

## **WGTD Community Issues File**

*WGTD news stories air a minimum of two times in our newscasts that air between 6am and 8:10am, Monday through Friday. Each news story then airs again in our 25-minute WGTD Midday newscast @ Noon. (Key: N=WGTD News) (Key: WPR = Wisconsin Public Radio) (Key: NPR = National Public Radio) (Key: MMR= Marketplace Morning Report)*

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### **WGTD Community Issues: 4th Quarter, October-November-December 2023**

#### **Civil Rights/Policing in America: The George Floyd Murder/Jacob Blake Shooting/Other Police Shootings/Policing Procedures:**

**10/13:** Jurors convicted a Denver-area police officer of homicide and acquitted another of all charges in the 2019 death of Elijah McClain, a Black man who was put in a neck hold, pinned to the ground and given an overdose of the sedative ketamine by paramedics. (3:30) (N/NPR)

**11/16:** In a surprise move---Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman is recommending that the county board disband the county's Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission---a panel established in the wake of the police-involved George Floyd killing---and---Jacob Blake shooting. The hope was it would help resolve local race issues. (2:30) (N)

**11/17:** Last night's scheduled meeting of the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission was cancelled. (:45) (N)

**12/13:** In 1944, the city of Durham, N.C., was riveted by the killing of a Black soldier – and the trial of the white bus driver who shot him. The soldier is now being honored with a historical marker. (3:52) (N/NPR)

**12/14:** A federal appeals court in Atlanta will hear arguments today in a case that could determine whether the public can vote on construction of the controversial police training center. (3:45) (N/NPR)

## **Gun Violence/Mass Shootings:**

## **Public Health: Coronavirus Updates/Vaccine News**

**10/05:** A new study sheds light on why some people with pre-existing conditions may be at higher risk of a heart attack or stroke after a serious COVID infection. The good news: Vaccination cuts the risk. (3:52) (N/NPR)

**10/10:** Nearly two years after the return of in-person learning---following the COVID pandemic---some educators say that students are still missing too much school. Some schools are finding creative ways to encourage students to show up. (4:38) (N/NPR)

**10/10:** A lot of people have come back to the workforce in the last few years... yet the labor force participation rate is still below where it was just before the pandemic hit in March 2020. So-called "prime age" workers, those 25 to 54, are working jobs at a higher rate than before the pandemic. But the picture gets more complex for older workers. (2:30) (MMR)

**11/17:** The number of COVID-19 cases in the state has also been increasing in recent weeks after a decline in late September. The latest Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report from Nov. 4 shows 10 percent of patients tested positive for COVID-19. (:60) (N)

**11/21:** As the US enters its fourth holiday season with COVID-19, experts offer advice about how Americans should navigate the risks, and what precautions still make sense.(4:17) (N/NPR)

**12/05:** A Dublin artist has been drawing faces on pictures of clouds since the early days of the pandemic. He named the project "A Daily Cloud." (2:30) (N/NPR)

## **Public Health: SCOTUS Overturns Roe v Wade: Abortion Implications**

**10/05:** Michigan Democrats want to pass a new bill to remove abortion obstacles like a 24-hour waiting period, and a ban on Medicaid reimbursement. But one Democrat doesn't agree -- and they need her vote. (4:08) (N/NPR)

**12/06:** A Dane County judge has reaffirmed her ruling from this summer that state law permits **consensual** medical abortions---handing pro-abortion advocates a massive victory. (:60) (N)

**12/07:** Although a Dane County's judge's recent decision was widely viewed as a victory for abortion rights supporters in the state, a number of abortion restrictions still remain on the books in Wisconsin. (:45) (N/WPR)

**12:07:** Republican District Attorney Joel Urmanski says, while he disagrees with Dane County Circuit Court Judge Diane Schlipper's interpretation, he'll comply with her ruling and refrain from prosecuting abortion providers under the 19th-century law while her order is in effect. (:45) (N/WPR)

**12/08:** A Texas judge has granted a pregnant woman, whose fetus has condition that is almost always fatal, permission to get an abortion. It's the first legal challenge of its kind to state abortion bans. (3:45) (N/NPR)

**12/13:** The Texas Supreme Court has ruled against Kate Cox, a pregnant woman who challenged the state's abortion restrictions. NPR's Michel Martin speaks with her attorney. (5:00) (N/NPR)

**12/13:** Arizona's Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether abortions should be allowed up to 15 weeks after conception, or be almost totally banned under an 1864 law. (4:10) (N/NPR)

**12/13:** A new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll collects Americans' views on hot-button issues from abortion to immigration and government spending. (5:00) (N/NPR)

**12/14:** The Supreme Court has agreed to review a lower court decision that would make a commonly-used abortion pill less accessible: “WERE THE SUPREME COURT TO TIGHTEN THOSE RULES ON MIFEPRISTONE, IT WOULD BE A HUGE BLOW FOR PRO-ABORTION RIGHTS GROUPS.” Such a decision could also have a major impact on the 20-24 presidential election. (3:24) (N/NPR)

## **ENVIRONMENT: Climate Change**

**10/04:** Around the country, health care workers continue to grapple with their industry's massive carbon footprint. In Pittsburgh, doctors formed Clinicians for Climate Action to address the problem. (5:01) (N/NPR)

**10/04:** What does it mean to have a "climate job?" These three professionals bring climate change solutions into their work, even if it's not explicitly in the job description. (6:56) (N/NPR)

**11/13:** A sweeping new U.S. government report on climate change stands to influence policy across government. What are its biggest takeaways? A new federal report highlights the unequal impacts of climate change in the U-S: (3:33) (N/NPR)

**11/16:** Kernza is seed grain scientists have been selectively breeding to develop into a food crop that's more climate friendly than wheat and corn. Liquor distillers are interested. (3:47) (N/NPR)

**11/27:** Marine scientists have begun restoring corals to underwater nurseries as waters have cooled and conditions have improved off Florida's coast, following a summer of record-breaking ocean temperatures. (2:37) (N/NPR)

**11/27:** Global climate talks begin later this week in Dubai. The stakes have never been higher, as the planet rounds out its hottest year ever recorded. (3:26) (N/NPR)

**11/28:** Paris, the most densely populated city in Europe, faces catastrophic heat because of global warming. The city is planning for when that day comes. (5:00) (N/NPR)

**11/29:** World leaders set to begin climate change negotiations this week. They're behind on efforts to limit how much the planet will heat up. So what will the U.S. look like if the world doesn't meet its goal? (3:45) (N/NPR)

**11/29:** President Biden will be in Pueblo, Colorado, today to tout his administration's investments in clean energy jobs. He's also expected to take some swipes at right-wing Republicans. (4:00) (N/NPR)

**11/30:** A virtual panel discussion of Wisconsinites who attended the COP28 conference aims to demystify the international climate change conference for people in the state. (:45) (N/WPR)

**12/07:** Columbia, Missouri Mayor Barbara Buffaloe {buffalo}, part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors delegation at the climate summit in Dubai, will talk about her city's effort to tackle climate change. (4:30) (N/NPR)

12/07: The oil industry is out in force at this year's climate summit, arguing for a U-N agreement that stresses the phasing DOWN of fossil fuel use. Climate scientists say phasing OUT should be the goal. (3:40) (N/NPR)

**12/13:** Photos of polar bears in abandoned homes went viral in 2022. The photographer has brought his images to the COP28 climate meeting, hoping to raise awareness of how climate change impacts animals. (2:15) (N/NPR)

**12/14:** The COP28 climate negotiations in Dubai wrapped up early today with an agreement that calls on nations to transition away from fossil fuels. But some countries say this still doesn't go far enough. (3:45) (N/NPR)

12/19: Wisconsin continued to make progress in its transition to renewable energy in 2023---but---environmental advocates say there's still a long way to go. The PSC---the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin---estimates that eight utility-scale solar projects will come online in the state by the end of this year, accounting for 639 megawatts of power. The state's utility regulator anticipates another three projects will come online in 2024, accounting for another 650 megawatts. (2:00) (N)

