

Quarterly Issues Programs List for the 3rd 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

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| Education | After a decade, Charlotte's vision for an education village inches toward its goals | Renaissance West, an education village that replaced dilapidated public housing, is one of Charlotte's most ambitious attempts to break the cycle of poverty in one neighborhood. Here's how it began. | 8/28/2023 | ME/ATC | 9:35:00 |
| Education | In Atlanta, a neighborhood, a golf course and a charter school inspire Charlotte's work | Charlotte's Renaissance West education village project was inspired by Atlanta's older and better-funded East Lake revitalization and Charles Drew Charter Academy. | 8/29/2023 | ME/ATC | 9:11:00 |
| Education | Gains on NC test scores could invigorate Renaissance West's education village | Next week's North Carolina test scores could bring an end to Renaissance West STEAM Academy's string of F's and boost long-standing efforts to create an education village in west Charlotte. | 8/30/2023 | ME/ATC | 8:52:00 |
| Education | For Renaissance West, big gains bring hope as the school moves off the state's 'F' list | For the first time in its history, Renaissance West STEAM Academy moves off North Carolina's list of "F" schools. That's important for an education village project. | 9/8/2023 | ATC/ME | 5:52:00 |
| Education | Providence High shows high-scoring students can still make big gains | Some educators think only low-scoring schools can rate high on North Carolina's growth index. Providence High in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools proves them wrong. | 9/13/2023 | ME/ATC | 5:41:00 |
| Education | Long, tense meetings and conflict of interest questions mark Catawba schools' book battles | Book ban battles in Catawba County Schools are drawing big, intense crowds as a "Mama Bear" school board member votes on challenges she has brought. | 9/21/2023 | ME/ATC | 8:40:00 |
| Education | Across North Carolina, school 'swatting' hoaxes waste time and create terror | When police descended on Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Ardrey Kell High last week, it was an example of what North Carolina officials say is a troubling trend: False reports of school shootings and other threats are on the rise. | 9/27/2023 | ATC/ME | 6:40:00 |
| Race & Equity | As the world gets hotter, Charlotte is trying to ensure every neighborhood has some shade | As Charlotte bakes under heatwaves this summer, the city's trees are helping to take the edge off by shading homes, streets and parks. But the benefits of these natural air-conditioners are spread unevenly throughout the city. Shade is hardest to find in some of Charlotte's low-income neighborhoods. And it's often a challenge for residents to maintain the trees they do have. | 8/20/2023 | ME/ATC | 6:13:00 |
| Race & Equity | A culture clash in a changing city: How three Asian water buffaloes got loose in Charlotte | Charlotte still has its rural corners. Last week's 900-pound bull that escaped from a farm was a reminder of that. But what to make of the three Asian water buffaloes on the loose in northeast Charlotte earlier this summer? That answer touches on a cultural misunderstanding, a changing city, and a set of surprised, but supportive neighbors from various homelands. | 8/15/2023 | ME/ATC | 7:27:00 |
| Race & Equity | In fast-changing North End, Hebrew Cemetery looks to expand and provide housing — for the living | One of Charlotte's oldest cemeteries sits in North End, among industrial buildings and neighborhoods that have grown up around it over the past century. Now, the Hebrew Cemetery wants to expand into a city-owned plot next door, which Charlotte has set aside to redevelop as part of its Corridors of Opportunity initiative. The cemetery's plan is to provide more space to the living and the dead — but some community members are wary. | 8/25/2023 | ME/ATC | 6:33:00 |
| Race & Equity | What it takes for one Charlotte neighborhood to get noticed — and get funded | What does it take for a neighborhood to get noticed by big funders and city officials deciding where to target spending? Determination, a good Rolodex, and access to the right people and programs. And, as one neighborhood in west Charlotte shows, it takes the right advocates coming together. | 9/19/2023 | ME/ATC | 7:50:00 |
| Race & Equity | North Carolina's fast-growing Colombian community petitions for a consulate | Colombian community groups say it's time to establish a dedicated consular service for the more than 46,000 Colombians who reside in North and South Carolina. | 8/20/2023 | ATC/ME | 2:04:00 |
| Race & Equity | Mexican farmworker's death under investigation by North Carolina Department of Labor | Thirty-year-old José Arturo González Mendoza of Guanajuato, Mexico was in North Carolina under an H-2A visa for temporary agricultural workers. He began working at Barnes Farming in Spring Hope, about 40 miles east of Raleigh, less than two weeks before he died. | 9/7/2023 | ATC/ME | 1:52:00 |
| Politics | All marijuana is still illegal in North Carolina. But getting high on cannabis is easy — and legal | A growing number of CBD stores in Charlotte are selling hemp-based products with psychoactive properties. | 7/27/2023 | ME/ATC | 7:32:00 |
| Politics | Trans youth have become a lightning rod in North Carolina politics. Why now? | North Carolina is one of many states where Republicans are pursuing laws that target transgender youth. What's driving this nationwide surge, and why now? | 7/7/2023 | ATC | 5:38:00 |
| Politics | Neighbors sour over basketball-turned-pickleball court in east Charlotte park | The Eastway Park / Sheffield Park neighborhoods are the site of a pickleball controversy after the county replaced a basketball court with pickleball, leaving some neighbors with a sour taste. | 8/11/2023 | ATC/ME | 4:26:00 |

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| Politics | Mayor Vi Lyles enters primary fray, seeks to oust incumbent Renee Johnson | Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles has endorsed Wil Russell against incumbent Renee Johnson in the City Council District 4 race. It's the first time Lyles has made an endorsement for City Council in her six years as mayor. | 8/31/2023 | ME/ATC | 4:44:00 |
| Politics | After city decriminalization, uptown residents say public drinking, defecation is out of hand | Residents of Fourth Ward uptown say the city of Charlotte should not have decriminalized public drinking and public defecation and urination last year. | 9/10/2023 | ATC/ME | 5:53:00 |
| Politics | It's hard to find a big city with voter turnout as low as Charlotte's. Would nonpartisan elections help? | In a city with more than 482,000 eligible voters, only 23,676 went to the polls. A lack of competition certainly played a role. WFAE addresses why there's a lack of competitive races. | 9/13/2023 | ME/ATC | 5:53:00 |
| Politics | After her switch to GOP, Tricia Cotham helped hometown Mint Hill secure millions in state budget | State Rep. Tricia Cotham of Mecklenburg County switched from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party this spring. Her newfound clout in the GOP helped her win millions of dollars for her hometown, Mint Hill | 9/21/2023 | ATC/ME | 1:59:00 |
| Politics | 'Not a rubber stamp': Mecklenburg towns and county demand transit changes from Charlotte | The mayors from the six Mecklenburg towns, along with Mecklenburg Commissioner Leigh Altman, sent a letter to the city of Charlotte on Tuesday. They said they want more power for the Metropolitan Transit Commission. | 9/26/2023 | ME/ATC | 1:52:00 |
| Politics | North Carolina is close to banning trans girls from school sports | Since 2019, only two trans girls have asked to play women's high school sports in North Carolina. Still, the debate over their inclusion has become passionate and emotional in the legislature. | 7/2/2023 | ME/ATC | 5:44:00 |
| Energy & Environment | Charlotte-area startup wants to improve the EV-charging experience | As U.S. drivers contemplate joining the electric vehicle revolution, the availability of charging stations on the road is a big concern. A Charlotte-area startup company called Koulomb is trying to solve that problem as it builds a network of fast chargers in the region. | 7/6/2023 | ME/ATC | 3:41:00 |
| Energy & Environment | At Birdsong Brewing, climate and environment are part of the business plan | The 12-year-old NoDa brewery and tap room, run by Tara and Chris Goulet, is one of Charlotte's oldest craft breweries — and a case study in environmental sustainability for a small business. | 7/13/2023 | ME/ATC | 4:06:00 |
| Energy & Environment | How the home building industry got a bill to delay new energy efficiency standards in NC | The North Carolina Home Builders Association and the governor-appointed state Building Code Council have battled all year over proposed updates to energy efficiency standards for new homes. With the council poised to adopt the changes, the Republican-controlled legislature stepped in to pass a bill that would block any new standards. Email messages show that the home builders lobby helped write the legislation. Energy efficiency advocates are crying foul on the bill, which the governor vetoed and could come up for an override vote this week. | 7/17/2023 | ME/ATC | 5:24:00 |
| Energy & Environment | In this summer's heat, Charlotte and Raleigh are not places to be | Millions of Americans are feeling the effects of this summer's heat waves, which scientists tell us are made worse by climate change. The extreme heat is most miserable and dangerous in cities, and especially in the most developed areas of cities that lack trees and open space. That's according to a new analysis of temperature data in 44 U.S. cities, including Charlotte and Raleigh. | 8/4/2023 | ATC/ME | 4:39:00 |
| Energy & Environment | Workers are at risk in extreme heat, but North Carolina has no protections | The past two weeks have seen some of the year's hottest weather in North Carolina with temperatures in the high 90s and "feels like" heat index values in parts of the state over 110. Extreme heat is a risk for workers, but like most states North Carolina has no standards or regulations to protect them. As the situation worsens with global warming, advocates say it's time for that to change. | 8/16/2023 | ME/ATC | 8:04:00 |
| Energy & Environment | NOAA predicts high-tide flooding days will increase in the Carolinas | Federal forecasters say U.S. coastlines could see an increase in high-tide flooding over the next year thanks to climate change and a stronger El Niño. That includes many parts of the Carolinas coast and Pamlico Sound. | 8/22/2023 | ATC/ME | 1:28:23 |
| Energy & Environment | Report notes climate risks at substations and other parts of Duke Energy's system | A new climate change preparedness study has found that the greatest risks to Duke Energy's electrical transmission and distribution system by 2050 will be extreme heat and flooding, mainly at substations. | 9/19/2023 | ME/ATC | 2:54:00 |
| Health | Fractured, Part 9: How North Carolina hopes to cut the waits for state psychiatric hospital beds | For the past two months, WFAE has been exploring the crisis brewing in North Carolina's mental health system. That includes a shortage of state hospital beds. | 7/6/2023 | ME/ATC | 13:28:00 |
| Health | Fractured, Part 10: The Miami Model | As WFAE has been reporting in our series, "Fractured," locking up defendants with serious mental illness can make their mental health worse. It's expensive, and it's often not very effective at reducing crime. If former inmates don't get treatment when released, they're likely to get arrested again. But in Miami, Fla., public officials are taking a different approach to the issue — jail diversion. | 7/18/2023 | ME/ATC | 13:05:00 |
| Health | Fractured, Part 11: Still here: Cycling between the jail and the mental health hospital | WFAE's "Fractured" series began with the story of John, a 32-year-old Charlotte man living with severe mental illness and intellectual disabilities. John was arrested more than five years ago and has been in custody ever since — but he's never had a trial. WFAE caught up with John this month, where he's still stuck in a system that isn't working well, cycling between the jail and the hospital, with no end in sight. | 8/1/2023 | ME/ATC | 12:59:00 |

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| Health | There aren't enough foster parents in North Carolina. Kids are sleeping in social service offices | North Carolina is in a foster care crisis. Federal data show the number of licensed foster care homes in the state dropped by 23% from 2021 to 2022. Because of the shortage, dozens of children in Mecklenburg County have slept in county offices over the past year. Reporter Michelle Crouch joins WFAE's Marshall Terry to discuss. | 7/10/2023 | ME | 6:17:00 |
| Health | COVID-19 pandemic drives increase in children's speech delays | Since the pandemic, some children have been taking longer to start talking and that's leading to a spike in requests for evaluations by speech pathologists. Reporter Lindsey Banks joined WFAE's Marshall Terry to talk more about the trend. | 8/9/2023 | ME | 5:26:00 |
| Health | NC health secretary to donate blood as FDA rules for gay, bisexual men go into effect | North Carolina's health secretary will donate blood on Monday under newly relaxed rules for gay and bisexual men issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. | 8/7/2023 | ATC/ME | 1:04:00 |
| Business | Inside the financial struggles of Charlotte's YMCA | Years after many industries and businesses bounced back from the Coronavirus pandemic, the YMCA of Greater Charlotte is still struggling. The organization this spring announced it is selling its Johnston location in NoDa to a developer, citing in part the system's losses. | 7/27/2023 | ME | 5:01:00 |
| Business | Charlotte area saw no new office construction in the second quarter | Something just happened in Charlotte that hasn't happened in almost two decades. According to real estate data firm CoStar Group, developers did not break ground on any new office space in the second quarter. That's the first time since at least 2006, according to available records. This and more on this week's BizWorthy with the Charlotte Ledger Business Newsletter's Cristina Bolling. | 7/20/2023 | ME | 4:44:00 |
| Business | Brooklyn Village project finally moves forward | A long-anticipated development project that's expected to reshape uptown Charlotte took its first real step forward this week. Mecklenburg County on Monday announced the sale of nearly six acres at the corner of McDowell Street and Brooklyn Village Avenue to a developer for just over \$10 million. This, and more, on this week's BizWorthy. | 8/3/2023 | ME | 4:35:00 |
| Business | What happened with that recession economists predicted? | A few months ago, many economists were certain that a recession was coming in 2023. Tony Mecia of the Charlotte Ledger Business Newsletter joins WFAE's Marshall Terry to discuss the economy and other topics on this week's BizWorthy. | 8/10/2023 | ME | 5:15:00 |
| Business | Future of big uptown project uncertain | A \$600 million project in uptown Charlotte has been called off after the developer working on the project with Mecklenburg County pulled out. This, and more, in this week's BizWorthy. | 8/17/2023 | ME | 5:03:00 |
| Business | Financial trouble at Aldersgate retirement community prompts state action | State regulators say the Aldersgate retirement community in east Charlotte is potentially insolvent, following years of losses and financial mismanagement. The reporter who broke the story says residents and their families are hoping state action will help. | 8/21/2023 | ATC | 5:13:00 |