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## Remembering Robert Resnik



Robert Resnik, who spent 29 years hosting Vermont Public's folk and world music show *All the Traditions*, passed away July 20th at the age of 72.

Resnik's three-hour Sunday show reflected his omnivorous approach to music of the world, and his passion for elevating Vermont musicians.

"I remember music as one of my earliest memories. Singing around the house, and we used to sing in the car when we were driving around," Resnik once told the Vermont Arts Council. "I think when you talk about music and the emotions that are brought by something as elemental as the beating of your heart and how your memories go back beyond memory to music that somebody sang to you ... that's essentially what I'm doing on the radio."

Resnik played more than 25 instruments, and performed and recorded with a variety of musical combinations for kids and adults. He was a librarian at Fletcher Free Library in Burlington for 28 years, and performed weekly musical programs for children there. He also wrote music reviews for local publications including *Seven Days*, and served as a consultant for area concert venues. In 2013, he wrote the book *Legendary Locals of Burlington*, and in 2019, he was awarded the prestigious Herb Lockwood Prize in the Arts. He was also inducted into international Folk DJ Hall of Fame.

Resnik had suffered from Parkinson's disease in recent years. Resnik's family shared that he died at home, surrounded by loved ones. His family requested that people "listen to some of your favorite music, eat something delicious and send love to your family and friends," in his memory.

## KOOL 105 Celebrates 30 Years!

On June 21st, WKOL-FM (otherwise known as KOOL 105) celebrated its 30th birthday!

The cake pictured was presented as a surprise to KOOL 105 Morning Show host Jon Brooks at a classic car show & fundraiser for Camp TaKumTa that they were MC'ing for the Old Derelict Car Club at the Collins-Perley Sportscenter in St. Albans on June 21st.

WKOL-FM Operations Director Mark Knight says, "It was a



KOOL surprise for us at an event for Camp TaKumTa, an organization that has been such a special part of our history!"

Owned by Hall Communications and operating out of studios in South Burlington, KOOL 105 is a Classic Hits format station playing the biggest hits from the biggest artists of the '80s and '90s. See what's going on at [WKOL.com](http://WKOL.com)

## FCC Suspends Biennial Ownership Reports



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While at this stage it is only temporary, the FCC released a [Public Notice](#) announcing it is suspending the requirement that broadcasters file Biennial Ownership Reports until June 1, 2027 or further notice, whichever occurs first. The reports are normally due by December 1 of odd-numbered years (like 2025).

A number of commenters in the *Delete, Delete, Delete* proceeding, including the State Broadcasters Associations and NAB, noted that the reports tend to be paperwork-heavy, and of limited utility given that broadcasters must already file Ownership Reports after each assignment, transfer, or initial grant of a broadcast station construction permit or license. The FCC appeared today to at least tentatively agree, stating in the Public Notice that:

*"In re: Delete, Delete, Delete," multiple commenters have urged the Commission to revisit the current biennial ownership filing requirement, which they maintain is a costly and burdensome requirement without a sufficient offsetting public benefit. With the next filing window approaching, we find there is good cause to waive the biennial ownership report filing requirement for a period of 18 months and set a new filing deadline of June 1, 2027 or until further notice, whichever comes first."*

Broadcasters certainly hope that today's announcement is an indication the FCC is interested in permanently eliminating the biennial ownership reporting requirement, and just needs time to analyze and implement a longer-term approach to eliminating it.

Note that today's waiver does not affect the requirement that broadcasters file Ownership Reports after each station assignment or transfer, as well as after grants of initial construction permits and licenses. If the Commission should decide to permanently eliminate the biennial ownership reporting requirement, it is likely these other types of Ownership Reports that the FCC will rely upon for broadcast ownership information going forward.

## Free Webinar Tuesday, August 12th



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# This Week at the FCC



Every week, the attorneys at [Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP](#) in Washington D.C. provide a summary of the regulatory and legal actions of significance to broadcasters within the FCC. They also provide links to information about how these actions may affect your operations. Read this week's summary as well as summaries from past weeks at:

[vermontbroadcasters.org/this-week-at-the-fcc](https://vermontbroadcasters.org/this-week-at-the-fcc)

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