

Quarterly Issues & Program List

**October 1 – December 31, 2021  
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**Section I. Issues.**

The station has identified the following as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Arts & Culture**
- B. **Business & Economy**
- C. **Disabilities**
- D. **Health & Wellness**
- E. **Older Adults**
- F. **Racial Equity**
- G. **Status of Women**

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**Section II. Responsive Programs.**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

**A. Arts & Culture:**

[Albright-Knox to diversify, double its docents corps](#)

Broadcast on 12/22/21 06:45 AM Duration 1:11

Feature The gallery is looking to roughly double the ranks of current docents, from the current group with just over 40 members, and to diversify beyond their mainly female volunteer base

[Northland exhibition questions technology's influence on the modern world](#)

Broadcast on 12/17/21 6:05 am 4:05

Feature The current exhibition at Albright-Knox Northland "[Difference Machines: Technology and Identity in Contemporary Art](#)" delivers a strong critique on the troubling trends related to our current digital reality.

[Preserving Leslie Feinberg's Buffalo](#)

Broadcast on 10/21/21 06:45 AM Duration 3:42

Feature Leslie Feinberg was an internationally-known transgender writer, activist, labor organizer and working class intellectual who was raised here in Buffalo.

[Academy Award-winning producer returns to Buffalo State](#)

Broadcast on 10/18/21 6:42 AM Duration 39:29

Feature Distinguished Alumna Deborah Oppenheimer will appear at a series at the Burchfield Penney Art Center.

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[Zyglis draws into local connections with 'You Know You're from Buffalo](#)

Broadcast on 10/07/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:10

Feature On his way to a Pulitzer Prize, Buffalo News cartoonist Adam Zyglis has addressed a number of subjects. Now, he has produced a book that examines one subject that is close to his heart: Buffalo.

[Grandmaster Flash in the house at UB this fall](#)

Broadcast on 10/5/21 06:45 AM Duration 3:46

Interview

This fall semester Flash is working directly with University at Buffalo and Buffalo State College students as part of UB's Artists Collaboratory Working Artists Lab to present Hip Hop-inspired programming. But in order to provide his expertise, Flash said students will also need to take a bit of history lesson from him.

**B: Business & Economy:**

[Say goodbye to plastic hotel toiletries...soon](#)

Broadcast on 12/28/21 06:45 AM Duration 1:21  
Feature

A ban on those those tiny plastic bottles of shampoo in the hotel takes place at the start of 2023. However, the logistics of the hospitality industry mean the process for finding replacements is well underway.

[Applying to NY Homeowners Assistance Fund in January? State & local advocates say prepare now](#)

Broadcast on 12/20/21 06:45 AM Duration 2:10  
Feature

Homeowners at risk of default, foreclosure or displacement because of COVID-related economic hardship will have the opportunity in

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early January to apply for financial assistance that may help keep them from losing their homes

[While Williamsville urges mask compliance at businesses, 'free your face' protesters say Erie County businesses may see them maskless or not at all](#)

Broadcast on 12/08/21 06:45 AM Duration 6:15  
Interview This rather small community known for its business corridor became the center of a debate over the mask mandate.

[Who gets the jobs and development at issue in Buffalo mayoral race](#)

Broadcast on 11/01/21 06:05 AM Duration 4:00  
News report Business provides property taxes, housing, retail sales, construction and all kinds of jobs. Where they are and where they expand can also be the symbol of a neighborhood doing well or declining. Those jobs and that development are also big issues in the mayoral race.

[From 'hero to zero': 17-year Mercy Hospital nurse shares why workers continue to strike](#)

Broadcast on 10/06/21 06:05 AM Duration 3:30  
News Report Tammy Kowalik has worked at Mercy Hospital for 17 years as a registered nurse. Last week she saw the maternity ward she works in slowly become empty in preparation for the looming strike.

[Farms fear change in overtime rules due in December](#)

Broadcast on 11/12/21 06:05 AM Duration 2:20  
Feature The State Labor Department's Farm Laborers Wage Board is expected to meet again by mid-December, and ponder lowering an

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hours-per-week threshold. Farm owners fear that may lead many of their seasonal employees to find work with competitors in other states.

**B. Disabilities:**

[The Care Crisis: WNYer shares what is is like being without home care staff two-thirds of the day](#)

Broadcast 12/22/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:10  
on

Interview Renee Christian is the owner of Journey Guide Life Coaching, where she helps people create a positive mindset for the life they desire and teaches others how to advocate for the life they want. Christian is advocating for her own right to live in her community independently as the state grapples with a home care workforce crisis.

[Have Brown and Walton lived up to promises of using ASL interpretation and captioning?](#)

Broadcast 12/1/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:41  
on

Feature Democratic Nominee India Walton and Incumbent Mayor Byron Brown have said a lot this election cycle, but how much of an effort have they made to communicate equitably to people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

[Accessible voting options explained](#)

Broadcast 10/27/21 6:05 Duration 2:00  
on

Feature Do you know there is more than one way to vote?

[WNY advocate launches letter-writing campaign to increase caregiver staffing for New Yorkers with disabilities](#)

Broadcast 10/11/21 06:05 AM Duration 2:11  
on

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Feature A disability rights advocate is launching a campaign to bring attention to a workforce crisis that is leaving New Yorkers with disabilities without daily assistance.

[\\$300K grant will help UB create training for professors on teaching neurodiverse students](#)

Broadcast 10/4/2021 06:45 AM Duration 4:04  
on

Feature Learning scientists at the college are using a \$300,000 grant to create professional development that will teach professors how to best teach students with ADHD and other forms of neurodivergence. To start, they will focus on professors who teach STEM degrees, specifically computer science programs..

**C. Health and Wellness:**

[Feeling COVID, but only mild symptoms? Experts say don't bypass the doctor](#)

Broadcast on 12/21/2 06:05 AM Duration 4:17  
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Feature Despite living in a COVID world for nearly two years, the changing and sometimes conflicting information still leave many asking questions about what to do if one catches and becomes ill with the virus. The most recent developments include the CDC changing its guidelines on isolation and quarantine, and the arrival of the more transmissible Omicron variant.

[The unvaccinated have at least a 10x greater chance of COVID infection, but that was before Omicron](#)

Broadcast on 12/23/2 05:05 AM Duration 1:10  
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News Report While it may seem anyone can get COVID, around two-thirds of the eligible people in New York State are fully vaccinated. That leaves the rest with much, much higher risk of infection.

[When a bus station becomes a doctor's waiting room](#)

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Broadcast on 12/22/21 5:05a Duration 1:15

Feature. A small segment of the local population met with their medical care team at a downtown Buffalo bus station Tuesday evening. University at Buffalo medical students brought items vital to those with no permanent address

[Different COVID rates in NYC and Erie County attributed to attitudes on masks, vaccines](#)

Broadcast on 12/11/2021 5:45am 7:35 duration

Feature The seven-day positivity rate for Erie County is 7.0; New York City's sits at 1.0. Why?

[Brown, Walton tackle questions about food and healthcare access in an impoverished City of Buffalo](#)

Broadcast 10/28/2021 5:45 am 3:34 duration

Feature: Buffalo is one of the poorest cities in the nation. The two leading candidates for Buffalo mayor, incumbent Byron Brown and Democratic nominee India Walton, recently faced questions about how to face the public health issues created by poverty, including a lack of easy access to health care and healthy food.

**D. Older Adults:**

['Back to where we were': Nursing home visitation restrictions lifted in time for holidays but also amid Omicron surge](#)

Broadcast on 12/22/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:34

Feature The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which regulates nursing homes at the federal level, revised its [guidance](#) to require nursing homes allow visitation at all times. The guidance was published Nov. 12 and subsequently adopted by the New York State Department of Health four days later.

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[New York's safe staffing law, profit cap to take effect Jan. 1, but not without a fight from nursing homes](#)

Broadcast on 12/7/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:33  
Feature New regulations on staffing levels and profits are set to shake up New York's nursing home industry when they take effect Jan. 1. The laws are already having something of an impact, but there's still a question as to whether they'll actually go into effect come New Year's Day..

Erie County's senior dining adapts during pandemic to get food to off-food-insecure population

Broadcast on 11/18/2021 06:45 AM Duration 4:08  
Feature Frozen meal pick-ups are just one of the ways Erie County's Department of Senior Services has had to adapt its congregate dining program throughout the pandemic. It's twice shut down in-person dining due to rising cases, from [March](#) to September 2020, and again from November 2020 to February 2021.

[Buffalo's homeowners are aging fast. What will India Walton and Byron Brown do about it?](#)

Broadcast on 10/25/2021 06:05 AM Duration 4:16  
Feature Whoever Buffalo's next mayor is — be it Byron Brown or India Walton — has to balance the wishes of older homeowners who want to age in place, with the market demands of young families looking for their first homes.

**E. Racial Equity:**

[Statewide rallies support 3 new criminal justice reform bills](#)

Broadcast on 11/17/21 06:05 AM Duration 2:06  
News Report Over a dozen criminal justice reform advocates stood outside the Erie County Holding Center in downtown Buffalo Wednesday afternoon as a part of a statewide campaign introducing three new bills targeting generations-old sentencing laws they say are racist, costly and perpetuate mass incarceration.

[Walton, Brown tout plans for East Buffalo](#)



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Broadcast on 10/27/21 6:05am Duration 3:31  
Feature

Democratic candidate India Walton and her incumbent challenger Byron Brown are painting a clearer picture about the possibilities for the largely African American part of the city which has seen reinvestment at a snail's pace compared to other parts of the city.

[An honest conversation about race with Nanette Massey](#)

Broadcast on 10/06/21 06:45 AM Duration 3:48  
Feature

Writer Nanette Massey is hosting a workshop Wednesday evening at the Burchfield Penney Art Center based off the book *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo.

[Indigenous Peoples Weekend kicks off in the City of Niagara Falls](#)

Broadcast on 10/08/21 05:05 AM Duration 1:49  
Feature

The raising of the Six Nations flag Thursday outside of City Hall in the City of Niagara Falls signified the beginning of Indigenous Peoples Weekend. Niagara Falls recently passed a resolution announcing the period of Oct. 7-11 as Indigenous Peoples Weekend, with the last day coming on Indigenous Peoples Day.

**F. Women:**

[Assembly report confirms attorney general's findings that Cuomo sexually harassed multiple women](#)

Broadcast on 11/23/21 06:45 AM Duration 3:55  
Feature

The New York State Assembly has released its long-awaited report on an impeachment inquiry into former Gov. Andrew Cuomo. It finds that Cuomo oversaw a toxic workplace where he sexually harassed multiple women, and that he used staff to write and edit a \$5 million memoir at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state.

[Lewiston sexual assault case gaining in national attention](#)

Broadcast on 11/22/21 06:45 AM Duration 7:29

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Feature An official complaint has been lodged against Niagara County Judge Matthew Murphy in the case of Christopher Belter, 20, of Lewiston. The case is gaining national attention, as Belter twice received probation for sexual assaults against four teenage girls instead of jail time.

[6888th Battalion “Sheroes” fought sexism, racism and Nazism](#)

Broadcast on 11/11/21 06:05 AM Duration 4:59

Feature There are countless stories of duty and honor to share this Veterans Day, but one is nearly 80 years in the making. It's the story of Pvt. Indiana Hunt Martin of Buffalo, who died at age 98 as the nation was just beginning to recognize her distinctive military service during World War II.

[Empowering the women of Buffalo: We asked mayoral candidates Brown and Walton their plans](#)

Broadcast on 10/29/21 06:45 AM Duration 4:49

Feature WBFO recently had the opportunity to sit down with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown and his election challenger India Walton to ask questions about improving the lives of city residents over the next four years. Among the questions were those about equitable representation and empowerment for the women of Buffalo.