Columbus City School graduates to earn a college degree debt-free. Those who completed the program say it changed their lives for the better.
4.1	Government	7:00 p.m.	5/17/2023	1 minute, 25 seconds	NBC4 at 7	This week Columbus City Council approved \$250,000 to go to fourteen faith-based and community organizations. The first-time grant is to help organizations start or continue work they're doing throughout the city of Columbus. Councilman Nick Bankston says the organizations serve twelve Distinct zip codes.
4.1	Community	5:01 a.m.	5/20/2023	1 minute, 50 seconds	NBC4 Today	The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure steps off in North Bank Park. Volunteers and participants have

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						been preparing for this all year. Ten thousand people were expected to be at the park, with Central Ohio Susan G. Komen hoping to raise \$1,000,000.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	7:30 p.m.	5/20/2023	1 minutes, 43 seconds	NBC4 at 7	Dozens are gathered at the Ohio Statehouse for a Justice for All rally. Participants say they are there to demand action in what they are calling race-driven cases in our community. They say they are there to march for justice for people who were killed by police brutality or reasons correlated to race.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	6:14 p.m.	5/23/2023	1 minute, 46 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The Ohio Black Expo returns to Downtown Columbus. Organizers explain how the event empowers the black community, from business seminars to health care and economic development.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:04 p.m.	5/26/2023	2 minutes	NBC4 Today	A report from the U.S. Department of Labor has found that Nationwide Children’s Hospital failed to protect its employees from patients’ violent outburst. The report comes after a six-month-long investigation that was triggered by a complaint in November. It ended with a citation and an \$18,000 fine.
4.1	Development/Economic	5:02 a.m.	5/28/2023	1 minute, 15 seconds	NBC4 Today	Tourism officials say this year's Memorial Day weekend festivities were proof of how much the city is growing. Millions of dollars are being poured into the Columbus economy, all from music festivals and the Memorial Golf Tournament. They say all the money being spent for Memorial Day weekend will help the city keep improving.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:01 p.m.	6/01/2023	1 minute, 47 seconds	NBC4 at 6	Columbus City Council dedicated \$2 million toward “Operation Moonlight” enabling community centers to stay open later during the summer and increase police presence in neighborhoods. Leaders say it’s

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						part of the plan to help deter crime and help juveniles stay out of trouble.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:00 p.m.	6/03/2023	1 minute, 36 seconds	NBC4 at 6	The non-profit group We Are Linden hosted “Wear Orange Tailgate” at Maloney Park to honor those affected by gun violence. Kids, teens, and adults were all at today’s event decked out in orange. The event is not only about bringing awareness to the issue, but also honors those lost to gun violence as well as celebrating those who are survivors of gun violence.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	4:00 p.m.	6/05/2023	1 minute, 52 seconds	First at 4	Several water bans and other restriction were in place in central Ohio communities. What led to these water issues and how you can save water.
4.1	Government	11:08 p.m.	6/05/2023	1 minute, 17 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Secretary of State Frank LaRose tells donors at the Republican Lincoln Day dinner that Issue 1, which would make it more difficult to change the state constitution via citizen-led ballot initiatives, is “100% about abortion.” The statement comes months after he first floated the proposal in the aim of “protecting the constitution” from outside interests.
4.1	Community	4:14 p.m.	6/06/2023	1 minute, 24 seconds	First at 4	A central Ohio summer camp allows diabetic children to get the summer camp experience while still being safe.
4.1	Education	6:14 p.m.	6/07/2023	1 minute, 27 seconds	NBC4 at 6	State lawmakers are working on a bipartisan bill that would provide more access to higher education for children in foster care. It would create a scholarship program and require the Chancellor of Higher Education to hire four employees to help prospective

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						former foster care college students navigate the process.
4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	11:03 p.m.	6/07/2023	2 minutes, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 11	The Franklin County Sheriff's Office launches its new Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Recruitment Unit with a goal of increasing the office's diversity by 25%. Sgt. Rhodes is a recruiter for the program and explains how the unit is connecting with the community to make sure those interested in becoming a deputy have support the entire way.
4.1	Crime and Safety	11:06 p.m.	6/09/2023	1 minute, 6 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Columbus city leaders say safety precautions are in place for what is expected to be a busy weekend for the Columbus Arts Festival. It comes after a series of shootings in the popular Short North Arts district have made some residents uncomfortable with being out after dark.
4.1	Crime and Safety	6:00 a.m.	6/13/2023	1 minute, 49 seconds	NBC4 Today	Columbus City Council approved \$45,000 for Columbus Public Health to offer free gun lock boxes to the public. The goal is to cut down on accidental shootings involving children.
4.1	Education	11:08 p.m.	6/13/2023	1 minute, 4 seconds	NBC4 at 11	Dozens of students, parents and teachers rally at the Statehouse in support of legislation that would expand the state's K-12 social studies curriculum to include the migration, experiences, and contributions of a range of communities and ethnic groups. The bill was introduced months ago but has not had a hearing. Meantime, GOP lawmakers are working on their own social studies bill that would cut back on diversity in the curriculum.

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4.1	Minorities & Disability Issues	6:00 a.m.	6/14/2023	1 minute, 34 seconds	NBC4 Today	A bill that would ban gender-affirming medical procedures for transgender minors is being considered by the Ohio House of Representatives. Proponents say children under 18 are not old enough to make life-changing decisions, while opponents say the bill could harm LGBTQ youth.
4.1	Government	4:31 p.m.	6/14/2023	1 minute, 45 seconds	First at 4	Ohio lawmakers are working on legislation that cracks down on people who assault sports officials, similar to an attack that happened at a Columbus park months ago.
4.1	Education	4:19 p.m.	6/15/2023	1 minute, 56 seconds	First at 4	Local elementary students get a preview to the benefits of getting an education in STEM. The program also teaches kids life lessons like collaboration and public speaking.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	5:34 p.m.	6/19/2023	1 minute, 30 seconds	NBC4 at 5	With an increase in Lyme Disease cases across Ohio, tips on how to protect yourself and your kids and places you should avoid when you're outdoors.
4.1	Development/ Economics	11:13 p.m.	6/20/2023	1 minute, 9 seconds	NBC4 at 11	NBC4 Investigates learns that the public money that will be used to fund Intel's semiconductor plant in New Albany hasn't gone out yet. Administrators with the CHIPS program say Intel must show that it's ready to eliminate barriers that might prevent workers from filling jobs at the plant.
4.1	Crime and Safety	4:03 p.m.	6/22/2023	1 minute, 43 seconds	First at 4	A two-year investigation in Marion led to the arrest of 31 people. They all are believed to have taken part in a drug trafficking organization.
4.1	Education	11:08 p.m.	6/22/2023	1 minute, 7 seconds	NBC4 at 11	A new report from the state says Ohio's youngest students are falling behind. It's the third straight year of declines in kindergarten readiness. Experts blame decreasing access to early childcare.

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4.1	Crime and Safety	6:00 p.m.	6/26/2023	1 minute, 41 seconds	NBC4 at 6	A new study from researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital shows that nearly all fatal accidental shootings in the last decade involved juveniles under the age of 15. Experts say it points to a greater need for safe firearm storage.
4.1	Health and Healthcare	6:14 p.m.	6/27/2023	1 minute, 16 seconds	NBC4 at 6	A breakthrough gene therapy for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is already changing lives. How the therapy works, and how it's helping young boys get back to the business of being children.

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the 2nd quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	African American Male Wellness Walk Campaign
Community	30/60 seconds	Make a Wish Foundation
Health and Healthcare	30/60 seconds	Children's Cancer Research
Education	15/30/60 seconds	Promoting the Boys & Girls Club
Transportation/Infrastructure	30 seconds	Keep America Beautiful – Recycle
Community	15 seconds	Maddie's Fund – Shelter Pets
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Feeding America Anti-Hunger Campaign
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Community	15/30 seconds	Humane Society – Shelter Pet Adoption
Health and Healthcare	30 seconds	Insurance – Get Covered, Ohio Association of Broadcasters
Education	30 seconds	FAFSA Café – College Student Aid
Crime and Safety	30 seconds	Don't Text & Drive – Phone Down
Crime and Safety	60 seconds	Don't Text & Drive – Good Habits
Crime and Safety	30 seconds	Car Seat Safety