

WKNO-FM/WKNP-FM Quarterly Issues/Programs List
January – February- March, 2024

Agriculture & Environment

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – January 18, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

New research reveals alarming levels of contamination in northeastern Tennessee waterways by the chemicals known as PFAS or poly fluorinated substances.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – February 22, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee lawmakers are considering legislation that would require public access to maps of floods and landslides. And MLGW has announced plans to dig eight more wells in Shelby County to keep up with water demand during emergencies such as the recent freeze in January.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 27 seconds – February 26, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The City of Memphis plans to issue up to \$50 million of revenue bonds with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help fund more than \$100 million of upgrades to the city's aging stormwater system over the next five years.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 41 seconds – March 7, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A bill that would allow Tennessee developers to develop thousands of acres of wetlands has been sent to what lawmakers call "summer study".

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – March 19, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The U.S. Department of Energy is providing grants to install solar microgrids across the Southeast. Separately, the EPA has finalized stronger air quality standards for soot pollution and one regional organization says it's a step in the right direction.

Crime & Justice Reform

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 45 seconds – January 2, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

In the new year, advancing criminal justice reform could improve Mississippi's low labor participation rate and strengthen the workforce, according to a group that's advocating for reform.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – January 4, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

The City of Memphis ended the year 2023 with nearly 400 homicides. Julia Baker of The Daily Memphian reports.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 42 seconds – January 5, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

New Memphis Mayor Paul Young addressed the city's high level of violent crime on Thursday after meeting with his newly established public safety task force. WKNO's Katie Riordan reports.

Feature

5 minutes and 53 seconds – January 5, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Memphis Mayor Paul Young announced a new concerted effort across the political spectrum to deal with violent crime. Political Analyst Otis Sanford says it is a good start for the new city administration.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 29 seconds – January 8, 2024 at 7:33 a.m. and 8:33 a.m.

WKNO's Katie Riordan reports on the Tyre Nichols Family Vigil One Year Anniversary of Tyre's death.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 35 seconds – January 10, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis's reappointment by new Memphis Mayor Paul Young is uncertain after Tuesday's test vote by the Memphis City Council to not reinstate her.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 29 seconds – January 12, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A group of Memphis business executives is seeking urgent help from the State of Tennessee on Shelby County's violent crime issues, which they say are impacting the economy.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – January 15, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

More than two dozen students have died during the tenure of interim Memphis Shelby County Schools Superintendent Toni Williams.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 3 seconds – January 16, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The brother of Memphis rapper Yo Gotti was killed Saturday afternoon in a shooting.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 28 seconds – January 24, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A Tennessee House Republican wants child rapists to face the death penalty.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 45 seconds – February 1, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A new bill filed in the Tennessee Senate would prevent local governments from placing restrictions on the types of traffic stops conducted by police.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 6 seconds – February 1, 2024 at 7:33 and 8:33 a.m.

Memphis released more than 20 hours of additional video footage and audio recordings from the night Memphis police officers beat Tyre Nichols in January of last year. As WKNO's Katie Riordan reports, the new material captures more of the aftermath of the violent arrest.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – February 2, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Natalie McKinney of Whole Child Strategies and Cardell Orrin of Stand for Children join host Eric Barnes and The Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries discuss criminal justice in Memphis.

Feature

8 minutes and 8 seconds – February 7, 2024 at 7:42/8:42 a.m. and 4:42 p.m.

This new edition of Civil Wrongs features the investigation at a historic incident in which a Sheriff's Deputy in Eastern Arkansas used a loophole in the Constitution to acquire slave labor. A joint production of the Institute for Public Service Report at the University of Memphis and the WKNO-FM Stations.

Feature

8 minutes and 14 seconds – February 8, 2024 at 7:42/8:42 a.m. and 4:42 p.m.

WKNO continues its latest "Civil Wrongs" investigation with a conversation about so-called work therapy programs. Is full-time work in exchange for treatment benefiting the participants or the business they work for?

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – February 9, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Tennessee House of Representatives passed a bill Thursday that makes the "safety of the community" the first consideration when a Judge is determining bail.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – February 9, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Shelby County DA Steve Mulroy talks about his new Violent Crime Initiative, data transparency and his relationship with Memphis Mayor Paul Young.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – February 15, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Two weeks after releasing new video footage from the night of Tyre Nichols violent arrest, the City of Memphis has publicly shared documents from its internal investigation. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan.

Feature

5 minutes and 52 seconds – February 16, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.
Should there be a separate judicial system for Shelby County's suburbs? Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses that proposal and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 27 seconds – February 20, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
Shelby County hopes to build a new mental health facility for jail detainees within the next three to four years.

Feature

5 minutes and 54 seconds – February 23, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.
New ideas for dealing with Memphis crime surge involve multiple agencies and potentially a lot of money. Political Analyst Otis Sanford talks about those proposals.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 38 seconds – February 28, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
Memphis Mayor Paul Young revealed he held a meeting with the city's high ranking gang leaders two weeks ago to discuss the violence epidemic in Memphis,

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 7 seconds – February 27, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
A bill moving through this session of the Tennessee General Assembly which would prohibit local governments from creating policies to deter pretextual traffic stops.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – March 1, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.
Bill Gibbons of Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission, State Senators London Lamar and Brent Taylor join host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries discuss crime in Shelby County and some of the pending proposals in the current state legislative session.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – March 8, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Memphis City Council members Jerri Green and Pearl Eva Walker discuss crime, the coming budget and education.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 43 seconds – March 13, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis Police Association is questioning the “low” \$175,000 bond for a man accused of shooting an officer on Friday. And Shelby County Circuit Court Judge Mary Wagner has been confirmed as the newest Tennessee Supreme Court Justice.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 32 seconds – March 15, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee state lawmakers have passed a bill that would invalidate a Memphis ordinance banning certain kinds of low level police traffic stops.

Feature

5 minutes and 15 seconds – March 15, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Tough on crime Tennessee lawmakers say Memphis Police can't ignore low level traffic violations. They also say Shelby County can't have a local crime lab or raise money for a bigger jail. Political Analyst Otis Sanford says Tennessee legislators are sending conflicting messages.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 31 seconds – March 20, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Nearly a quarter of juvenile crimes committed in Shelby County last year were related to cars according to recent data.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – March 22, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Greater Memphis Chamber's Ted Townsend and business leaders Chance Carlisle and Richard W. Smith talk about crime in Shelby County and its impact on business and economic development, investments and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 41 seconds – March 27, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Amid enhanced security measures from Memphis Police Department during the NCAA Men's Basketball Regional Tournament over the weekend Downtown Memphis saw decreased crime levels compared to previous weekends.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 30 seconds – March 28, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis Police Department has received a federal grant to add to their network of cameras for crime prevention.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – March 29, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has signed a state law preventing local governments from banning pretextual traffic stops like the ordinance passed earlier by the Memphis City Council. And U.S. Senator Bill Hagerty met with Memphis Mayor Paul Young Wednesday in a meeting about crime that focused on goals the Mayor and Senator and other local leaders agree.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – March 29, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Memphis Police Association leaders John Covington and Matt Cunningham discuss policing and crime given the rise in violent crime in the community. In addition, the guests speak about some of the challenges police officers faces.

Education

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 25 seconds – February 2, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The University of Memphis showed off its new \$40 million STEM classroom and research building at the Herff College of Engineering on Wednesday.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – February 8, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee State Representative Mark White from the Memphis area is proposing that six unelected political appointees be added to the nine-member Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board.

Feature

2 minutes and 52 seconds – February 9, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

A new proposal by Tennessee Representative Mark White to stack the elected Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board with political appointees is raising concerns. Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses that and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 42 seconds – February 12, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

After a lengthy search, Memphis-Shelby County Schools has announced its new superintendent, Marie Feagins.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – March 5, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee lawmakers began debating last week the details of a statewide private school voucher program with three competing versions that are all different.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – March 6, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Ford Motor Company is offering \$5000 scholarships for students pursuing jobs as automotive technicians. The application process continues through August 31.

Feature

5 minutes and 51 seconds – March 22, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:44 p.m.

University of Memphis students shutdown a campus speech by conservative spokesperson Kyle Rittenhouse on Wednesday. Political Analyst Otis Sanford talks about free speech and its consequences.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 46 seconds – March 26, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

As the Tennessee General Assembly begins winding down for this session there are some major bills having unresolved differences between the House and Senate.

Feature

5 minutes and 53 seconds – March 29, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Former Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland was named the next Dean of the University of Memphis' Law School. Political Analyst Otis Sanford talks about that and recent gun legislation.

Politics & Government

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – January 3, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

Elmore Nickelberry, one of the last two original sanitation workers involved in the famous 1968 strike in Memphis, has dies at 92.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – January 5, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris talks about a proposed new jail facility aimed at providing resources to stabilize individuals and the costs and benefits of such a facility.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 18 seconds – January 8, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee lawmakers return to Capitol Hill in Nashville today for the start of the 2024 legislative session.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 24 seconds – January 11, 2024 at 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is proposing new music industry regulation which he describes as the first in the nation to address using AI.

Feature

5 minutes and 50 seconds – January 12, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.
Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton started the new legislative session by announcing new rules for observers and lawmakers. Political Analyst Otis Sanford shares his thoughts on the new rules.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – January 12, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

A journalism roundtable discuss the new Tennessee General Assembly session, new Memphis Mayor Paul Young's initiatives, criminal justice, education and more. Participants include the Memphis Flyer's Toby Sells, Bill Dries and Julia Baker of The Daily Memphian.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 5 seconds – January 16, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

An electric vehicle battery plant in Mississippi, just south of Collierville, will become the second largest capital investment project in the state's history.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 30 seconds – January 19, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – the federally owned utility that provides all of Memphis and Tennessee with power – supplied more electricity on Wednesday than at any other point in its 90 year history.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – January 19, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Roshun Austin of The Works, Inc. and Archie Willis III of Comcap Partners discuss the mix-use renovation of the Old Northside High School and the challenges of revitalizing neighborhoods like Klondike and what it means to communities.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 28 seconds – January 22, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Mississippi lawmakers came together for a Special Session last week to offer near unanimous, bipartisan support for appropriating \$349 million to bring an electric vehicle battery factory to North Mississippi, just south of Collierville.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 43 seconds – January 23, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council will take up an important vote on whether to retain Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis later today.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 35 seconds – January 24, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis, facing criticism over her leadership, will continue to head the department on an interim basis for now.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 31 seconds – January 26, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee's Secretary of State's office has confirmed that before former felons can get their voting rights restored here they must first restore their gun rights.

Feature

5 minutes and 35 seconds – January 26, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

New criminal laws being proposed in the Tennessee General Assembly this session could run afoul of the constitution. Political Analyst Otis Sanford shares his views.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 43 seconds – January 29, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee's Republican lawmakers are proposing a new amendment to the state constitution that could reduce bail eligibility for some people awaiting a criminal trial.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 18 seconds – January 30, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's proposal to expand school vouchers statewide would offer more than \$7000 in state funds for each participant to pay for private or home schools.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – January 31, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A new Tennessee legislative proposal would make it a felony for adults to help teens get abortions, unless that teen is their own child.

Feature

5 minutes and 54 seconds – February 2, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.
A year after Memphis Police beat Tyre Nichols, fallout from the incident is re-emerging in local and state politics. Analyst Otis Sanford talks about that and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 23 seconds – February 5, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
Tennessee lawmakers are deliberating a bill that could strike down protections for more than half of the state's wetlands.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 41 seconds – February 7, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
The City of Germantown and the FBI continue to investigate the nature of a cyberattack on city systems.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 20 seconds – February 13, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
The Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce continued its recent civic activism this weekend and came out against the proposal that would give former Memphis City Council members healthcare until age 65. Reported by The Daily Memphian's Sam Hardiman.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – February 14, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) reports it has patched 50 percent more potholes last month than it did the previous two Januarys.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – February 16, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.
New Memphis Mayor Paul Young joins host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries to discuss public safety, MPD Chief Davis and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 31 seconds – February 21, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council voted down a measure Tuesday to extend lifetime city health insurance coverage to former members who served their maximum terms of eight years in office.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – February 23, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee lawmakers have voted to change a law that requires convicted sex workers who know they have HIV to register as sex offenders. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan. And another bill would prevent local governments from sending General Assembly members who are expelled "for disorderly behavior" back to the same seat.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – February 23, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

Memphis Mayor Paul Young returns for part two of his conversation with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries to discuss his leadership agenda including education, his first budget priorities.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – February 29, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

MLGW President & CEO Doug McGowen announced a new 20 year plan for the utility will be drafted by the end of the year.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 22 seconds – March 1, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County Trustee Regina Newman has received more flawed revenue figures from Shelby County Clerk Wanda Halbert.

Feature

5 minutes and 51 seconds – March 1, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Are new proposed state laws that change the rules of government about fixing problems or vindictiveness against political foes? Political Analyst Otis Sanford talks about that and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – March 4, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Fewer than 30,000 Shelby County voters cast early ballots in the Tennessee Presidential Primaries and the Primaries for Shelby County General Sessions Court Clerk.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – March 8, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis Light Gas and Water Board will consider a push to expand its number of commissioners from five voting members to seven.

Feature

5 minutes and 54 seconds – March 8, 2024 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

As Tennessee Republicans move bills forward on school vouchers and rolling back police reforms in Memphis, Political Analyst Otis Sanford says Memphians should be concerned.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 25 seconds – March 11, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Representative G. A. Hardaway has introduced a bill to fund a feasibility study for a state operated crime lab in Memphis and the Shelby County Health Department is planning to build or improve its satellite public health clinics.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 42 seconds – March 14, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Shelby County Clerk's Office turned over almost \$9 million in revenue to county government throughout the past eight months collected from last year's \$25 well tax increase.

Behind the Headlines Radio Roundtable

4 minutes – March 15, 2024 at 5:44 p.m.

New Downtown Memphis Commission CEO Candell Ryan talks with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries about Downtown development, funding and the possibility of a second convention hotel.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – March 21, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council has revived a decades long debate about its role over Memphis Light Gas & Water (MLGW).

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 32 seconds – March 22, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Businesses operating in Tennessee could see nearly \$2 billion dollars in refunds and tax breaks under a proposal that passed the Tennessee Senate Thursday.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 28 seconds – March 25, 2024 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

After a three-week investigation, the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has issued a report on incorrect revenue figures from the Shelby County Clerk's office.

