

WCLY-AM, Raleigh, NC (1550)
QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS
SECOND QUARTER 2022

The following is a list of issues and concerns for SECOND QUARTER 2022 (April-June) and addressed in Public Affairs Programming, Public Service Announcements, and special programming on WCLY-AM/ WRAL-HD2.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

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WCLY-AM aired 6.5 hours of Public Affairs Programming

ON THE RECORD: Produced by WRAL-TV, ON THE RECORD is a 30-minute local interview program discussing issues of concern in the Triangle and State. It airs Sundays 6-6:30 AM.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (What's Happening): A recorded 60-second community calendar segment rotates throughout the broadcast week .

SECOND QUARTER ISSUES:

Issues are extrapolated from statements by local community leaders, including government, civic, church, and other organizations. Additionally, we monitor local news (TV, Radio, Newspaper, and the Internet) for comments/opinions of community leaders, in the effort to ascertain and prioritize community concerns.

CORONAVIRUS

There is a push to get children vaccinated and get booster shots in the arms of the previously vaccinated as other variants emerge. Mask mandates were dropped in most cities as hospitalizations declined and therapeutics became more readily available.

CRIME/GUN VIOLENCE

Fueled by gun violence, cities across the U.S. broke all-time homicide records in 2021. As a result of a mass shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, the Senate passed a modest gun safety bill in June. The bill enhances background checks for gun buyers under age 21, provides incentives for states to pass “red flag” laws that allow guns to be confiscated from people legally judged dangerous to own them, and tightens federal bans on domestic abusers. Locally, Durham is experiencing record levels of gun violence.

ECONOMY/ECONOMIC SUPPORT

The Coronavirus, supply chain issues, and staggering inflation in 2021 hindered economic growth and continue to be the story of 2022. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the resulting sanctions sent oil prices soaring, which further impacted worldwide economic recovery.

EDUCATION/SCHOOLS

On-going Issues: Retaining and recruiting high-quality teachers, addressing the social and emotional learning needs of our kids, and adequately funding our schools. Regulation of school curriculums divides state board of education members, educators, and parents.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment is low in North Carolina as companies continue to struggle with fewer candidates available for hire.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL DISASTERS

Biden administration reinstated mercury pollution rules weakened under Trump. Gov. Roy Cooper wants the state to get to 1.25 million zero-emission vehicles by 2030, making up half of all new passenger vehicle sales by that time; North Carolina averages 26 tornadoes each year. Tornadoes can happen any time of the year, but the spring season is definitely the most active.

EQUALITY / HUMAN RIGHTS

Systemic racism, LGBTQ, and gender continued to be debated in matters of law enforcement, employment, and education. The continued immigration crisis at the Mexico border as citizens of neighboring countries continue to seek asylum in the United States highlight the country’s need for immigration reform.

HEALTHCARE/MENTAL HEALTH

The medical community continues to express concern over Americans missing medical screenings and foregoing treatment. A Kaiser study confirmed some of their concerns: About half of Americans, 51%, say they've put off or gone without some form of medical service in the past year because of its costs. A bill for Medicaid expansion, which would bring government health insurance to hundreds of thousands North Carolina residents, has stalled once again.

Mental health discussions related to COVID lockdowns, crime, social media, and celebrities calling attention to their struggles continue to dominate headlines.

Women’s reproductive health was pushed to the forefront with the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Rowe vs. Wade*.

POLITICS/VOTING RIGHTS

The issue of political gerrymandering has been much in the news of late across the country with the enactment by several state legislatures – including North Carolina’s – of maps designed to rig electoral outcomes and disenfranchise voters of color. Proposed legislation in Washington would have gone a long way toward ending this practice, but it ultimately came up short.

POVERTY/FOOD INSECURITY/HOMELESSNESS

As food prices surge during a time of record inflation, many Americans found their household budgets stretched thin at the supermarket. Food banks and pantries also struggled with the increase in operational costs and a decrease in donations.

A poll from Impact Genome and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 23% of Americans say they have not been able to get enough to eat or the kinds of foods they want. Most of those facing food challenges enrolled in a government or nonprofit food assistance program in the past year, but 58% still had difficulty accessing at least one service.

RELIGION/FAITH/ COMMUNITY

The global pandemic accelerated the move to remote church services. However, the churches' roles elevated beyond their congregations. Churches have played an essential role in hosting COVID vaccinations, forums on social issues, and remote learning spaces over the past two years.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ REGULATION

Statewide, the number of people hospitalized for opioid overdoses went up 22% from 2019 to 2020. Six people in North Carolina die every day from the drugs. North Carolina was involved in reaching the proposed \$26 billion opioid crisis settlement with distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen Drug as well as manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.

TERRORISM/HOMELAND SECURITY/MILITARY

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine could have wide-ranging consequences: The financial impact, the humanitarian crisis, threats of nuclear strikes, and cyberattacks on financial institutions and power grids. The U.S. Army says it's working to recruit more young people to join the military as the pool of eligible Americans dwindles. Research from the U.S. Department of Defense shows only 2% of Americans ages 17 to 21 are eligible to serve in the military.

SECOND QUARTER PROGRAMS

CRIME/ GUN VIOLENCE

ON THE RECORD 6-5-22

A hard look at mass shootings in America

This version of On The Record explores the intersection of gun laws, mental health and law enforcement practices after a tragic school shooting in Uvalde, Texas took the lives of 21.

ECONOMY/ECONOMIC SUPPORT

ON THE RECORD 4-10-22

Gentrification, housing and the state of NC's economy - In this episode of On the Record, WRAL's Lena Tillett breaks down the economic concerns many residents of the Triangle are facing and what should be done about it.

ON THE RECORD 5-8-22

On the Record: Cheri Beasley, leading Democratic candidate for US Senate

Cheri Beasley, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, is running as a Democrat for U.S. Senate. She sat down to talk with WRAL's Lena Tillett about the threat to Roe v. Wade and economic pressures facing North Carolina families.

ON THE RECORD 6-12-22

Student loan debt and the debate over loan forgiveness

Federal student loans have been deferred for more than 2-and-a-half years. That was to help ease the financial burden on many people during this pandemic. But the question is: what negative impact did this have?

EDUCATION/SCHOOLS

ON THE RECORD 3-27-22

The Leandro Case headlines -A judge shakeup and a state supreme court showdown looming. The headlines in the decades-long Leandro School Funding saga reached a fever-pitch this week.

HEALTHCARE/ MENTAL HEALTH

ON THE RECORD 4-17-22

Mental health is a matter of life and death- From the onset of the pandemic to the great resignation, mental health challenges are shifting the climate of life as we know it. Anxiety and depression are impacting so many of us. One in five North Carolinians admits to struggling, but so many more often feel too afraid to speak out. Our guests are two people who know that mental health is a matter of life and death. Chris Curley lost his sister Jenny to suicide in 2018. He and his wife are now working to raise awareness about the importance of talking about mental health with those you love.

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ON THE RECORD 6-5-22

NC reps Tim Moore, Robert Reives talk expanded Medicaid and medical marijuana proposals

WRAL's Travis Fain talks with Speaker of the House Tim Moore and North Carolina House Democratic Leader Robert Reives about a range of legislative issues.

ON THE RECORD 6-26-22

Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade

In the wake of the historic Supreme Court decision overturning Roe versus Wade, we're joined by state lawmakers from both sides, religious leaders and policy leaders.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ DRUG REGULATION

ON THE RECORD 5-1-22

NC expecting hundreds of millions of dollars as opioid settlements flood into the state

More people die in the U.S. from opioid addiction than car crashes. WRAL Statehouse Reporter Travis Fain discusses the hundreds of millions of dollars flooding into North Carolina to combat addiction. This money comes from settled lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies and others who sold legal drugs, in what many consider immoral quantities.

TERRORISM/HOMELAND SECURITY/MILITARY

ON THE RECORD 4-24-22

David Crabtree shares his experiences in Poland - In the fog of war, we can become numb to the violence. Images of destruction and of human suffering -- can become familiar...not as shocking. WRAL's David Crabtree spent the week in Poland -- witnessing the *human toll* of Russia's bloody invasion of Ukraine -- first hand.