

## **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: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, January-February-March 2023**

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

**01/06:** An update on Kenosha's response to the concerns that were raised in 2020 following the death of George Floyd and the police shooting of Jacob Blake will be held a week from Monday. (:45) (N)

**01/09:** A proposed KUSD policy revision that is perceived by some people as an attack on the LGBT community and the Black Lives Matter movement. (:45) (N)

**01/09:** The Senate failed to advance a bill that would have reduced one of the most persistent racial disparities in criminal justice: punishment for crack cocaine. (3:45) (N/NPR)

**01/13:** A former aide to Martin Luther King Jr. talks about his career as a civil rights leader. (3:26) (N/NPR)

**01/16:** Three people will be honored as community humanitarians at today's MLK Jr celebration at Gateway Technical College. (:90) (N)

**01/16:** President Biden spoke about his administration's work on civil rights during a sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church ahead of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (2:30) (N/NPR)

**01/16:** People in Selma, Alabama celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy. (2:49) (N/NPR)

**01/16:** Coretta Scott King was a young woman living in Boston when she met Martin Luther King. Here is a closer look at her life as part of the unveiling of a monument commemorating the couple. (4:01) (N/NPR)

**01/17:** About 100 people showed up at a Kenosha forum to receive a briefing from representatives from 8 entities that have been working on inclusion, equality and diversity issues. (:60) (N)

**01/19:** School violence, safety issues and racism will be the topic of a public forum tonight sponsored by The Coalition for Dismantling Racism. (:45) (N)

**01/19:** Wisconsin Senate Democrats called for the resignation of a Republican member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission following written remarks he made earlier this month about lower turnout in Milwaukee's Black and Latino neighborhoods. They are calling him a racist. (:45) (N/WPR)

**01/24:** Attorneys for the Black man who died after a traffic stop say video shows Memphis police beating him like a "human piñata." Lawyers and Tyre Nichols' family saw the video for the first time Monday. (2:41) (N/NPR)

**01/27:** Five Black former Memphis police officers have been charged with murder in the death of Black motorist Tyre Nichols. He was beaten during a traffic stop and died several days later in the hospital. (3:35) (N/NPR)

**01/27:** NPR's A Martinez talks to Memphis pastor Earle Fisher about the killing of Tyre Nichols, who died after a confrontation with police. Five fired officers are now facing murder and other charges. (5:00) (N/NPR)

**01/30:** NPR's A Martinez speaks to James Kirkwood, the chairman of the Memphis Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board, about police practices and the killing of Tyre Nichols. (5:00) (N/NPR)

**01/30:** It's been three days since the videos of police officers beating Tyre Nichols were released. Memphis residents say they're deeply shaken by what they've seen. (3:30) (N/NPR)

**01/31:** NPR's A Martinez talks to Paul Butler -- law professor at Georgetown University, and author of the book *Chokehold: Policing Black Men* -- about the culture and tactics of special police units. (4:15) (N/NPR)

**02/01:** A conversation with Lucas Finton from The Commercial Appeal in Memphis about today's funeral for Tyre Nichols, who was brutally beaten by police officers. (3:50) (N/NPR)

**02/01:** A conversation with with Representative Marilyn Strickland -- the Congressional Black Caucus's whip -- about police reform in the wake of Tyre Nichols's death. (4:58) (N/NPR)

**02/02:** Family and civil rights leaders honored Tyre Nichols at a public funeral in Memphis. (2:43) (N/NPR)

**02/06:** NPR's Steve Inskeep speaks with Democratic Representative Summer Lee of Pennsylvania about police reform -- following the death of Tyre Nichols, who was severely beaten by police in Memphis. (5:10) (N/NPR)

**02/09:** A settlement reached in a federal lawsuit filed by the family of a Black teenager shot and killed by a white Mount Pleasant police officer who was acting in self-defense. (:60) (N)

**03/09:** Five of the citizen members of the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission have resigned since the nine-member panel started meeting a year and a half ago. The latest to submit her resignation is Mimi Yang. (2:00) (N)

**03/13:** The short-handed Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission will be meeting Thursday evening, even though the nine-member committee is down five members. (:30) (N)

**03/17:** Seven sheriff's deputies in Virginia are charged with murder in connection to the death of a Black man at a state mental hospital. (3:30) (N/NPR)

**03/17:** In the 1950s and 60s, highways destroyed and devastated many Black neighborhoods. And now, the Biden administration wants to address that legacy with the Reconnecting Communities program. It funds projects to stitch together neighborhoods cut apart by highways or other transportation infrastructure. But one community in New Orleans is still trying to find the best way to heal that past harm. (3:00) (MMR)

**03/17:** The deadline for applying for one of three seats on the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission is today. The vacancies were created with the recent resignation of three members. Two resigned because they were upset with two previous appointments made by Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman. (2 separate stories) (3:00) (N)

**03/22:** The deadline for volunteers to apply for a seat on the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission has been extended. Anyone interested in one of the three available seats must now apply before the end of the week. The deadline was extended by seven days because the applicant pool was small, according to a news release from the office of Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman, the person responsible for making the appointments. (2:30) (N)

**03/31:** Earlier this month, a young Black man died in a psychiatric hospital in Virginia. Sheriff's deputies and hospital workers have been charged with second-degree murder. (6:57) (N/NPR)

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

**01/09:** China has ended mandatory quarantine for inbound travelers -- dismantling one of the final pieces of its "zero COVID" policy. The change will have a big impact on the global economy and for visitors. (3:49) (N/NPR)

**01/10:** NPR's A Martinez talks to William Balash of Shipping Solutions Consultants by Quanda, a New York-based logistics company about the impact of China's latest COVID surge on U.S. businesses. (3:41) (N/NPR)

**01/20:** Researchers estimate at least 65 million people worldwide have suffered from long COVID. Steve Inskeep talks to Dr. Eric Topol about what we know about long COVID. (5:02) (N/NPR)

**01/23:** The IRS today starts accepting 2022 tax returns. Jan Lewis of the American Institute of CPAs says some taxpayers might receive smaller refunds as many pandemic-related breaks are no longer available. (1:42) (N/NPR)

**01/23:** NPR has learned that the FDA is considering a major shift in the nation's COVID vaccination strategy aimed at simplifying the vaccine regimen in favor of an annual, updated shot like the flu vaccine. (3:24) (N/NPR)

**01/31:** NPR's A Martinez speaks to Lawrence Gostin, professor of Global Health at Georgetown University, about the Biden administration's decision to end the COVID public health emergency in May. (4:30) (N/NPR)

**02/10:** To mask or not to mask? That is the question we put to COVID-19 experts as we enter the fourth year of the pandemic. (2:49) (N/NPR)

**02/10:** In the latest sign the COVID pandemic is fading, on March 10 Johns Hopkins plans to shut down its COVID tracker, which became an indispensable source of information during the height of the pandemic. (3:54) (N/NPR)

**02/14:** The number of people on Medicaid swelled during the pandemic. Some states are especially aggressive at policing potential fraud. Even mix-ups about where you live can land you on a "most wanted" list. (3:36) (N/NPR)

**02/27:** NPR's Leila Fadel talks to The Wall Street Journal's Michael Gordon about a classified report indicating the Energy Department believes the COVID pandemic was likely caused by a lab leak in China. (3:40) (N/NPR)

**03/06:** The pandemic helped speed the development of a new class of vaccines. Scientists aim to create vaccines against a host of other diseases---at the top of the list is tuberculosis. (3:55) (N/NPR)

**03/09:** NPR's A Martinez talks to virologist Angela Rasmussen who is pushing back on the Energy Department assessment, described as low confidence, that COVID-19 leaked from a lab in China. (4:15) (N/NPR)

**03/10:** NPR's A Martinez catches up with Dr. Joseph Varon of Houston's United Memorial Medical Center about his reflections as we mark the third anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic. (6:00) (N/NPR)

**03/13:** NPR's Sacha Pfeiffer speaks with immunologist Akiko Iwasaki about the future of COVID research as the pandemic enters its fourth year. (4:30) (N/NPR)

**03/14:** NPR's Sacha Pfeiffer talks to Anya Kamenetz, former NPR education reporter and author of "The Stolen Year," about the pandemic's impact on students and teachers -- three years after schools closed. (4:22) (N/NPR)

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

**01/19:** The 50th anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision is Jan. 22. NPR history podcast, Throughline, looks into the debate about abortion, which wasn't always controversial. (6:36) (N/NPR)

**01/20:** Just ahead of the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, abortion rights opponents will hold a March for Life today in Washington, D.C. and celebrate the overturning of the landmark court ruling. (3:30) (N/NPR)

**01/20:** In this week's StoryCorps, a couple talks about their decision to end a pregnancy. (3:15) (N/NPR)

**01/23:** Vice President Harris marked the 50th anniversary of Roe v Wade -- and spoke about the path forward on reproductive rights after the Supreme Court overturned that landmark decision. (3:45) (N/NPR)

**02/08:** A nationwide movement to enact local ordinances against abortion drugs has New Mexico's attorney general taking action. A fight in the courts may be just what abortion opponents want. (5:02) (N/NPR)

**03/01:** Some doctors in Texas are so afraid of running afoul of the state's abortion bans that they won't even talk to patients about the procedure and instead drop hints about going out-of-state. (6:41) (N/NPR)

**03/02:** Some abortion rights advocates in the U.S. are seeking inspiration from their counterparts in Latin American countries where abortion access has expanded in recent years. (2:59) (N/NPR)

**03/02:** Texas abortion bans focused attention on the state's already high maternal mortality rate. Proposed legislation could let otherwise uninsured women stay on Medicaid up to a year after childbirth. (3:53) (N/NPR)

**03/03:** Republicans in Texas are backing a bill that would punish DAs who decline to prosecute certain crimes. Some have said they wouldn't bring abortion cases to court. (3:53) (N/NPR)

**03/08:** Five women in Texas, who were denied abortions under state law while facing medical crises, are suing the state -- asking a judge to clarify exceptions to the laws. (3:30) (N/NPR)

**03/13:** A civil lawsuit against three Texans accused of helping a woman get abortion pills may lay the groundwork for prosecutors to seek criminal charges in such cases. (3:55) (N/NPR)

**03/15:** A federal judge in Texas with deep ties to conservative religious groups will hear arguments in a case that could decide the future of access to a key abortion pill. 03:33

**03/16:** Following a hearing yesterday in Texas, a decision about whether to take an abortion pill off the market is now up to a federal judge, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump. (3:45) (N/NPR)

**03/16:** Republican lawmakers on Wednesday unveiled legislation that would add exceptions to the state's pre-Civil War abortion ban for some pregnancies resulting from rape or incest. But almost immediately, the plan's prospects of becoming law appeared doubtful, with Democrats saying it fell short of restoring the abortion rights lost when Roe v. Wade was overturned, and a key Republican acknowledging the measure lacked sufficient GOP support to pass the state Senate. (:60) (N)

## **ECONOMY: Rising Oil Prices/Inflation**

**01/09:** New tax credits for electric vehicles kicked in last week. Here's what you need to know about price caps, income limits and other rules. (3:45) (N/NPR)

**03/02:** Russia's war in Ukraine is causing a shift in oil markets, creating new geopolitical alliances. Analysts say it's comparable to the 1970s Arab oil embargo. (3:50) (N/NPR)

