

**KDKA-TV**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**Third Quarter 2023:**

## Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 3rd quarter of 2023.

### Regularly Scheduled Programs

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- CBS Mornings, CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Evening News with Nora O'Donnell. Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events. KDKA-TV News broadcast is broadcast Monday through Friday at 4:30 AM, 5:00AM, 6:00AM, 12:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 6:30PM, 7:30PM and 11:00PM. KDKA-TV News is broadcast Saturdays at 5:00AM, 6:00AM, 7:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM and 11:00PM. KDKA-TV News is broadcast Sundays at 6:30AM, 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 6:30PM and 11:00PM.
- 60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
- 48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.
- “Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health-related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.
- “Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, and The Valarie Fund.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Pittsburgh, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

# KDKA-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Community of License: Pittsburgh, PA DMA

## Issue 1: Health & Medical – Examining issues related to healthcare, health and well-being of importance to local viewers

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/1/23	5:00 AM 6:00 AM	1:50	With the July 4th holiday approaching, local fire and medical workers issued warnings about the dangers of fireworks. UPMC emergency personnel were concerned about traumatic injuries. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 73 percent of injuries happen during the period before and after July 4th.
KDKA NEWS	7/6/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	2:45	An increase in temperatures was occurring in early July in the Pittsburgh area. The hot temperatures can cause serious heat related illnesses, indoor and outdoor. The heat-related illnesses can be prevented by taking common sense safety measures, such as wearing sunscreen, appropriate clothing including long sleeves, long pants, hats, and staying hydrated.
KDKA NEWS	7/26/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	:20	A new case of monkey pox popped into Allegheny County for the first time in a while since December. Vaccinations are available at health clinics in the area.
KDKA NEWS	8/10/23	12:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	1:10	As part of our Back-to-School coverage, we reported on a concerning trend called a "back to school necklace". It's slang for a noose which suggests a student is dreading going back to school. Mental health experts say parents should look out for such language and have a conversation with their kids about what the phrase means to them, how they're feeling and get them help if they're thinking of harming themselves.

KDKA NEWS	8/3/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:15	Some people are becoming allergic to red meat after suffering tick bites. The CDC said it's happening to thousands of people. The ailment is called "Alpha-Gal Syndrome". The allergy can cause life-threatening digestive issues.
KDKA NEWS	8/12/23	5:00 AM 6:00 AM	:50	Doctors are pushing for patients to not neglect their immunizations. There had been a significant drop-off in patients getting routine vaccinations, but the numbers are starting to increase. Doctors from Cleveland Clinic are urging patients to get tetanus, shingles, pneumonia, flu and Covid vaccines as fall approaches.
KDKA NEWS	8/14/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	:25	The Allegheny County Health Department is hosting a series of pop-up overdose prevention events throughout the area through the end of the year. The events offer free Narcan, test strips, information on treatment services, housing services and more.
KDKA NEWS	9/2/23	6:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	3:00	A Karns City high school quarterback had to be flown to UPMC Presbyterian after collapsing during a football game in September. Family and friends gathered outside the hospital for a prayer vigil. The school district offered counselors for students and staff. He remained hospitalized through the month.
KDKA NEWS	9/5/23	5:00 PM 11:00 PM	3:00	This fall Pennsylvania lawmakers are expected to address a lingering issue since medical marijuana was legalized in 2016. The issue involves a driver with a medical marijuana card. Some drivers have been charged with DUI. A state senator has re-introduced the bill which removes the assumption that a medical marijuana user is an impaired driver.

KDKA NEWS	9/13/23	4:00 AM 5:00 AM	1:40	Updated covid vaccines were available through doctors and pharmacies in mid-September. It included an updated target on the new XBB variants which was a strain from the Omicron variant that was dominant last winter. Covid cases were increasing in September along with hospitalizations.
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**Issue 2 - Government & Politics: Examining issues related to local, state, and national government bodies and elections that are of importance to local viewers.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/17/23	11:00 PM	:40	The Allegheny County Courts Administration confirmed the sudden resignation of Judge Mik Pappas. He notified Gov. Shapiro that he was stepping down without reason. Pappas had been the focus of stories by KDKA Lead Investigator Andy Sheehan. Pappas was against cash bail. In one case, he came under fire for allowing a sex assault defendant out on a signature bond. The defendant then fled the country. Pappas had previously said he would not run for re-election.
KDKA NEWS	7/18/23	5:00 PM	:45	First Lady Jill Biden made a visit to Pittsburgh. She talked about Joe Biden's \$9 billion investment in Pennsylvania. She specifically spoke about Pittsburgh and how it is one of five cities selected by the Biden Administration to be a "workforce hub."
KDKA NEWS	7/19/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	:25	Democratic State Rep. Sara Innamorato resigned from her seat in July to focus on her run for Allegheny County Executive. Her decision upset the balance of power in the state house where Democrats held a majority by one seat. The vacancy creates an even split between Democrats and Republicans. A special election will be held to fill the seat and decide which party will hold the majority.

KDKA NEWS	8/23/23	5:00 AM 6:00 AM	1:30	There will be a change in the way voting machines are monitored in Pennsylvania. A lawsuit settlement requires Pennsylvania election officials to keep track of any malfunctioning voting machines. It comes after a 2019 lawsuit by security groups that said the new machines acquired by the state in three counties were flawed. Those counties will also have to update their machine software.
KDKA NEWS	8/29/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	:50	Pittsburgh's city council considered a recommendation from the Mayor's office to use bow hunting as a way to deal with an overabundance of deer in Pittsburgh parks. Controlled hunts would take place in Frick and Riverview Parks. Thirty hunters would be selected after applying through the U.S. Agriculture Department. They would also be required to donate to a local food bank.
KDKA NEWS	8/30/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	2:40	Voters in Allegheny County's 21st legislative district were set to decide who controls the statehouse when they vote in September. The special election will be between Democrat Lindsay Powell and Republican Erin Connolly Autenreith. The winner will also determine who controls the Pennsylvania House of Representatives which is tied with 101 Democrats and Republicans.
KDKA NEWS	9/4/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	3:00	Labor Day marked the traditional start of the political campaign season. There are statewide races for a new PA Supreme Court Justice who will rule on abortion rights, political gerrymandering, educational equity and the environment. Allegheny County also has races for the County Executive and District Attorney.

KDKA NEWS	9/12/23	11:00 PM	2:15	Pittsburgh City Council voted to position the city as a Sanctuary City for people seeking gender-affirming care. There were two measures. One stops the city from using its resources to help prosecute someone coming from out of state to Pittsburgh for care. The other lowers the priority of prosecuting those seeking gender-affirming care if it's ever outlawed on the state or federal level.
KDKA NEWS	9/26/23	11:00 PM	3:00	The Allegheny County Council is suing the County Executive over a contract with a private company that allows it to operate the Shuman Juvenile Detention Center. The center was closed several years ago by the state for various violations. The contract would re-open and rehab the old location to allow juvenile offenders to be held there again. However, county council members say they have to vote on any such contract involving county property.

**Issue 3 – Education: Examining issues related to education and its impact in Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania and across the Commonwealth.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/17/23	5:00 PM	:40	A new Gallup Poll shows that 36 percent of Americans have confidence in higher education. Pennsylvania colleges and universities are some of the most expensive in the nation. University of Pittsburgh's tuition has increased more than 14 percent and Penn State tuition over 16 percent. Duquesne and Carnegie Mellon increased as well.
KDKA NEWS	7/20/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	3:00	For the fifth year in a row, tuition will not increase at colleges that are part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). The vote was unanimous by the PASSHE Board of Governors. Impacted colleges include Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock and Penn West. Student tuition is frozen at \$7700 a year. The freeze was made possible by a \$33 million increase in state funding. It also comes as other universities like Pitt and Penn State have decided to raise tuition.

KDKA NEWS	7/25/23	5:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	:25	A landmark ruling was made stating that PA's educational funding system is unconstitutional still standing. The republican lawmakers did not file an appeal by the deadline. The judge said that lower income districts are deprived of the opportunities and resources that students in wealthier districts.
KDKA NEWS	8/8/23	6:00 AM 5:00 PM	2:45	As students prepare to go back to school in Western Pennsylvania, parents buy school supplies, but so do teachers. The Education Partnership Resource center gives supplies to under-resourced schools. This year, they expect to give away more than \$10 million worth of school supplies.
KDKA NEWS	8/8/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:05	As school children head back to school across Pennsylvania, they will not be hungry thanks to the universal free breakfast program. Governor Josh Shapiro visited Penn Hills Elementary School to talk about the new plan that is part of the new state budget. It also increased the basic education funding by \$567 million.
KDKA NEWS	8/10/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	2:00	With the beginning of the new school year, several school districts found it hard to hire new teachers. One Penn State professor found that a number of teachers quit the profession all together last year. That leaves some districts hiring teachers with less experience and qualifications.



KDKA NEWS	9/3/23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	1:15	Beaver County kicked off a campaign to start a college scholarship program similar to The Pittsburgh Promise. "Flourish Beaver County" is trying to raise \$22 million for scholarships to offer low and middle income high school students. They would be able to attend the Community College of Beaver County, Geneva College or Penn State Beaver.
KDKA NEWS	9/12/23	11:00 PM	:25	Pittsburgh Public Schools released the results of its racial equity study in September. The report included 61 recommendations in five key areas and three support areas. These include equity in discipline, reducing the achievement gap, equity within special education and work on community engagement.
KDKA NEWS	9/14/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	6:30	CBS News worked with KDKA-TV News and other CBS-owned new stations to look at the conditions of public school buildings. Nationally they found that wealthier districts spend more on buildings based on higher property tax revenues. A recent court ruling revealed Pennsylvania's public schools are underfunded by more than \$4 billion.

**Issue 4 – Crime and Public Safety: Examining issues related to Crime and Public Safety in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/17/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:35	Pittsburgh Police are increasing patrols and the number of officers in the South Side entertainment district this summer. The patrols come after a spike in crime in the area last summer and after efforts by residents, businesses and bar owners to work with the city to try to resolve the problems. Police made arrests for guns, drunk driving, open containers and more.
KDKA NEWS	7/21/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:45	A dangerous situation developed on a major downtown Pittsburgh bridge when around 50 drivers were doing donuts and burnouts in front of hundreds of spectators. It happened on the Fort Pitt Bridge. State troopers arrived at the scene to clear out the bridge for safety reasons. The drivers tried fleeing when the police arrived, but AI technology and the dash cam video helped officers track them down. Police issued warrants for the known drivers.
KDKA NEWS	7/25/23	6:00 PM	:30	Pittsburgh City Council approved plans to add a public safety station in the Lower Hill District neighborhood. It will be part of the planned multi-million dollar development that will include a Live Nation music venue, a multi-level parking garage, and some space for businesses.
KDKA NEWS	7/31/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	3:15	The jury for the Robert Bowers trial listed to final arguments about whether Bowers should be given the death penalty. Bowers Aunt delivered an emotional testimony about his troubled life in hopes to save him. They concluded that Bowers was eligible for the death penalty.

KDKA NEWS	8/2/23	Continuous Coverage All shows	90:00	Five years following the mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue, jurors returned a unanimous verdict, agreeing that Robert Bowers should receive a death sentence. The jury spent just under ten hours deliberating. Continuous coverage included live reports from the courthouse and reaction from Jewish and community leaders.
KDKA NEWS	8/14/23	All Shows	2:30	Following a house explosion in the Rustic Ridge subdivision in the Plum Borough, five bodies were recovered from the scene that leveled three homes and left a neighborhood numb. Allegheny County emergency services personnel worked to determine the cause and origin of the blast. They told residents to expect a long process that would utilize forensic testing to find the answers.
KDKA NEWS	9/5/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	1:45	An Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputy was fired after testing positive for cocaine on the day of a standoff that involved a heavy exchange of gunfire. Sheriff's deputies tried to serve an eviction order on a man who opened fire on them. Numerous officers returned fire during the six-hour standoff. It is standard protocol to drug test officers after they discharge their weapon.
KDKA NEWS	9/5/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	1:45	An active shooter situation caused schools to be locked down in Westmoreland County in September. Officers trying to serve a warrant on someone in a room at the Huntingdon Inn Motel were met with gunfire. Police evacuated the building and shutdown nearby roads while they searched for the gunman. He was later shot and killed by police.
KDKA NEWS	9/20/23	11:00 PM	1:10	A man suspected of dealing drugs in Pittsburgh was arrested, then freed due to a complicated series of events in court. Police say Yan Carlos Pichardo Cepeda had nearly \$2 million worth of fentanyl in a suitcase. But a district justice allowed his release on a non-monetary bond. Also, the justice's order for electronic monitoring was not fulfilled. Court administrators said they are working to prevent this from happening again.

**Issue 5 – Business and Economy: Examining issues impacting Business and Economy in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/18/23	11:00 PM	2:30	The former Century 3 Mall in West Mifflin was condemned and deemed uninhabitable by the borough council. It closed in 2019 but had been a constant source of problems with over 170 police calls for trespassing, vandalism and destruction. There was also a fire at the mall in April. The fate of the structure remains unsure. It could be redeveloped or torn down.
KDKA NEWS	7/18/23	6:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	:15	Huntingdon Bank is moving into the former site of Downtown McDonald's space. The Pittsburgh Business Times reported that it is expected to open up by the end of the year on Liberty Avenue.
KDKA NEWS	7/19/23	12:00 PM 5:00 PM	:20	Like most cities that hosted Taylor Swift concerts this summer, there was a measurable economic impact. Visit Pittsburgh said the two Eras Tour shows at Acrisure Stadium generated \$46 million in direct spending. The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership previously reported more than 400,000 people either attended the show or were just nearby. Most came from Cleveland, New York, DC and Philly.
KDKA NEWS	8/14/23	6:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	:25	Pittsburgh-based US Steel was the topic of multiple acquisition offers in August. The company initiated a formal review after receiving multiple unsolicited proposals. The 122-year old iconic company has been challenged by layoffs, mill closures and competition from foreign rivals.

KDKA NEWS	8/16/23	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:20	Amazon built a new warehouse in Westmoreland County and it is expected to bring jobs and traffic to the area. The one million square foot facility could employ up to 600 workers. It will also bring over 100 trucks to the area each day. One county commissioner believes Amazon's move to the area shows the county is a great place to do business.
KDKA NEWS	8/20/23	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	:30	A Pennsylvania lawmaker has a bill to shorten the work week from five days to four. State Rep. Roni Green's legislation would require businesses with over 500 workers to cut hours from 40 to 32, without reducing pay. It would exclude small and mid-sized companies.
KDKA NEWS	9/12/23	5:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	:20	A downtown building that currently houses Citizens Bank could soon also be home to apartment dwellers. The plan would only use a portion of the building for about 150 apartments. Citizens is the largest tenant in the building, but its lease expires next year.
KDKA NEWS	9/15/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:30	West Virginia University announced plans to slash more than two dozen majors in September. That decision also meant numerous faculty jobs were cut. More than 140 faculty positions were lost in an effort by the university to trim an expected \$45 million deficit this year.
KDKA NEWS	9/20/23	4:00 AM 6:00 AM 12:00 PM	:25	Retailers started their seasonal hiring in September. Amazon planned to hire about 250,000 seasonal workers nationwide. About 6,500 of them would be in Pennsylvania. Target said it hopes to hire 100,000 workers. Macy's planned to hire 38,000 workers.

**Issue 6 – Diversity: Examining issues impacting diverse communities in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Date of Broadcast</b>	<b>Time of Program</b>	<b>Duration of Story</b>	<b>Episode/Segment Description</b>
KDKA NEWS	7/6/23	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00	A mural was unveiled to honor Pittsburgh jazz legend Ahmad Jamal. It is a new addition to the Afro-American Music Institute in Homewood. Jamal passed away in April and was a pianist who contributed to the jazz scene for 60 years and influenced other jazz artists like Miles Davis. The museum organizers say an expansion is planned that will be named after Jamal.
KDKA NEWS	7/23/23	11:00 PM	:20	A new federal housing grant will be used to fund a major transformation to the Hill District. HUD awarded the Bedford Dwellings development a \$50 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant to replace outdated public housing. The new development will include affordable housing and additional developments.
KDKA NEWS	8/15/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:45	The Hempfield Area School District started the school year with a controversial new book review policy. Under the policy, the district will carefully review any new books, resources or materials. Also, it allows a parent to challenge a book with the possibility of it being removed.
KDKA NEWS	9/15/23	4:30 AM 5:00 AM 6:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	2:00	September 15th honors one of Pittsburgh's most beloved athletes and humanitarians. Roberto Clemente Day is observed throughout major league baseball, Pennsylvania and especially Pittsburgh. It also kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month.
KDKA NEWS	9/16/23	7:00 PM 11:00 PM	:20	Hundreds gathered for the Chinese Cultural Festival in Mellon Park in September. The event included Asian cuisine, music, dance, games, exhibits and more.

**Issue 7 – Science & Technology: Examining issues impacting science and technology in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/11/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:55	Business Editor Jon Delano reported on the increase in scam artists using artificial intelligence. In one case, a woman received an urgent call from daughter saying she was hurt. But it wasn't her daughter, it was a scammer who replicated her daughter's voice. It's called voice scamming. Cyber experts say criminals steal the voices from social media. Fortunately, the woman was able to text her daughter and learned she was fine.
KDKA NEWS	7/13/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	:45	The Carnegie Science Center's Model Railroad and Village is open for people to vote on the next models that will join the railroad. The options are: The Rodef Shalom Synagogue built in Shadyside in 1907, The National Opera House build in Homewood in 1894 or the Chinatown Inn dating back to 1922.
KDKA NEWS	7/17/23	5:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	3:00	Carnegie Mellon University's Dr. Mohamed Farag at CMU's Information Networking Institute talks about how important it is to back up your phone and talks about the two basic ways to back up things that need stored. The two options he went in detail about is having a physical drive or a cloud-based server.
KDKA NEWS	8/15/23	6:00 PM	6:40	More Pennsylvanians are driving electric vehicles. But, there's growing concern about the lithium-ion batteries that power them. The issue is when those batteries catch fire. Firefighters have to now be trained on how to extinguish those battery fires. It takes ten times the water needed for a combustion engine vehicle fire.

KDKA NEWS	8/28/23	5:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	2:30	The school year got off to a different start for some teachers who found themselves on the lookout for students using ChatGPT. The artificial intelligence tool went into use in 2022. The concern is students could use the AI technology to do their schoolwork for them.
KDKA NEWS	8/28/23	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:20	New safety technology was introduced at the University of Pittsburgh for the beginning of the fall semester. Panic buttons have now been installed throughout the campus. There are 400 installed and once someone hits the button, equipped doors will electronically lock. The move comes after a series of swatting calls on campus last year.
KDKA NEWS	9/1/23	4:00 AM 6:00 AM	:25	Students in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia could have the chance to get a firsthand look at what it's like to be an FBI agent. The FBI opened applications for its Teen Academy in September. High school juniors and seniors were eligible to apply for the program that included instruction on cyber crime, polygraph exams and other FBI operations.
KDKA NEWS	9/27/23	7:00 PM	3:15	With so much attention to the movie Oppenheimer, some may not know that much of the research that developed the atomic bomb happened in Pittsburgh. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company built an atomic research lab in Forest Hills in the 1930's. It included a water tower-like structure known as the atom smasher.



KDKA NEWS	9/30/23	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	3:15	Local school students are learning more sciences than chemistry and biology today. Computer science is being offered in area school districts through a non-profit called "STEM Coding Lab." The program's executive director said computer science is the top source of new wages in the US right now. The program is geared toward students as from K-8th grade.
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**Issue 8 – Veterans: Examining issues impacting veteran communities in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/17/23	6:00 AM 5:00 PM	:25	The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg had a benefits fair. The purpose of the event was to give veterans and their families a chance to learn about expanded benefits. Also, veterans had the option to complete a screening to find out their risk for exposure from toxic substances during their service.
KDKA NEWS	7/19/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:20	After dozens of unmarked graves were discovered at the Old Brush Creek Cemetery in North Huntingdon, a plan is underway to identify the graves, place markers on them or find remaining relatives. The cemetery has been around since the 1700s. It's the final resting place of veterans from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War. The cemetery had become overgrown.
KDKA NEWS	7/28/23	6:00 PM	2:40	Retired Army Officer, Jared Souder was honored for his service and life after passing away from an inoperable brain tumor. Ross Guidotti sat down with his wife and brother to talk about how Souder helped fellow veterans fight addiction and homelessness.

KDKA NEWS	8/10/23	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:15	PGA Hope is an organization that works to connect veterans with each other and the game of golf. Each week, veterans gather at the Shooters Driving Range in Wexford to work on their swing and congregate. It was a free seven-week course open to veterans of any age.
KDKA NEWS	8/21/23	12:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:10	Veterans were quick to help their fellow citizens with a hornet invasion. When Dawan Johnson from Veteran Property Services heard about the nest and the \$300 quote another company gave to remove the nest, the veterans-owned firm did it for free.
KDKA NEWS	8/30/23	5:00 AM 12:00 PM	:30	Allegheny County is looking for the winner of the next Dr. Charles Martoni Veterans Service Award. It started in 2021 to recognize veterans who continue to serve their country after their discharge. The award considers military service, leadership, contributions to the veterans' community and the overall community.
KDKA NEWS	9/1/23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	2:20	Two companies donated their supplies and labor to provide a Vietnam Army Veteran a new roof. JP Roofing and Metal Buildings installed the roof for free. Owens Corning donated the materials. It's part of the Owens Corning National Deployment Project.
KDKA NEWS	9/17/23	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:00	In September, a new gravestone was unveiled for a veteran of the French and Indian War. The rededication ceremony at the old St. Luke's Church in Scott Township was for a man named Daniel South, Junior. According to historical records, he had a direct lineage to an early settler from the 1620 Mayflower voyage.
KDKA NEWS	9/30/23	11:00 PM	:45	Twenty-five teams took part in the annual Ruff Ride Pittsburgh cycling event. It's a 24-hour stationary spin-bike marathon to raise money for a veterans' non-profit that provides service dogs and other support to injured and disabled veterans.

**Issue 9 – Infrastructure: Examining issues impacting infrastructure in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/20/23	5:00 PM	1:30	State lawmakers and PennDOT used Pittsburgh's Smithfield Street Bridge as the backdrop for an appeal to lawmakers to add more funding for roads and bridges to the state budget. The Smithfield Street Bridge is in the middle of an \$8.5 million preservation project. Some lawmakers have proposed cutting the state budget for road and bridge repairs.
KDKA NEWS	7/26/23	12:00 PM 6:00 PM	:30	The Federal Highway Administration Data shows the number of deficient bridges in Pennsylvania is lower, but many bridges still need repair compared to most states. The data shows that Pennsylvania has the sixth largest percentage of deficient bridges in the country. Of the state's 23,000 bridges, three thousand are in poor condition, according to the data.
KDKA NEWS	7/27/23	5:00 AM	:25	Climate change could cost Pennsylvanians \$15 billion by 2040 according to a recent report. The costs are for things like repairs to roads and bridges due to heavy rainstorms and expenses associated with combatting warmer temperatures. The researchers say the projections are based on conservative cost estimates under moderate climate scenarios.
KDKA NEWS	8/1/23	4:30 AM 6:00 AM	:30	Governor Shapiro signed an executive order directing up to \$4 million in federal funds to be used for on-the-job training for new infrastructure workers. The Shapiro administration hopes to also create around 10,000 jobs.
KDKA NEWS	8/9/23	4:30 AM 5:00 AM 6:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	:25	Speed bumps were installed on the South Side Slopes in August. The four bumps installed on Pius Street are designed to slow down traffic. The speed limit is 25 mph, but the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure data shows many drivers were exceeding the speed limit before the bumps without the bumps installed.

KDKA NEWS	8/18/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	:20	Major work on the 30th Street Bridge was completed in August. The work also included a new traffic pattern to Washington's Landing.
KDKA NEWS	9/15/23	6:00 PM 11:00 PM	:25	A new report showed Pennsylvania among the top five states that need to upgrade its water systems. The report said it would cost over \$24 billion to improve the state's water infrastructure.
KDKA NEWS	9/19/23	11:00 PM	:35	In one Fayette County community homeowners said some of their properties were damaged due to mine subsidence. About six homes were affected. One homeowner said the damage cost was near \$350,000.
KDKA NEWS	9/21/23	4:00 PM	:20	PennDOT announced that Western Pennsylvania will receive three more EV charging stations. It's from the federal infrastructure law. Two will be installed at turnpike service plazas and another one at a Monroeville shopping center.

**Issue 10 – Environment: Examining issues involving environmental impact in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and surrounding areas.**

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KDKA NEWS	7/19/23	11:00 PM	2:45	The East Palestine community continues to have residual effects from the February train derailment. An independent soil expert took soil samples from near derailment site in May. He said the toxic chemical levels were 900 times higher than the soil samples in neighboring towns. He believes it's related to toxic dust in the area. Some residents say they have persistent respiratory, eye and nose problems. Some are participating in a long-range health study conducted by the University of Kentucky.

KDKA NEWS	7/22/23	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:50	Beaver County communities will receive \$5 million as part of a settlement stemming from environmental violations at the Shell cracker plant. Most of the money will be used for environmental, health or quality of life benefits. The company will be required to air quality testing and community education to improve health near the facility.
KDKA NEWS	7/25/23	4:30 AM 5:00 AM	2:00	A fire caused by a failed reactor at a Duquesne Light transformer on Brunot Island in the Ohio River caused some environmental concerns. The fire burned for several hours and the electric company described the issue as a "catastrophic failure." Duquesne Light said the safety of its customers, employees and the environment were their top priority. Pittsburgh public safety officials said any hazards were contained to the island.
KDKA NEWS	8/1/23	4:00 AM	:25	August 1 was World Lung Cancer Day. It was an opportunity to learn about the factors that increase risks such as air pollution, smoking, exposure to secondhand smoking and exposure to dangerous chemicals. Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the US.
KDKA NEWS	8/3/23	5:00 AM 6:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	:20	An extended boil water advisory impacted several residents in Beaver County. It happened after a water line break that could have contaminated the water. Residents in Ambridge and Edgeworth were under the advisory for two days.
KDKA NEWS	8/7/23	4:00 AM 6:00 AM	:25	Volunteers went to Duncan Park in the summer to help spruce up the area. It's considered an urban food forest in Lawrenceville. People are able to harvest food in the park.

KDKA NEWS	9/7/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:00	In October, the city of Pittsburgh's single-use plastic bag ban takes effect. Giant Eagle raised awareness about the upcoming ban by holding an event for people to purchase reusable bags for 99 cents each.
KDKA NEWS	9/8/23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:30	Balloons are usually associated with celebrations, but some say they are part of pollution and other environmental problems. Many balloons end up in waterways or tied up in electrical lines. They also are consumed by farm animals and can kill them. State Rep. Aaron Bernstine introduced a bill to do away with balloon releases. But, it never made it to a vote. He wants to try to introduce it again in the fall session.
KDKA NEWS	9/23/23	7:00 PM 11:00 PM	2:00	For the seventh year Pittsburgh held its garbage Olympics. It was a competition between neighborhoods to see which community can pick up the most trash. Over the years, the event has attracted 3,000 volunteers, picking up 3,300 bags of trash, 1,500 tires and 900 TVs.