

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)

WGTD's "Morning Show" airs Monday through Friday from 8:10-9am. (Key: MS)

Education Matters and Community Matters are locally produced shows, 45 minutes in length, that air every Saturday morning. (Key: EM or CM)

WGTD Community Issues: 2nd Quarter, April-May-June 2023

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

04/06: Two controversial appointments to the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission were approved by the county board last night. . A couple of former members of the commission and others in the community had questioned whether Xavier Solis and Albert Gonzales were committed to accomplishing the goals of the panel. (2:30) (N)

04/11: The three remaining vacancies on the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission were filled yesterday by County Executive Samantha Kerkman. If approved by the county board, Alayna Arrington and Duane O'Keefe will fill terms that expire at the end of next year. Cortney Marshall would fill out a term that expires at the end of this year. (2:00) (N)

04/11: After showing support for the Black Lives Matter movement and mandating masks during the pandemic - a community college in North Idaho is in jeopardy of being shut down due to criticism from its conservative trustees. (3:40) (N/NPR)

04/18: Political leaders in Akron, Ohio are calling for calm after a grand jury declined to indict eight officers who fatally shot 25-year-old Black man Jayland Walker. The killing ignited calls for police reform there. (1:57) (N/NPR)

04/18: Prosecutors in Clay County, Missouri, say a white 84-year-old Kansas City man is charged with two felonies for shooting a Black teenager, who knocked on his door after going to the wrong address. (4:00) (N/NPR)

04/19: In Kansas City, scores of people turned out for a rally to honor Ralph Yarl. He's the 16-year-old who mistakenly rang a doorbell and the 84-year-old homeowner shot him. He's since been charged in the case. (2:19) (N/NPR)

04/28: Three of Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman's appointments to the county's Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission were recommended for approval by a county board committee last night. The votes were unanimous. (2 separate stories. (4:00) (N)

05/15: A discussion of Carthage College's upcoming "Kenosha Verbatim Project." A look back at the aftermath of the police shooting of Jacob Blake during a 9-1-1 domestic violence call. (46:00) (MS)

05/18: In Portland, Oregon, an advocacy organization helps white homeowners sell their homes below market rate to Black and Indigenous buyers. (3:50) (N/NPR)

05/22: NPR's Leila Fadel talks to Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison about his book, "Break the Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence." He recounts the prosecution of former officer Derek Chauvin convicted of killing George Floyd. (7:28) (N/NPR)

05/25: Small social justice nonprofits in Minnesota were flooded with donations after the murder of George Floyd. But how much has changed in the larger picture of philanthropy. (3:56) (N/NPR)

05/26: NPR's Michel Martin talks to George Floyd's uncle Selwyn Jones about his advocacy for justice three years after his nephew was killed by police in Minneapolis. (4:11) (N/NPR)

05/31: A study finds a Black driver is more likely to face being searched, handcuffed or arrested when an officer's first words are commands rather than a greeting. (3:46) (N/NPR)

06/02: At every stage of life, Black Americans grapple with health care challenges directly tied to racism. NPR's Michel Martin talks to AP reporter Kat Stafford, who conducted a year-long investigation. (7:08) (N/NPR)

06/09: NPR's Michel Martin speaks with UCLA Law professor Rick Hasen (like fasten) about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down Alabama's congressional map limiting the power of Black voters. (4:27) (N/NPR)

06/12: A 2020 county board resolution that declared racism to be a public health crisis in Kenosha County is on the agenda for Thursday night's regularly-scheduled meeting of the

county's Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission. It's unclear why. New committee chair Xavier Solis did not return an email message from WGTD. The county board supervisor who introduced the resolution in the wake of the George Floyd and Jacob Blake cases isn't sure what's up either. (:45) (N)

06/19: For the observation of the federal Juneteenth holiday, NPR examines and reads the Emancipation Proclamation. (7:08) (N/NPR)

06/19: Juneteenth is America's newest federal holiday - but it has been celebrated since the 1860s. (3:39) (N/NPR)

06/19: Juneteenth has been a federal holiday for two years now. The holiday recognizes the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Texas learned they were free, following the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier. But about half the states have yet to make Juneteenth an official state holiday. That's according to the Congressional Research Service. (4:30) (MMR)

06/20: NPR's Michel Martin talks to Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, after a Justice Department report accused the Minneapolis Police of widespread civil rights abuses against people of color. (4:00) (N/NPR)

06/20: It's been a decade since the hashtag Black Lives Matter first showed up on Twitter... Three years since the murder of George Floyd... When about two thirds of Americans expressed support for the movement, according to Pew Research. But Pew's latest polling finds support has since dropped significantly... down to just 51 percent. Hear how the decline is showing up in corporate America today. (3:00) (MMR)

Public Health: Coronavirus Updates/Vaccine News

04/06: Bus ridership is rebounding but still below pre-COVID levels. Federal dollars are expanding services in many parts of the country. We take a ride through New Orleans to find what could be improved. (3:42 (N/NPR))

04/06: More than 700,000 Wisconsinites are no longer receiving additional food assistance as the federal government ends the COVID-19 public health emergency. (:45) (N/WPR)

05/04: More than one-third of Wisconsin households struggled to meet basic needs in 2021, even with additional federal pandemic assistance. (:45) (/WPR)

05/31: The CDC says most people should get at least one bivalent COVID-19 shot, but the recommendations get more complicated for those with weakened immune systems. (:45) (/WPR)

Public Health: SCOTUS Overturns Roe v Wade

04/03: A growing group of hobby pilots is ferrying people across state lines to get abortions, flouting local bans and restrictions. (3:52) (N/NPR)

04/04: For now, Montana remains an island of legal abortion. But providers are defending against threats from lawmakers and possibly violent extremists. (6:44) (N/NPR)

04/04: It's the final day for voting in Wisconsin's record-spending state Supreme Court election. The winner could be the swing vote on issues like abortion, redistricting and election lawsuits. (3:52) (N/NPR)

04/05: For the first time in 15 years, voters have flipped the Wisconsin Supreme Court to liberal control. Justices are likely to overturn the state's abortion ban and could throw out GOP drawn voting maps. (4:00) (N/NPR)

04/11: Dueling rulings on the abortion drug mifepristone raise questions about the FDA's authority. NPR's Michel Martin talks with medical ethics expert Holly Fernandez Lynch of the University of Pennsylvania. (5:15) (N/NPR)

04/13: A federal appeals court will allow partial access to the abortion drug mifepristone while a high-profile federal case plays out, but with new limitations on how the drug can be dispensed. (3:52) (N/NPR)

04/14: The Supreme Court will weigh in on whether doctors can still provide patients with mifepristone across the country. Abortion providers share how they're navigating this uncertainty with patients. (3:40) (N/NPR)

04/19: An administrative stay from the Supreme Court in a federal abortion pill case out of Texas expires late Wednesday, once again putting access to mifepristone in jeopardy. (3:45) (N/NPR)

04/20: Democrats campaigned on abortion rights in 2022. We look at how Vice President Harris and President Biden are talking about the issue now as the focus turns to next year's presidential race. (4:00) (N/NPR)

04/21: The Supreme Court will weigh in today on the ban of the abortion drug mifepristone. NPR's Michel Martin talks to Chelsey Youman, an attorney with Human Coalition, a group that opposes abortion rights. (5:00) (N/NPR)

04/24: The Supreme Court has left in place, for now, access to an abortion pill. A new NPR study shows the original lower court decision to ban it, is far out of step with American public opinion. (3:40) (N/NPR)

04/26: A new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll shows that Americans largely support abortion rights but they also favor restrictions. (3:45) (N/NPR)

04/28: With pandemic restrictions set to lift next month, the Biden administration laid out its plan to stem the flow of migrants to the U.S.-Mexico border. The plan could face multiple legal challenges. (3:51) (N/NPR)

05/15: Republican lawmakers in North Carolina are vowing to override Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of a bill to ban most abortions after 12 weeks. (3:58) (N/NPR)

05/17: A federal appeals court in New Orleans will hear arguments today over access to a commonly used abortion pill. (7:53) (N/NPR)

06/15: Two Democratic Senators are cosponsoring a bill that would offer grants to medical students from states where abortion is banned to help them go out of state for abortion care training. (3:24) (N/NPR)

06/19: Illinois has seen an influx of patients seeking abortion care from states like Wisconsin, where the practice was largely banned after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last year. (:42) N/WPR

06/22: The number of Americans who live 200 miles or more from an abortion provider has increased dramatically since Roe v. Wade was overturned. (2:03) (N/NPR)

06/23: It's been nearly a year since the Supreme Court overturned decades of abortion-rights precedent with its Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization decision. The impact nationwide has been dramatic. (4:10) (N/NPR)

ECONOMY: Rising Oil Prices/Inflation

04/03: In an unexpected move...Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing members of OPEC have announced oil production cuts...a surprise move that analysts worry will push oil prices up even further....meaning gas prices will go up. (3:00) (MMR)

04/04: What does the recent announcement from OPEC+ that it's cutting oil production, which will lead to price hikes, tell us about the evolving relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States? (5:00) (N/NPR)

04/17: The European Union's sanctions on Russian oil and petroleum products have forced Russia to sell more to other parts of the world. That means longer hauls and more global demand for tanker service. And that's pushing up the price for everyone trying to move fuel and oil products around the world. (3:00) (MMR)