

WKNO-FM/WKNP-FM Quarterly Issues/Programs Lists

October - November – December 2023

Agriculture and Environment

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – October 17, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is planning to build more fossil fuel capacity than any other utility this decade and TVA just proposed another project in Memphis.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 31 seconds – October 30, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A report by the Sierra Club rates utility companies for what they say they are doing to transition to cleaner energy sources – versus what they are actually doing.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 14 seconds – October 31, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Before the Mississippi River's recent record lows, 1988 was the river's worst year. That's when it fell more than 10 feet and 8 inches below zero. South of Memphis, the state of Mississippi has also been hard hit by drought conditions. Reported by Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB).

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – December 11, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A Knoxville based environmental group is voicing health and safety concerns about the development of a landfill for radioactive waste from the Y-12 Uranium Processing Facility in Oak Ridge, TN.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 30 seconds – December 12, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is planning to build a number of fossil fuel plants this decade. But next decade the federal utility is turning its attention to nuclear power.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 43 seconds – December 13, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
A cannabis testing company has revealed the presence of unregulated and illegal over the counter cannabis products available across Mississippi.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 51 seconds – December 15, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
Local bird watchers will grab their binoculars and look to the skies on Sunday as part of an annual citizen-led survey known as the Christmas Bird Count. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan.

Arts and Entertainment

Feature

2 minutes and 29 seconds – October 2, 2023 at 7:33 and 8:33 a.m.
A look at last week's opening of music producer's Matt Ross-Spang's recording studio, Southern Grooves, at Crosstown.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 25 seconds – October 16, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.
The 2024 Memphis In May Beale Street Music Festival has been called off due to poor financial performance.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 34 seconds – November 17, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A temporary art installation on the Wolf River Greenway will offer visitors a visual treat for the holiday season. Trees tinted blue.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes 16 seconds – December 29, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A recent Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce report indicates a full rebound of Memphis music and entertainment industry in the wake of the pandemic.

Business and Economy

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – October 10, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

According to the Memphis Area Association of Realtors (MAAR), September home sales were down more than 28% compared to the same month last year, and year to date sales are down 26%.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 18 seconds – October 12, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A new report by Heartland Forward offers recommendations for government and political leaders to help Black entrepreneurs. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 2 seconds – November 1, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County Commissioners voted down a study recommending tying property tax incentives for economic development projects to how much those projects pay their workers.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 18 seconds – November 15, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Canadian internet provider Ting Internet will sell to customers the fiber internet service to the City of Memphis plans to offer under an ambitious proposal this fall to close the digital divide in the region.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 29 seconds – November 22, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium could eventually have a new owner: the University of Memphis. The potential deal is made possible by the announcement that FedEx founder Fred Smith and his family will donate \$50 million to help renovate the stadium.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 36 seconds – November 29, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The old Melrose High School building, circa 1938, in Orange Mound is showing signs of its upcoming second life as a redevelopment project is underway.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 20 seconds – December 1, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

On Saturday, upwards of 20,000 runners will take to the streets of Memphis for the 22nd year of the St. Jude Memphis Marathon, the largest single day fundraiser for the children's cancer research hospital.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 8 seconds – December 8, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The idea of a passenger rail corridor between Memphis and Nashville and from there to Chattanooga and Atlanta – has a \$500,000 grant to start the planning process.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 8 seconds – December 18, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee employers are embracing the “learn while you earn” apprenticeship model.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 38 seconds – December 27, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A shuttered plant near Presidents Island formerly owned by Electrolux has been purchased by a Milwaukee-based investment firm. Phoenix Investors purchased the 785,000 square foot plant for \$35 million.

Crime & Law Enforcement

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 33 seconds – October 11, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Attorneys for two of the five former Memphis police officers accused of killing Tyre Nichols allege that Nichols had psychedelic mushrooms and stolen credit cards in his car the night he was beaten.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 39 seconds – October 18, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Two of the defendants in the civil lawsuit filed by the mother of Tyre Nichols have asked that the suit be dropped on the grounds that Rowvaughn Wells has no legal standing in the case.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 41 seconds – October 20, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County District Attorney General Steve Mulroy says he is not taking seriously recent reports that TN House Speaker Cameron Sexton wants to impeach him.

Feature

5 minutes and 52 seconds – October 20, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:44 p.m.

Tennessee's House Speaker is talking about impeaching Shelby County District Attorney over the area's violent crime. Political Analyst Otis Sanford questions the rationale.

WKNO Newscast

1 minute and 58 seconds – October 23, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Gun deaths among children have skyrocketed over the last decade according to a new study released this month in the journal Pediatrics.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 12 seconds – October 24, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Tennessee Office of Re-Entry will receive a large grant to help formerly incarcerated individuals find employment.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – November 2, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

One of the five former Memphis police officers charged in the death of Tyre Nichols is expected to change his plea in Federal court this morning reports Katie Riordan.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 41 seconds – November 3, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy said his office will no longer oppose requests for cost waivers of court fines and fees by low income residents.

Feature

5 minutes and 47 seconds – November 3, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45am & 4:44 p.m.

A new guilty plea in the Tyre Nichols case could have consequences for all the defendants. Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses this new development.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 20 seconds – November 7, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Four of the former Memphis police officers charged in the beating death of Tyre Nichols now have a state trial date set – August of the next year.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 4 seconds – November 10, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office is beefing up security when bringing jail inmates to the courtrooms at the Walter L. Bailey, Jr. Criminal Justice Center following several recent issues.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 23 seconds – November 16, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Two Shelby County jailers have been indicted for assaulting a jail inmate last May.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 31 seconds – November 21, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is assigning 40 additional Highway Patrol officers to Memphis and Shelby County following an uptick in violence last weekend.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 11 seconds – November 28, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

More than 200 people have died this year in fatal traffic crashes in Shelby County as of November 26 reports the Daily Memphian's Julia Baker.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 38 seconds – November 30, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A Shelby County Judge has created a political firestorm after releasing an 18 year old charged with murder on his own recognizance, without bond.

Feature

5 minutes and 39 seconds – December 8, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 am & 4:45 p.m.

A new report shows that only a small percentage of Shelby County Criminal Court cases ever make it to trial. Political Analyst Otis Sanford says pressure is needed to speed up justice for victims.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – December 14, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Shelby County District Attorney's Office is developing a public facing data dashboard that it plans to launch in Spring 2024. Reported by Julia Baker of The Daily Memphian.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 39 seconds – December 21, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy will prioritize the prosecution of a dozen violent crimes and violent adjacent crimes through a new public safety initiative starting January 1, 2024.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 32 seconds – December 28, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Tennessee General Assembly passed a law that gives Tennesseans free access to gun locks across the state. WPLN's Blaise Gainey walks through the process of getting one.

Education

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 25 seconds – October 5, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Christian Brothers University (CBU) is expecting a shortfall of up to \$7 million by the end of 2024.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 39 seconds – November 5, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A Tennessee Legislative committee begins hearings whether the state should reject more than \$1 billion dollars annually in Federal education funding.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 32 seconds – November 8, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee lawmakers questioned school district leaders from across the state as a legislative committee considers a proposal which would reject more than \$1 billion dollars a year in federal education funding because of the federal restrictions on the funding.

Feature

5 minutes and 52 seconds – November 10, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45a.m. & 4:44 p.m.

Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses why Tennessee Republican legislators are considering rejecting more than \$1 billion dollars of federal education funding.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 34 seconds – November 9, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Shelby County leaders marked the opening of the new Youth Justice and Education Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 26 seconds – November 14, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Memphis-Shelby County Schools officials are preparing to launch a multi-million dollar initiative in December that allows students to take free field trips to local landmarks.

Feature

5 minutes and 52 seconds – November 17, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45am & 4:44 p.m.

Rhodes College cancelled a seminar on campus after receiving criticism from the media and community. Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses this and more.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – November 20, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

In a bold step to attract academically gifted students, the University of Tennessee System has implemented a guaranteed admissions program.

Feature

5 minutes and 54 seconds – December 1, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is again pushing school vouchers, but this time he wants them even for affluent families. Political Analyst Otis Sanford says losing public school funding may not sit well with Republicans who supported vouchers when they didn't impact their own school districts.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – December 5, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has announced plans to build a methane gas plant in Central Mississippi, the eighth proposed fossil fuel plant in the last three years.

Feature

5 minutes and 54 seconds – December 15, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45a.m./4:45 p.m.

School voucher expansion in Tennessee is raising concerns from suburban school districts and some conservatives. Political Analyst Otis Sanford says the bottom line is money.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 26 seconds – December 16, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The University of Memphis now hosts two separate food pantries to serve the needs of students facing food insecurity. Reported by Redding Jackson.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 42 seconds – December 22, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Memphis-Shelby County School district leaders say the rollout of Tennessee’s new letter grading system for public and charter schools does not tell the whole story.

Politics and Government

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 40 seconds – October 2, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Since June, tens of thousands of low income Tennesseans have lost their Tenn Care health insurance coverage as the agency drops them for what are called “procedural” reasons.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 35 seconds – October 4, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Shelby County Board of Commissioners gave final approval Monday to a pair of ordinances asking the Shelby Sheriff’s Office to collect data on specialized units and a second set of data including traffic stops, arrests, use of force and citizen complaints. Reported by Bill Dries of The Daily Memphian.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 32 seconds – October 6, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A wrap up of the City of Memphis elections yesterday with Paul Young being elected Memphis Mayor.

Feature

5 minutes and 56 seconds – October 6, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

Political Analyst Otis Sanford discusses what the election of Paul Young as Memphis Mayor says about what voters want for the future.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 37 seconds – October 9, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

As Mississippi prepares to spend \$1.2 billion in federal funding for broadband buildout, one group says universal high speed internet would not only improve rural communities economic outlook, but also increase access to healthcare. Reported by Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB).

WKNO Newscast

3 minutes and 39 seconds – October 13, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council voted this week for a resolution to accept the \$350 million from the State of Tennessee for any City of Memphis owned stadium, not just Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium and FEDEXFORUM, per the text of the bills passed during the last Tennessee legislative session.

Feature

4 minutes and 4 seconds – October 13, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

New Memphis Mayor-Elect Paul Young didn't win with a majority of voters. But Political Analyst Otis Sanford says Young is a seasoned administrator with fresh ideas.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 33 seconds – October 19, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis Light Gas & Water Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of an office building in Cordova Wednesday as part of a plan to relocate the headquarters out of downtown. The Memphis City Council must also approve the purchase.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 30 seconds – October 25, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A new lawsuit in Tennessee challenges a so-called HIV criminalization law. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan.

WKNO Newscast

1 minute and 55 seconds – October 26, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council voted to advance a plan to expand the city's fiber-optic broadband network. Reported by Daily Memphian Reporter Bill Dries.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 2 seconds – October 27, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Tennessee's Attorney General is suing the U.S. Government for federal health funding that was withheld.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 21 seconds – November 13, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

MLGW is asking the Memphis City Council to approve several big-ticket items previously approved by its Board. They include a \$27 million grid communications system, a \$31 million headquarters, and for customers, a 12% hike in the electric bill over the next three years. And Shelby County Clerk Wanda Halbert denies that her office was "evicted" from its location in Poplar Plaza Shopping Center.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 38 seconds – November 23, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

Memphis City Council members delayed final votes Tuesday on a pair of ballot questions for city voters next year reports Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 43 seconds – November 27, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

A panel of judges has ruled that Tennessee's Republican drawn map of State Senate seats violates the state constitution and must be redrawn.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 26 seconds – December 4, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The U.S. Department of Justice says a Tennessee law making it a felony for someone who knows they are HIV positive to engage in sex work violates a federal anti-discrimination law. Reported by WKNO's Katie Riordan.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 38 seconds – December 6, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council gave its final approval Tuesday for a 12 percent increase to local power bills over the next three years.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 19 seconds – December 7, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Shelby County Board of Commissioners has approved a two-year, \$300,000 contract with the University of Memphis. The money will fund an assistant director position at the university's Center for Disaster Recovery and Resiliency.

Feature

3 minutes and 32 seconds – December 18, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45am & 5:45 pm

Voting rights advocates want absentee voting by mail in nursing homes in Tennessee.

WKNO Newscast

2 minutes and 10 seconds – December 20, 2023 at 7:04 and 8:04 a.m.

The Memphis City Council has approved a deal giving ownership of Simmons Liberty Stadium to the University of Memphis.

Feature

5 minutes and 56 seconds – December 22, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45am & 4:45pm

A new stadium deal brings the University of Memphis an early Christmas present. Political Analyst Otis Sanford that and other holiday gifts.

Feature

5 minutes and 49 seconds – December 29, 2023 at 6:45/7:45/8:45 a.m. & 4:45pm

Political Analyst Otis Sanford takes a look at key news events in 2023 and the citizens discontent with the status quo.