

2015 Q2 Issues & Programming WTSA (AM)

This is the programming and issues file for WTSA (AM) Brattleboro for April through June, 2015. The radio station features local news weekday mornings at 6:55, 7:55, and 8:55. In addition, numerous local groups are allowed time to record and air public service announcements. The radio station also broadcasts Brattleboro Union High School Football, Basketball, Hockey, Baseball and Softball. Here are some of the local news items covered during the period. This is not meant to be a complete list, only a representative sample. For additional information, please contact Tim Johnson at (802) 254-4577 during normal business hours, or email tj@wtsa.net.

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Agriculture

April 7: Vermont has again topped a national Locavore index, put together by Brattleboro's Strolling of the Heifers organization.

April 9: Vermont is part of a voluntary recall of Sabra Classic Hummus due to possible contamination with listeria bacteria, according to the FDA.

April 13: A new report claims Windham County is a leader in Vermont's forest products industry, and some proper planning is needed to maintain that status.

April 15: Brattleboro's Strolling of the Heifers group is celebrating spring. Stroll marketing manager Martin Langeveld says they are inviting several community supported agriculture groups to the Robert Gibson River Garden Saturday from 10 until 2.

April 27: A day of free dental care in Windham County was a little too successful. United Way director Carmen Derby says they reached capacity at Saturday's event, and ended up having to turn some people away.

May 7: The Grocery Manufacturers' Association and other industry groups are asking a federal appeals court to overturn a judge's refusal to block Vermont's first-in-the-nation law requiring the labeling of genetically modified food from taking effect on July 1, 2016.

May 8: The region's Farmers Market season is here, Brattleboro began its Saturday markets last week and will continue through October. The weekly Bellows Falls Market begins tonight, and in Hinsdale, weekly Sunday markets begin May 17th.

May 14: The Agriculture Department has developed the first government certification and labeling for foods that are free of genetically modified ingredients.

May 21: Twenty-four agriculture and 12 forestry projects around Vermont will share 36 grants totaling more than \$1 million from the Working Lands Enterprise Board.

May 21: A Brattleboro company continues to be part of the growth in local agriculture in Vermont. Commonwealth Dairy's Scott Cousino says they remain an important part of the work force, plus they buy milk from hundreds of Vermont Farms.

May 27: The maple industry is becoming year-round for some farmers, even if it started as an off-season income producer for the dairy industry.

May 29: Supporting local farms is a shared goal between strolling of the heifers and United Natural Foods of Chesterfield. UNFI's Kyle Audette says their company ships products made by a number of local producers, and organic food production has grown faster than other kinds of farming in recent years.

June 1: Brattleboro's Strolling of the Heifers weekend will include a tour of five area farms.

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June 2: This week's rain is being welcomed by area farmers, who say a dry start slowed the growth of their feed crops.

June 4: In the 21st century, farmers need to become better business people, and technology helps achieve that goal.

June 4: A Windham County organic farmer will operate a Vermont food products stand in the Boston Public Market, beginning next month.

June 5: A Grafton company will get \$55,000 in working capital financing from the Vermont Economic Development Authority.

June 22: Vermont has made a name for itself getting more locally raised foods into school cafeterias and curriculum about nutrition and agriculture into its classrooms.

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Arts

April 3: The City Council in Keene has overwhelmingly rejected a permit for the annual Pumpkin Festival.

April 8: Now that the Keene City Council has voted down holding its annual Pumpkin Festival this year, several other communities are looking at the possibility of hosting it.

April 22: The Keene Pumpkin Festival could have a new home. WMUR TV is reporting Laconia has come forward to host the event after Keene's City Council denied the festival's permit over concerns about last year's riots on the same weekend.

April 24: Organizers today announced a new home for an annual Pumpkin Festival that was kicked out of its long-time host city after violence near last year's event in Keene.

May 7: Right before our eyes, a Brattleboro non-profit has become one of the world's biggest circus training schools, and the largest in the U.S.

June 1: Brattleboro is back on the list of the nation's 100 most livable communities. Livability.com Brattleboro has become a destination for art enthusiasts.

June 3: Brattleboro's arts community has come together with the goal of completing the requirements of a \$50,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant.

June 17: The way has been cleared to begin soliciting proposals for a community art project in Brattleboro, the final step to comply with a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

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Business

April 3: A bonding company has sued the Brattleboro Food Co-op, saying the store hasn't paid bills for part of its \$9 million expansion project.

April 9: Two Massachusetts men have been charged with doing plumbing work in Keene without the proper licenses.

April 10: Brattleboro's Chamber of Commerce says next week's lunch with Governor Peter Shumlin will now also feature an update of The Windham County Economic Development Program.

April 14: Many of Vermont's smaller ski and snowboard areas have closed for the season, but some are still going strong after heavy snowfall this winter.

April 16: Vermont Commerce Secretary Pat Moulton says changes to the Windham County Development Fund are designed to make the process more predictable, and maximize the money's use to creating new high paying jobs.

April 21: Green Mountain Power is alerting customers to a phone scam, where a caller claims to be representing Green Mountain Power from the billing and disconnect division and demands payment.

April 24: The Vermont Workers Center is going to benefit from a group doing a battle of the bands event next week in Brattleboro.

April 28: After a nationwide search, the Brattleboro Food Co-op found its new general manager in house. Sabine Rhyne, who is currently shareholder and community relations manager, will take the top spot when long time manager Alex Gyori retires at the end of June.

May 6: Jamaica is one of the Vermont towns being targeted with a new round of broadband service expansion grants announced by the governor's office today.

May 8: A Brattleboro manufacturer is being honored by the Vermont Small Business Administration. Allison Wright of OWL Food has been named Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

May 13: Another Brattleboro company has been honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Artisan Web and Print, owned by Dawn Russell, has been named Micro-Enterprise of the Year in Vermont.

May 15: FairPoint Communications has announced workforce restructuring actions that will result in a reduction of approximately 260 positions across the 17 states in which it operates, including the closing of a call center in South Burlington.

May 15: Brattleboro's craft beer community will be well represented at the 4th annual Brattleboro Brewers Festival tomorrow.

May 18: Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin says applying a 6% sales tax on soft drink was the lesser of two evils, saying an alternate plan would have made the state's beverage industry uncompetitive.

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May 26: An update of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is taking place this week.

May 28: The first group of graduates has completed the Manufacturing Technician Apprenticeship Program done as a collaboration between G.S. Precision and Vermont Technical College.

May 29: A major expansion of snowmaking ability at Mount Snow, and expansion of a private resort at the former Haystack Ski area are good for the region's economy, according to Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin.

June 1: Brattleboro's ROV Technologies is now officially part of the Rolls Royce Company, and the company will stay in town.

June 4: Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin has signed into law an economic development bill that enhances job creation incentives and helps first-time home buyers with closing costs, among other provisions.

June 5: A Brattleboro yogurt manufacturer is offering advice about how to get from idea to action. Tom Moffitt of Commonwealth Dairy says it's best for a new company to do its homework, and make sure you have people who compliment your own skill set.

June 11: Changes at the Brattleboro Development credit Corporation. Robin Sweetapple, BDCC's Director of Operations, has accepted a new career opportunity at Cotton Design Associates in Newfane.

June 24: Gov. Peter Shumlin has announced eight community development grants worth more than \$2.8 million. A \$300,000 grant will be used in Brattleboro to replace a failed retaining wall, reopen a neighborhood street and restore parking spaces behind the historic Brooks House.

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Education

April 1: The Vermont Agency of Education has released a study that shows that the state's small school districts are costlier than other districts and provide fewer educational opportunities.

April 2: Brattleboro area residents are being asked to take a look back to the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam War's end, for an oral history project.

April 3: The Agency of Human Services announced today the selection of the first seven Vermont communities that will participate in the new Promise Communities initiative. Program coordinator Julianne Nickerson says Bellows Falls, and a portion of Brattleboro that includes the Green and Canal Street areas are included, to support children before they enter school, and the early elementary years.

April 6: U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont will be the commencement speaker next month at Marlboro College.

April 8: Keene State College will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and the death of local civil rights activist, Jonathan Daniels, with a panel conversation with volunteers from Freedom Summer 1964 next Wednesday.

April 10: A Saint Michael's School student has won a top prize in a Vermont financial literacy poster contest. William Hill won first place in the elementary school division of the contest, which was designed to promote good financial skills among school age children.

April 28: Area school board members ask the Vermont legislature not to hurt schools that are doing well, as part of governance reform.

May 4: Runners young and old helped raise money at Brattleboro's Green Street School Saturday.

May 4: Elementary schools in Keene will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Bike and Walk to School Day this spring.

May 4: A regional college cooperative in the Windham County area has launched a new web site www.sixcolleges.com that features local paid internship opportunities for college students, information about cross registration amongst the six participating colleges as well as community offerings at the campuses.

May 7: A group of Marlboro College faculty and students returned from a class trip to Nepal less than three weeks before the April 25 earthquake which has cost the lives of more than 7,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

May 8: Keene State College will award degrees to 1,086 graduates during its commencement ceremony this weekend.

May 12: German Deputy Consul General Helmut Langes visited Brattleboro Union High School, saying a stronger U.S./German trade agreement will help both nations.

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May 18: Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy says reestablishing diplomatic relations with Cuba is an example of how the impossible can be done. Leahy was the commencement speaker Sunday at Marlboro College.

May 22: Commencement season continues in the region this weekend. The School for International Training Graduate Institute will hand out 64 diplomas tomorrow in Brattleboro.

June 3: Windham Southeast Superintendent Ron Staley says they've begun discussions about how local districts will deal with Vermont's new school restructuring law.

June 5: Nine students at Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield have been barred from attending graduation ceremonies after they were found in possession of marijuana and alcohol on their senior trip.

June 9: Keene State College has hired Rod Miller as associate vice president for constituent relations. Miller will lead a college-wide effort to further increase philanthropic funding leading up to a major fundraising campaign to benefit the college's programs.

June 19: Brattleboro Union High School's class of 2015 will receive diplomas tonight. This year's crop of graduates totals nearly 180. Meanwhile, more than 50 students at Leland and Gray Union High are scheduled to graduate Saturday morning.

June 22: The Vernon School Board will hold a public information meeting this evening in advance of tomorrow's revote on the \$4.3 million budget proposed for the coming fiscal year.

June 24: Voters in Vernon approved a \$4,314,585 town school district budget yesterday. The final tally was 200 in favor and 131 against. The new budget for the coming fiscal year takes effect July 1.

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Energy/Environment

April 1: As Brattleboro gets closer to paying for trash disposal by the bag, committee member Moss Kahler continues to push the benefits of both recycling and composting. Kahler says the end result is very little is left that actually needs to be thrown away.

April 2: A new report shows Green Mountain Power customers were spared from a surge in electric rates last year.

April 13: Even though there hasn't been much attention focused on new wind energy projects in Vermont in recent years, experts say more could be coming to the state.

April 14: A Portsmouth, N.H., company has won approval to operate the methane electric generator at the former Windham Solid Waste District Landfill.

April 15: Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin says \$1.9 million dollars will be invested in Windham County clean energy projects.

April 16: Brattleboro's Academy School, plus other school and municipal buildings, will get help converting to wood heat, thanks to a \$1.9 million clean energy grant announced by Governor Peter Shumlin.

April 20: Vermont's Agency of Commerce and the Windham Regional commission tonight host a community forum on recommendations to reduce flooding along the Whetstone Brook in Brattleboro.

April 27: Energy advocates say there has never been a better time to convert your home to solar power. Paul Cameron says the Brattleboro town energy committee is launching a solar summer project this Saturday.

May 1: Green Mountain Power officials are enthusiastic about an announcement that the Tesla Motor company, which make electric vehicles, will be expanding its product offerings into high volume battery storage for homes, businesses and utilities.

May 1: As Brattleboro gets ready for pay as you throw trash collection at the end of June, town officials are holding a series of information sessions.

May 7: Vermont's Public Service Board has set the schedule for hearing Entergy Vermont Yankee's request for construction of a second spent fuel storage pad and related improvements, including a new diesel generator.

May 19: The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has denied the State of Vermont's challenge of changes to emergency planning requirements for the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

May 19: Expert Drain Care, LLC, a Brattleboro-based corporation that does business as Roto Rooter and Monadnock Septic, has been convicted of three felony environmental crimes in Vermont Superior Court, Brattleboro Criminal Division.

May 21: The Vermont Legislature has approved money to restore the Sweet Pond Dam in Guilford.

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June 5: June 22nd is the deadline for public comments on Deerfield Wind's proposal to build and operate a 17-turbine, 34-35.7 megawatt wind farm and substation on 80 acres in the Green Mountain National Forest in Searsburg and Readsboro.

June 8: The state of New Hampshire has issued the first environmental advisory of the season, with a cyanobacteria lake warning for those who use Lake Monomonac in Rindge due to extensive bluish-green clouds of cyanobacteria seen floating in the lake.

June 9: Green Mountain Power is partnering with NRG on a series of electric vehicle charging stations to help electric vehicle owners save money and charge up more quickly.

June 10: Advocates are hoping a pair of new loan programs will get area residents to think about making home energy improvements.

June 15: The Vermont Public service board gives National Grid approval for three projects in southern Vermont.

June 16: Officials at Wilmington's Wastewater treatment plant say a sewer blockage led to a spill in Beaver Brook last week.

June 16: A Windham County lawmaker says a new law to clean up Lake Champlain will also help the Connecticut River watershed.

June 17: Vermont's Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel will take a look at a potential supplier of dry cask containers for Entergy Vermont Yankee next week.

June 18: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved Entergy's use of decommissioning funds for spent fuel at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear plant.

June 18: A Brattleboro bank is poised to become the state's first solar powered financial institution. Brattleboro Savings & Loan will receive power from a new 150 kilowatt, 64-rack solar array at the VABEC property off Old Guilford Road in Brattleboro.

June 30: In the first day of pay as you throw in Brattleboro, over 20% of residents on the normal routes did not have their trash picked up, because it was not in the proper bags.

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Healthcare

April 3: Dr. Jose Montero — New Hampshire's director of public health for the past seven years — will be joining the staff of Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock of Keene.

April 13: Cheshire Medical Center has opened a walk in clinic in the Center at Keene on Emerald Street.

April 14: Vermont mental health advocates say they're gratified by a ruling from the state's high court that appears to raise the bar for when the state can force a patient to take medications against his or her will.

April 16: Two Brattleboro area groups are partnering to encourage the filing of advanced directives, the wishes of a person who may later have a serious illness or a life threatening accident.

April 21: Federal and state healthcare fraud experts will be in Brattleboro Wednesday to help seniors and other members of the public understand more about the signs of Medicare and Medicaid scams.

April 23: The Brattleboro Retreat has won reaccreditation until January of 2018, according to The Joint Commission, the nation's leading accreditation and certification organization for hospitals and healthcare organizations.

April 23: The Vermont Health Department has begun to move away from home delivery for the WIC supplemental nutrition program.

April 28: The Brattleboro Retreat's Board of Trustees has announced that Dr. Robert Simpson has decided not to renew his contract offer and will step down from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer at the end of this year.

May 19: Gains have been made in reducing tobacco use among Vermont youth, but more needs to be done. The Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition's Cassandra Holloway says where possible, store displays need to be away from the eyes of children who may be tempted to start smoking.

June 1: An upgrade to the Vermont Health Connect web site went as planned, according to Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin.

June 4: Three of the companies selling individual health coverage plans on New Hampshire's exchange have submitted rate increase requests for next year.

June 17: Uncertainty over health care costs had led Brattleboro select board members to endorse one year contract extensions with three employee unions plus give nonunion staff a similar wage increase.

June 18: The Brattleboro Retreat Board of Trustees has announced that outgoing President and CEO, Dr. Robert E. Simpson, Jr., will be presented with the hospital's 2015 Anna Marsh Award this fall.

June 30: After years of delays and contract extensions, New Hampshire's Medicaid billing system has received certification from the federal government.

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Human Service

April 1: A coalition of Vermont advocacy groups is calling on the legislature to take a new look at increasing revenues, instead of cutting programs.

April 6: Windham County's Big Brother Big Sister program had a successful Bowl for Kid's Sake fundraiser Saturday.

April 8: An Autism Awareness Day is being held in Brattleboro Saturday. Michelle Emery of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services says the goal is to raise community awareness, plus offer services to parents and children.

April 9: Two Brattleboro-based nonprofits are working to improve the mental health of Morningside Shelter residents by offering onsite services.

April 14: You are invited to go Camping for a Cause on the Brattleboro Common May 29th.

April 15: Brattleboro's Winter Overflow Homeless shelter will be closing April 30. During this winter, the shelter in the First Baptist Church basement served 173 unduplicated individuals, hosting a nightly average of 25 people.

April 24: Brattleboro's Women's Freedom Center is holding a Take Back the Night rally and vigil this evening.

April 27: A day of free dental care in Windham County was a little too successful. United Way director Carmen Derby says they reached capacity at Saturday's event, and ended up having to turn some people away.

May 4: Over \$7,000 dollars was raised for Windham County's Big Brother Big Sister program by the 10th annual Marina Plunge for Charity. Supporters raised contributions prior to the event Sunday.

May 12: A winter community breakfast program in Keene served over 2,100 people. The meals were served five days a week between December and April at the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church. Attendees included men and women from the Hundred Nights Shelter.

May 15: Two area groups that help the homeless in the Brattleboro area are merging. Morningside Shelter and the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center have been involved with three years of discussions that have resulted in the decision.

May 18: Nearly 100 participants at the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont's 28th annual Walk for Life in downtown Brattleboro on Saturday raised \$27,500 for area treatment and prevention efforts.

May 18: Girl power was on display with an estimated 1,500 girls family members coaches and supporters taking part in the Southern Vermont Girls on the Run Saturday in Brattleboro.

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May 22: Groundworks Collaborative is the new organization formed from the merger of Morningside Shelter and the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center. Josh Davis from Morningside will serve as executive director of the new entity, and the Drop In Center's Lucie Fortier as associate director.

May 27: Demolition and environmental remediation work will begin at 30 Fairground Road tomorrow, according to Brattleboro Housing Partnerships and Housing Vermont. Construction of the Red Clover Commons building and site will commence shortly after the demolition work is finished.

May 30: A group of area residents spent their night camping on the Brattleboro Common to raise awareness and funds to assist the homeless.

June 3: Child care advocates are waiting for Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin to sign the new state budget, which includes a study ways of increasing affordable child care.

June 4: A new report claims homelessness is down slightly in Vermont.

June 9: A new study says a high cost of living makes it tough for Social Security recipients in Windham County. Financial technology company Smart Asset recently released a study that shows where residents are getting the most for their social security money. Windham County ranked number 10.

June 11: One of the region's oldest summer camps is holding a 98 year reunion this weekend. Green Mountain Camp director Billie Slade says their facility in Dummerston offers girls a chance to have fun in the outdoors, while staying away from technology.

June 12: Local groups are planning a series of LGBT pride events in the tri state area.

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Local Government

April 7: An online fundraising campaign is underway to help raise money for Brattleboro's Fourth of July fireworks.

April 8: Replacing or upgrading the fire alarm system at Brattleboro's Municipal Center building is the most urgent of several life safety improvements mandated by the state.

April 8: A team of state local and regional officials are working to identify issues in flood prone sections of Brattleboro and four other areas of Vermont.

April 14: Keene's newest Safe Routes to School project and initial research within the Maple Acres neighborhood will be explained Thursday.

April 21: Contributions are continuing to come in to help Brattleboro's Fourth of July celebration.

April 22: Brattleboro's Green Up Day volunteers are gearing up for the May 2 event. Nancy Barber says the local effort will benefit from a Friday fundraiser at the Burton Touch Free Car Wash on Putney Road.

April 29: Brattleboro town manager Peter Elwell says future planned closings of interstate 91 for the West River Bridge project will be done at non peak times where possible, after a closing last week tied up traffic in a good deal of town.

April 30: The town of Brattleboro is hoping to avoid a budget deficit, after coming off a very bad winter that saw the public works department overspend its winter storm accounts.

April 30: The Keene Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Conway School of Landscape Design to create a comprehensive plan for Carpenter Street Field.

May 5: Brattleboro Public Works crews have begun a Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of Western Avenue, Union Hill, and Cedar Street.

May 12: The Brattleboro area will pay tribute to its Civil War dead, as part of its Memorial Day observance. Tom Costello says research has found 46 residents died in combat, several more than are listed on the town's Civil War monument.

May 13: Brattleboro's Public works Department will be hiring an outside contractor to stabilize a failed retaining wall on Green Street, while the town awaits state funding for a more permanent repair.

May 13: Brattleboro town manager Peter Elwell hopes to bring his long term financial plan to the select board within the next couple of months.

May 20: Brattleboro Selectboard members have approved a solid waste budget for the next year. But Town Manager Peter Elwell says the great unknown is bag sales associated with pay as you throw, which takes effect June 29.

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May 22: New figures from the U.S. Census Bureau claim Windham County is getting smaller. According to figures released Thursday The county's population shrank by 793 people between 2010 and 2014.

May 26: The 150th anniversary of the Civil War's end was the focus of Memorial Day observances in Brattleboro.

May 27: Proposed changes in Brattleboro's zoning regulations include making sure planned unit developments fit the surrounding neighborhood character.

June 1: Construction on the Cheshire Rail Trail is scheduled to begin today, from Whitcomb Mill Road to Hurricane Road.

June 2: Students from the Conway School of Landscape Design will be returning to Keene tomorrow night for a follow up presentation of a concept plan for Carpenter Street Field.

June 9: New Hampshire's highest court is set to rule whether a band of self-styled "Robin Hoods" in Keene can continue to feed parking meters just ahead of enforcement officers as a rebellious reaction to what they call "the king's tariff."

June 16: A skate park and dog park at Brattleboro's Living Memorial Park have cleared a big hurdle, with Development Review Board approval.

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Public Safety

April 1: A Brattleboro man will be arraigned today for charges associated with a March 8 robbery at the Circle K store on Canal Street.

April 6: A Connecticut man has been jailed on a heroin charge, after a motor vehicle stop on Interstate 91 in Westminster.

April 8: Law enforcement and the courts are finding heroin trafficking in southeastern Vermont to be an increasingly complex problem.

April 8: A Walpole man is being held on a \$500,000 cash bail following his arrest in connection to a home invasion in Hinsdale this past weekend.

April 14: Fire crews responded to a pair of midday brush fires in Brattleboro. Fire chief Mike Bucossi says a fire off Black Mountain Road damaged a nearby home, and a second fire burned a section of field off Ferry Road.

April 16: A traffic safety improvement for pedestrians near Brattleboro's Academy School. Brattleboro town school board chair Jill Stahl Tyler says a new flashing light was installed this week, in cooperation with the Brattleboro Public Works department.

April 17: Fire crews in the area responded to a structure fire at a multi-unit apartment building in Keene this afternoon.

April 22: A Keene woman is being held on charges related to the search for a man charged in a Springfield, Vt., murder.

April 22: Officials in Bellows Falls are discussing renovation plans to turn a vacant building into a detention and training center.

April 29: A Swanzey man faces aggravated assault charges for a road rage incident in Westminster.

April 30: Vermont State Police officials are warning about the dangers of heroin laced with the drug fentanyl.

May 1: Police in Keene, have charged a woman with first-degree assault after they say she threw her baby to the ground hard enough to fracture his skull.

May 4: About 100 firefighters from more than a dozen area departments are dealing with a stubborn brush fire in West Brattleboro this afternoon.

May 12: The Vermont Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and its state and local partners will take part in a biennial graded exercise of its radiological response plan on Wednesday.

May 14: An escapee from police custody remains at large in Brattleboro. 22-year-old Joseph Arsenault was being taken from Wilmington to the Southern State Correctional Center.

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May 15: An overnight house fire in Keene is being investigated and appears to be suspicious.

May 15: Greenfield Police say they acted on a tip that led to the arrest of a man who escaped from police custody in Brattleboro Wednesday.

May 18: Improper disposal of smoking materials has been determined as the cause of a house fire at 471 Elm Street Keene Sunday.

May 20: The Hinsdale Police Department has begun accepting crime tips by text message through the Connecticut Valley Crime Stoppers, and those tips are always anonymous.

May 20: Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Michael Snyder has lifted the burn ban for Bennington and Windham Counties.

May 25: On Friday, May 22 at approximately 2:45 P.M. emergency services from Rescue Inc., Hinsdale Fire and Hinsdale Police responded to Meetinghouse Road for a report motor vehicle accident involving a victim that fell out of a vehicle.

May 29: Vermont's 911 system experienced artificial spikes in call volume — also called phantom calls — for about an hour Thursday.

June 1: Vermont State Police are asking for your help in solving a May 19 burglary in Londonderry. The victim realized several pieces of jewelry and cash was taken from a Thompsonburg Road residence within the last few days.

June 2: New Hampshire authorities have confirmed that the body of a female was pulled from the Connecticut River in Hinsdale this afternoon.

June 4: Police in Chesterfield identified the body of a woman recovered from the Connecticut River and say foul play is not suspected in her death.

June 8: A Hinsdale man was injured over the weekend in an accidental shooting in Searsburg.

June 9: Brattleboro Police are investigating an overnight stabbing Monday near the Transportation Center on Flat Street.

June 11: The Vermont Health Department is warning the public to beware of high, fast-running water in the region's rivers and streams following several days of heavy rain.

June 16: A Surry man has been jailed for allegedly using the internet to solicit an under aged child for sex.

June 26: Police in Keene have arrested a local man on a sexual assault charge.

June 29: Brattleboro Police say that the People's United Bank branch on Main Street was robbed at around 12:45 this afternoon.

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June 30: Keene Police have made an arrest in connection to the robbery of a convenience store last week. An resulted in the identification of 31-year-old Benjamin Lake as a suspect in the robbery of the Granite Convenience Store on Park Avenue last Thursday.