

Quarterly Issues Programs List for the 1st Quarter of 2023

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Following is list of some of the significant issues responded to by the station along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the quarter. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which issues appear does not reflect a priority or significance.  
ME= Morning Edition 5 to 9 am EST ATC= All Things Considered 4 to 6 pm EST WESAT=Weekend Edition Saturday 8 to 10 am EST

Issue	Story	Summary	Date	When Aired	Duration
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration returns as an in-person event</a>	The YMCA of Greater Charlotte held the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in person on Monday for the first time in three years. The 29th annual event was held at the Charlotte Convention Center in uptown.	1/16/2023	ATC/ME	3:05:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Community organizations ramp up revitalization efforts for West Boulevard corridor</a>	The city of Charlotte connected with community organizations in west Charlotte to identify the crucial needs of the residents in the West Boulevard corridor. Some shared goals focus on providing resources like fresh foods, affordable housing and improving infrastructure for public safety.	1/31/2023	ME/ATC	6:40:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Long neglected, Charlotte's 'Corridors of Opportunity' could be the key to a more equitable city</a>	Many of the neighborhoods surrounding the main thoroughfares into uptown Charlotte had historically been largely overlooked places where residents, many who are low income and belong to communities of color, watched the city's boom from the sidelines. Now those communities are the centerpiece of Charlotte's efforts to build a more equitable city.	1/23/2023	ME/ATC	8:59:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Rapid change in Charlotte's North End makes residents eager and anxious</a>	Longtime residents both welcome the amenities coming, but, in a largely renter-occupied area, worry about who will be around to benefit from them.	1/24/2023	ME/ATC	7:58:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Crime plagues Sugar Creek at I-85. The solution? 'Don't remove people, lift them up.'</a>	The three-mile stretch of West Sugar Creek Road takes you from what feels like a village in the west through a busy intersection with I-85 to North Tryon Street. It's anchored by two neighborhoods — Derita and Hidden Valley — with strong leaders who agree their priority is driving out the trouble I-85 and the motels around the exit attract.	1/30/2023	ME/ATC	9:25:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">Mecklenburg County prepares for possibility of increased migrant arrivals</a>	Mecklenburg County Commissioners approved nearly \$40 million in American Rescue Plan spending for affordable housing and homelessness programs in the county.	1/19/2023	ATC/ME	3:28:00
Race and Equity	<a href="#">As east Charlotte grows, residents want a stake in its future</a>	As Charlotte grows and the city mulls revitalization plans, the Central Avenue corridor could change in unexpected ways — and it has before.	1/25/2023	ME/ATC	8:15:00
Education	<a href="#">Big CMS bond, big changes. What's planned for your school?</a>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools unveils a plan for a November bond package totaling almost \$3 billion. Almost half the district's 180 schools could see changes in boundaries, magnets, grade levels and/or facilities.	1/20/2023	ME/ATC	1:56:00
Education	<a href="#">Changes are coming to dozens of CMS schools. Now's the time to speak up.</a>	Here's a look at what the new Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools plan for almost \$2.9 billion in school bonds means for schools and taxpayers.	1/24/2023	ME/ATC	7:07:00
Education	<a href="#">Union County board reverses vote to defy NC school calendar law</a>	The Union County school board voted 6-3 Friday to rescind an earlier vote to defy North Carolina's school calendar law, saying a lawsuit left them with no choice.	1/27/2023	ME/ATC	4:29:00
Education	<a href="#">NC teacher reports: Attrition is down, vacancies are up and a new challenge is coming</a>	New reports on the availability of teachers in North Carolina's public schools paint a complex picture of turnover, vacancies and the pipeline for coming years.	2/2/2023	ATC/ME	4:48:00
Education	<a href="#">Surge in NC career credentials pays off for teens and teachers</a>	North Carolina sees a surge in high school students earning career-prep credentials. That brings bonuses for career-tech teachers.	2/3/2023	ATC/ME	1:35:00
Education	<a href="#">Allenbrook sheds low-performing label through academic focus, extra hours and fun</a>	A west Charlotte elementary school makes big academic gains through academic focus, tutoring and fun. Allenbrook got off North Carolina's low-performing school list while many other high-poverty schools were added.	2/16/2023	ME/ATC	7:58:00
Education	<a href="#">Anger, tears and finger-pointing as Gaston schools' payroll problems persist</a>	More than a year after Gaston County Schools launched a new state-approved Oracle payroll system, employees face problems getting accurate paychecks.	2/21/2023	ATC/ME	4:40:00
Arts & Culture	<a href="#">A Marvelous Black Boy Art Show comes to Charlotte</a>	A Marvelous Black Boy Art Show exhibit will kick off its national tour this year in Charlotte on Sunday to celebrate Black male artists. For the first time in the Queen City, about 40 artists will have a chance to display their work.	1/22/2023	ATC/ME	2:55:00
Arts & Culture	<a href="#">A new creative space in west Charlotte offers a 'taste of the real world'</a>	A creative space for youth recently opened in the basement of a church in west Charlotte. The space has been transformed to expose teens to a range of technology and an entrepreneurship program.	3/13/2023	ME/ATC	4:15:00
Arts & Culture	<a href="#">Don't underestimate the cast of 'Andy and the Orphans' at Three Bone Theatre</a>	The one-act play at Charlotte's Three Bone Theatre features a lead actor with Down syndrome who also played the title role in the original 2018 off-Broadway production. The show revolves around three adult siblings on a road trip to their father's funeral.	2/19/2023	ME/ATC	5:39:00

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Arts & Culture		About 50 old pianos were painstakingly disassembled, then reassembled into this intimate performance venue for the 2023 Charlotte SHOUT! festival. The team that built the venue gives us a behind-the-scenes look.	3/31/2023	ATC/WESAT	4:25:00
Arts & Culture	<a href="#">This 80-seat Charlotte SHOUT! amphitheater is made entirely from old pianos</a>	Pickleball has exploded in popularity around Charlotte, and players say interest will only intensify as the weather warms up. They're asking Mecklenburg County and surrounding areas to keep building more courts.	2/11/2023	WESAT	4:00:00
Arts & Culture	<a href="#">Pickleball is a big dill in Charlotte. Players say more courts are needed</a>	District Attorney Spencer Merriweather says he doesn't believe Charlotte council member James Mitchell still owns 25% of R.J. Leeper Construction, as Mitchell claimed.	1/25/2023	ATC/ME	4:54:00
Politics	<a href="#">District Attorney: 'No basis' to prosecute James Mitchell over alleged company ownership</a>	For Charlotte's \$13.5 billion transportation plan to move forward, the General Assembly needs to allow Mecklenburg County to place a penny sales tax increase on the ballot. House Speaker Tim Moore criticized the city's plan, saying it needs to spend more on roads.	1/9/2023	ME/ATC	4:00:00
Politics	<a href="#">NC House Speaker Tim Moore blasts Charlotte's proposed \$13.5 billion transportation plan</a>	Charlotte City Council moved forward with plans to go to four-year terms. The next step is a public hearing on March 13. After that, council members could then vote to place the issue on the ballot for voters to decide this fall.	2/13/2023	ME/ATC	1:33:00
Politics	<a href="#">Charlotte City Council, mayor move forward with plans to double the length of their terms</a>	The Charlotte City Council's jobs and economic development committee Monday extended a deadline for the Eastland Yards project by 60 days. Building something new at the old Eastland Mall site is a priority for the city and east Charlotte.	3/6/2023	ME	1:40:00
Politics	<a href="#">City Council considers three plans for Eastland: tennis, swimming and a Target store</a>	A city of Charlotte advisory committee recommended the city switch to four-year terms, increase the pay of elected officials and also switch to nonpartisan elections.	3/8/2023	ME/ATC	5:06:00
Politics	<a href="#">Charlotte is one of the only NC cities with partisan elections. City Council isn't eager to change</a>	The NC General Assembly on Wednesday overturned Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of a law requiring North Carolinians to receive a permit from their local sheriff to purchase a handgun.	3/29/2023	ATC/ME	1:23:00
Transportation	<a href="#">Mecklenburg Democrat says illness prevented her from voting against pistol permit veto override</a>	A Lynx Blue Line vehicle derailed in May 2022 because of a broken axle bearing. CATS interim CEO Brent Cagle only learned about the accident and investigation two weeks ago.	3/13/2023	ME	1:30:00
Transportation	<a href="#">CATS staff kept new CEO in the dark about light rail derailment risk</a>	The North Carolina Department of Transportation criticized the Charlotte Area Transit System's response to a May 2022 derailment of a Lynx Blue Line vehicle.	3/14/2023	ME/ATC	5:17:00
Transportation	<a href="#">State: CATS response to rail accident was 'unclear, insufficient and not acceptable'</a>	Mecklenburg County Commissioner Leigh Altman is also a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, an oversight board for the Charlotte Area Transit System. She said CATS's response to a May 2022 train derailment is "beyond the pale."	3/16/2023	ATC/ME	2:03:00
Transportation	<a href="#">Mecklenburg Commissioner Altman wants 'accountability' for CATS' response to Lynx derailment</a>	A week after Charlotte Area Transit System officials disclosed that a Lynx Blue Line train derailed in 2022, the Metropolitan Transit Commission is set to question interim CEO Brent Cagle about the system's response.	3/21/2023	ATC/ME	1:08:00
Transportation	<a href="#">As Mayor Lyles commits to 'transparency,' CATS declines to answer basic questions about its response to derailment</a>	The Charlotte Metropolitan Transit Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to direct the city of Charlotte to hire an outside consultant to investigate a May 22 derailment of a Lynx Blue Line vehicle.	3/22/2023	ME/ATC	4:37:00
Transportation	<a href="#">'Culture of silence': Investigation coming into CATS train derailment, and agency's response</a>	Interim Charlotte Area Transit System chief executive Brent Cagle said he isn't sure why preventative maintenance wasn't done on Lynx Blue Line vehicles. He said it wasn't because CATS didn't have enough money.	3/23/2023	ME/ATC	5:17:00
Transportation	<a href="#">Missed maintenance, skipped inspections: CATS deals with 'systemwide failure'</a>	Charlotte City Manager Marcus Jones said Thursday he was told about the May 2022 derailment of a Lynx Blue Line train at the time — contradicting his earlier statements that he didn't learn about it until February.	3/30/2023	ME/ATC	4:27:00
Transportation	<a href="#">Charlotte city manager was told of light rail derailment in 2022, contradicting earlier statements</a>	Duke Energy officials told state regulators Tuesday that their computer models underestimated power demand by 6% to 10% during frigid weather on Christmas Eve. That and a shortage of electricity from power plants, contributed to the need for rolling blackouts across North Carolina at a time when temperatures dipped into the single digits.	1/3/2023	ME/ATC	3:06:00
Climate	<a href="#">'We own what happened': Duke Energy officials say forecasting errors, malfunctions led to blackouts</a>	One of the longstanding arguments against renewable energy like wind and solar is that it's not as reliable as conventional power plants. But the Christmas Eve rolling blackouts in North Carolina turned that conventional wisdom on its head.	1/6/2023	ME/ATC	3:12:00
Climate	<a href="#">Cold-weather blackouts challenge conventional wisdom on reliability</a>	Residents on a stretch of North Carolina's Outer Banks where houses fell into the ocean last year want a beach replenishment project to protect additional homes and prevent flooding. But at a public meeting in Rodanthe Wednesday night, Dare County officials said there's no way to pay for it.	1/19/2023	ATC/ME	1:47:00
Climate	<a href="#">Dare County manager tells Rodanthe residents there's no money to rebuild their beach</a>	Duke Energy has asked North Carolina regulators to approve the expansion of a program that lets large customers contract for renewable energy. The Charlotte-based utility company also wants to offer renewable energy credits to customers who want to support the shift to clean energy to fight climate change.	1/30/2023	ME/ATC	1:12:00
Climate	<a href="#">Duke Energy proposes two new programs to help customers use renewable energy</a>				

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Climate		Three years ago, Duke Energy opened its newest natural gas-fired power plant in Asheville, on the site of an old coal-fired plant. Duke wants to build more gas plants around North Carolina as part of its plan to reduce the heat-trapping pollution that comes from electricity generation. But the idea has plenty of critics.	2/12/2023	ME/ATC	4:28:00
	<a href="#">Duke Energy plans gas plants as it moves away from coal, but critics see higher cost and emissions</a>				
Climate		The Charlotte Area Transit System is tapping the brakes on plans to convert to 100% electric buses by 2030. And the slowdown is raising concerns among council members and environmentalists that Charlotte might not be able to meet the city's climate goals.	2/17/2023	ME/ATC	1:27:00
	<a href="#">Charlotte council votes to slow purchases of electric buses; what about climate goals?</a>				
Climate		When it comes to fighting climate change, shifting electricity production away from fossil fuels is a critical part of the battle. The energy sector is the second-largest source of the heat-trapping pollution that causes global warming. As we close coal-fired plants, and eventually get rid of gas-fired power plants, too, the question is what will replace them.	2/24/2023	ME/ATC	5:41:00
	<a href="#">Duke Energy has big plans for small nukes</a>				