

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: KWKH, KTUX, KVKI, KRUF, KXKS, KEEL

October 1st, through December 31st, 2021

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Louisiana’s COVID-19 Pandemic:** From local businesses, to festivals, to sports teams, and schools, the state of Louisiana continued their reopening after the COVID pandemic lockdowns. Multiple experts explained how the state’s economic recovery, school openings, and the return of festivals to the state.
- **Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform:** The City of Shreveport has been facing a surge in crime, and record high homicides. The Chief of Police was terminated, and officers are leaving in record numbers. The Department pays the lowest in the region, so their pay rates became a big topic whenever the crime wave was brought up.
- **Infrastructure:** The Federal Government will be investing in Louisiana’s infrastructure, and Shreveport has a lot of projects that need the help. But it’s not just roads and bridges. Schools, businesses, and even fire departments need help too.
- **Louisiana’s Gaming Industry:** Sports Gambling has come to Louisiana, and there are a lot of changes happening fast. Additionally, one of the casinos in the Shreveport-Bossier area was up for a potential move to South Louisiana this year.
- **Social Media:** After multiple fights and shootings in the Shreveport area appeared to start on social media, we talked to a local expert about the dangers presented by social media.
- **Hurricane Response:** After the state was struck by powerful hurricanes again, the response to get people back on their feet was slow and incomplete. This led to many elected officials asking “why?”

Section II. Responsive Programs

Viewpoints is a locally produced program which runs weekly
for 30 minutes every Sunday at the following times:

KWKH, KTUX, and KVKI at 6am; KRUF at 6:30am; KEEL at 10am; and KXKS at 11:30pm

Date(s) Aired	Description of Issue Discussed
10/03/21	Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform: Shreveport Substitute Police Chief Wayne Smith talks Mardi Gras changes and taking over the Police Department during a crime surge. Louisiana’s COVID-19 Pandemic, Education, Public Safety: Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent of Louisiana Schools breaks down the new COVID quarantine decisions that schools can make this year.

10/10/21	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Vaccines, Civil Rights: Attorney Jimmy Faircloth talks about the case he is bringing against local hospitals over their COVID-19 vaccine mandates. He is representing multiple employees of local Shreveport medical systems.</p> <p>Hurricane Response: Foster Campbell, Louisiana Public Service Commissioner, talks about the issues with utility companies during getting their services back up after hurricanes in Louisiana.</p>
10/17/20	<p>Social Media, Mental Health: Dr. Johnette Magner, Professor of Communications and Media Studies, Executive Director External Affairs, talks about the dangers of social media.</p>
10/24/21	<p>Infrastructure: US Senator Bill Cassidy defends his work on a federal infrastructure bill, and how much money Louisiana will be getting for roads and bridges.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Vaccines: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School talks about changes to the booster shots for COVID-19</p>
10/31/21	<p>Infrastructure: Shreveport Attorney William Bradford discusses infrastructure around Shreveport, including the possibility of building a new bridge over the Red River.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Vaccines: Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry talks about challenging COVID-19 vaccine mandates in court.</p>
11/07/21	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Local Economy, Local Tradition: Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser talks about how important Mardi Gras is to the Shreveport area. The Lt. Governor promised that Mardi Gras will happen in Shreveport in 2022.</p> <p>Louisiana's Gaming Industry, Economy: State Gaming Control Board Chairman Ronnie Johns talks about the introduction of sports gambling to Louisiana, and talks about the possible relocation of a gaming license from Bossier City to South Louisiana.</p>
11/14/21	<p>Infrastructure: Shreveport City Councilman James Flurry discusses his resignation from the Shreveport City Council.</p> <p>Louisiana's Gaming Industry: DOTD Secretary Dr. Shawn Wilson breaks down how Louisiana will use federal infrastructure money</p>
11/21/21	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Education, Public Safety: BESE Representative Mike Melerine talks about the contentious meeting over the state's mask mandates for schools.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Education: Dr. Lamar Goree, Caddo Parish Schools Superintendent talks about the mask mandates and COVID policies for this school year.</p>

11/28/21	<p>Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform, Pets/Animals: Caddo Parish Commissioner Jim Taliferro talks about the Parish's new mandatory spay and neuter policy, and which departments will be enforcing the new laws.</p> <p>Louisiana's Gaming Industry, Economy: State Gaming Control Board Chairman Ronnie Johns talks about the possible relocation of a gaming license from Bossier City to South Louisiana.</p>
12/5/21	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic: United States Senator Bill Cassidy is in studio to talk about COVID-19 responses, and natural immunity studies.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School talks about the Omicron variant of COVID-19, and how it could be less severe than other variants</p>
12/12/21	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Education, Mask Mandates, Public Safety: Dr. Lamar Goree, the Superintendent of Caddo Parish Public Schools, talks about changes to the school's mask mandates.</p> <p>Social Media, Mental Health, Public Safety: Dr. Johnette Magner, Professor of Communications and Media Studies, Executive Director External Affairs, talks about the dangers of social media.</p>
12/19/21	<p>Infrastructure: Shreveport City Councilwoman LeVette Fuller talks about voting for a council member replacement for a seat that had been resigned. How this change could impact future projects in the city.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Pandemic, Public Needs/Assistance: Kristi Gustafson from the Community Foundation talks about donating for the holidays, and how many are in need across the Shreveport area.</p>
12/26/21	<p>Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform: Shreveport City Councilwoman LeVette is in studio to talk about proposed pay raises for Shreveport Police Officers and Shreveport Fire Fighters, and the possible pay raise for all other city employees.</p> <p>Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform: Shreveport City Councilman Grayson Boucher talks about proposed pay raises for Shreveport Police Officers and Shreveport Fire Fighters, and the possible pay raise for all other city employees.</p>