

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station KTXN

July 1st- September 30, 2020

Section I: Issues

Through on-air announcements that air at various times of the day, the station solicits input from Victoria and The Crossroads area in South Texas. Residents and members of our community tell us what concerns they have. From that feedback, we have identified the following as significant issues in our community:

A. Crime. Victoria Police Department says July is ‘Watch Your Car Month’. Officer Brogger talks about the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority’s designation that July is now “Watch Your Car Month” after 17 vehicles were stolen in the Crossroads area.

B. VISD Announces Remote Learning for Students in August: VISD Superintendent- Dr. Quintin Shepard announced Victoria ISD’s plan to begin the school year with remote learning from home. He covers how students will be issued tablets, laptops, or work packets for their curriculum and how parents can register for these items in advance of the school year.

C. VISD Reviews Shortages in materials needed for remote learning: VISD Director of Communications Shawna Currie joined us to discuss the changing back to school options for students of Victoria ISD. Students have begun the semester with remote learning and will have a chance to re-evaluate their status every 6 to 8 weeks as the fall continues.

D. The Navarro Median Project: Officer Brogger of the Victoria Police Department joined us to discuss the considerable Navarro Median project coming to Victoria this fall. This major construction project will happen along one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city, creating daily lane closures, traffic adjustments, and rush hour delays

E. Early Voting in Victoria, and Mail-In Ballots in Victoria County: the elections will be here before we know it. Mrs. Margetta Hill from the Victoria County Election Office discusses the different voting options for the fall elections in Victoria County.

F. Tropical Storm Beta Preparedness: Officer Brogger of the Victoria Police Department reviews the city’s preparedness plan with Tropical Storm Beta expected to make landfall on Sept 21st just miles from the city of Victoria.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the below-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

The Victoria Report: United Way of Victoria Equity Challenge

Broadcast on July 5th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Jill Blucher. After the tragic passing of George Floyd Victoria hosted 2 BLM Marches that were well attended. The United Way of Victoria responded with a new program that we shared with our listeners. The Equity Challenge is a commitment to devote 10-15 minutes a day for 7 days to learn about the history and impacts of racism in Victoria, Tx and the different ways that bias, prejudice, privilege, and oppression show up in our everyday lives.

The Victoria Report: Victoria Police Department: July is ‘Watch Your Car Month’

Broadcast on July 12th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Officer Brogger about the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority’s designation that July is now “Watch Your Car Month” after 17 vehicles were stolen in the Crossroads area. The theft of these vehicles also included the theft of firearms from those vehicles. Officer Brogger reviews tips for auto theft prevention and how to quickly report a missing vehicle to Victoria authorities.

The Victoria Report: United Way Covid-19 Relief Fund

Broadcast on July 19th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Victoria Mayor Rawley McCoy about the state of Victoria during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Mayor reviewed the city’s commitment to the 25/50% occupancy ratio, covid-19 testing in Victoria, and antibody testing in Victoria. He also reviewed the city services offering remote assistance during the many closures.

The Victoria Report: Fire Safety in the Workplace/ Summer Boat Safety

Broadcast on July 26th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-7:00am

This segment featured a discussion **Victoria Fire Marshal Richard Castillo** joined us to talk about fire safety in the workplace while many businesses are closed due to covid-19 and away from their brick and mortar locations. Castillo recommends ways to protect against fire by checking smoke alarms and sprinkler systems, turning off unneeded appliances, and powering down any computers, copiers, or electronics that could become a fire hazard if left unattended for long periods of time.

This segment also featured a conversation with Game Warden Chelsea who gave reminders about boat safety and some helpful info on how to safely store and protect your boat during the tropical storm and hurricane season. Victoria saw 4 tropical events this summer in the Gulf of Mexico and this information was important to our audience.

The Victoria Report: VISD Announces Remote Learning for Students in August

Broadcast on August 9th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:45am-7:00am

This segment featured a discussion with VISD Superintendent- Dr. Quintin Shepard. VISD students are to begin the school year from home this year and Dr. Shepard reviews how students will be issued tablets, laptops, or work packets for their curriculum. Dr. Shepard also reviews the ISD's decision to delay all VISD high school athletics until later in the fall including high school football.

The Victoria Report: VISD Reviews Shortages in materials needed for remote learning

Broadcast on August 16th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with VISD Director of Communications Shawna Currie who joined us to discuss the changing back to school options for students of Victoria ISD. Students have begun the semester with remote learning and will have a chance to re-evaluate their status every 6 to 8 weeks as the fall continues. Students who are learning from home can decide to come back to school, and students who are at school and select to switch to remote learning at home during these cycles.

The Victoria Report: The Navarro Median Project (Victoria, Tx)

Broadcast on August 23rd

Segment duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Officer Brogger of the Victoria Police Department to discuss the considerable Navarro Median project coming to Victoria this fall. This major construction project will happen along one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city, creating daily lane closures, traffic adjustments, and rush hour delays. Officer Brogger reviews how this will affect the daily commute of many Victoria's headed home each weekday this fall.

The Victoria Report: Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Fundraising

Broadcast on August 30th

Segment duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Claude Jacobs with the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch. The Bluebonnet Youth Ranch (BYR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that that serves as a long-term, residential home for dependent, abused and neglected children. This organization is one of the oldest in South Texas and help so many residents each and every year. Fundraising efforts for this community organization have been hit hard by COVID-19. Claude Jacobs shares the story of ways Texans can help this invaluable organization during the pandemic.

The Victoria Report: Early Voting in Victoria, and Mail-In Ballots in Victoria County

Broadcast on September 6th

Segment duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Mrs. Margetta Hill from the Victoria County Election Office to discuss voting options for the fall elections in Victoria County. As the election's administrator, Margretta was able to update our listeners about early voting locations in Victoria as well as the mail-in ballot option and who is eligible. Mrs. Hill also reviewed the deadline for voter registration and how to get assistance registering or confirming one's registration.

The Victoria Report: "Ride for Change"

Broadcast on September 13th

Segment duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Frank Hill of the Townsquare Media "Ride for Change". The ride will be a motorcycle run across Texas that will raise funds for minority scholarships in each city it visits. In Victoria, the ride has set up the Brother Gary Moses Scholarship fund that will be awarded to a minority student in Victoria who applies for assistance.

The Victoria Report: Tropical Storm Beta Preparedness

Broadcast on September 20th

Segment duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Officer Brogger of the Victoria Police Department. Officer Brogger reviews the city's preparedness plan with Tropical Storm Beta expected to make landfall on Sept 21st just miles from the city of Victoria. This segment discusses the forecasted heavy rainfall and flooding potential for the city of Victoria as well as resources for residents who need assistance during the storm as well as shelters that are available for residents who need a safe place to go.