

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station KVRF-FM

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Summary:

In the first quarter of 2018 input from board members, contact with local officials and leaders in the area served, discussions with a growing cadre of volunteers, and a review of Facebook postings and email feedback, once again continued to confirm the listing of previously identified issues as significant in the KVRF service area.

During the quarter the KVRF Board met monthly to review operations of the station including receiving reports about programming from the Chief Operating Officer. The Citizens Advisory Board also met during this quarter and reported to the Operating Board via a CAB member's appearance at operating board meetings.

KVRF continued internet audio streaming of the local Borough Assembly, School District Board meetings, and Palmer City Council Meetings. This service forms the background for the public affairs coverage during the morning show and public affairs programming.

We have continued programming dedicated to regular, in-depth coverage of the issues identified.

The Chief Operating Officer regularly attends meetings of the local emergency planning committee. The KVRF branded app for smartphone users continues providing access to our simulcast stream of FM programming as well as a second ad hoc stream for meetings and special events.

Our third transmitter established in Glacier View, continues to extend our broadcast signal to an underserved area north of our previous service area. A representative from the area on the Board of Directors provides input from the area's listeners, as well as a weekly program discussing area issues with citizens in Glacier View.

Both the Operating Board and the Citizens Advisory Board are exploring programming for additional issues: technical and regulatory changes affecting aviation safety, implications of national health care legislation for all residents and reflections on political gridlock in legislative budget negotiations.

Issues.

The station continued to address the following significant issues facing our community:

1. Public Safety: Increased attention this quarter has been focused on changes to the criminal justice system at the state level and impacts of budget reductions on public safety.
2. Local Arts and Culture: Finding venues for local musicians, and artists; publicizing art events.
3. Economic Development: accommodating development of Agriculture, Industry, Retail, and Tourism businesses, while respecting individual's rights - especially in regard to ordinances regulating cannabis production and distribution.
4. Environment: Balancing encouragement of economic development and associated environmental regulations, dealing with resource extraction of coal and gravel, and zoning.
5. Education: Keeping up with the growth of the school-aged population and exploring education as lifelong learning, especially given the extraordinary pressure on the State of Alaska's budget including education.
6. Community Planning: Planning for roads and trails in response to population growth.
7. Aging: Finding sources of funding for services to an increasingly older population.
8. Government: Balancing the desire for small, efficient government with the need for services, especially as funding from the state declines precipitously.
9. Technology: Encouraging use of technology while mitigating unintended negative consequences.
10. Social Services: Understanding and supporting the non-profit's role in providing services, especially through funding mechanisms such as the Pick, Click and Give program associated with the Permanent Fund.
11. Health: Choosing healthy lifestyles in the face of a plethora of information and highlighting the details of the Affordable Care Act, medicaid and medicare.

Section II Specific Issue Programming:

See attached spreadsheet for examples of responsive programming.