



Quarterly Significant Issues Report

Period 2: April 1 - June 30, 2023

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This quarterly significant issues report reflects concerns facing our local communities, and details how our radio station is responding through weekly public affairs programming, news reports, PSAs and streaming content. Our award-winning public affairs program - *For The People* - is produced in-house by Public Affairs Director John Voket, and features multiple extended segments along with hyperlocal PSAs.

The producer regularly interacts with residents, representatives of local, regional and national organizations, as well as political and community leaders to help ascertain issues and initiatives relevant to listeners. These sources help qualify programming decisions and identify guests attempting to analyze, explain and/or address these concerns. The producer also monitors daily news reports to stay informed, and to respond quickly when incidents or issues require more detailed or expanded focus.

This quarter, our program included reporting on: State Treasurer Erick Russell - CT Paid Leave Authority - ARI of Connecticut - LifeBridge Community Services - Wheelchair Advocacy / CC = A - The Citizens Coalition For Equal Access / New Horizons - Aquarion Water PFAS Mitigation - Susan B. Anthony Project - Women and Families Center - Hole in the Wall Gang Camp - Wheeler's Walk With Me Program - Housatonic River Commission - Aspetuck Land Trust - Annie C Courtney Foundation - UConn's Korey Stringer Institute - CT Breast Health Initiative - Special Report: CT Cannabis Expo - McCall Behavioral Health - Preusser Research Group/Transportation Trends - Yoga In Our City - Junior Achievement SW New England - Clean Energy Industry Report - Histoury - United Way WCT Food Farmacy Pt. 1 - Career Resources Second Chance Job Fair - Bethel CT Pride - United Way WCT Food Farmacy Pt. 2 - Westport Pride/Westport Museum Oral History Project - CT Dept of Education Teacher Recruitment/Diversity Initiative - Wilton Pride / Norwalk River Valley Trail - International Festival of Arts & Ideas - NWF Pollinator Month - Center for Empowerment & Education - AARP-CT Session Recap - Lower Naug Valley Transportation Session - CT Library Assoc - LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center Program - CT DOT Summer Update

Our program occasionally features a series or "special report" - extended focus on a particular theme, or multi-faceted coverage on more broad or complicated issues. These specials and series have focused on Connecticut's organic farms, farmers and gardeners; stigmas facing individuals with disabilities or mental health issues; environmental preservation and conservation; events like the Beardsley Zoo's 100th Anniversary, Wilton's Go Green Zero Waste Faire, NOFA's annual OrganiCONN, and the International Festival of Arts & Ideas; how state government and leadership are affecting listeners' economic quality of life; workforce development; as well as highlighting initiatives impacting food equity, and the latest social / racial justice issues affecting our communities.

'For the People' airs Sunday mornings at the times noted in the grid below, and each program is available after broadcast as a podcast on each station's website and on multiple podcast networks. Two to three local PSAs are aired during each program promoting numerous causes, agencies, charities or programs serving our listeners.

This quarter, our PSA notifications informed listeners about: Spring Fling Festival & Health Fair at Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center - The 12th annual CCADV First 100 Plus Breakfast and Awards Ceremony - EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap Public Info Session - Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board's Youth Health and Wellness Fair - Aspetuck Land Trust Biannual Plant Sale - Griffin's 20th Annual Children's Health and Safety Fair - Alcohol Awareness Month support from The McCall Behavioral Health Network - MRCC Walk A Mile In Her Shoes - Iota Chi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho to 'Walk a Mile in His Shoes' - Annie C Courtney Foundation and the Family Focus Partnership Community Collaborative 5th annual #Chalkwalk - LYME CONNECTION The Quiet Epidemic film screening at Ridgefield Playhouse - Stratford Health Department Moms & Infants Weekly Walking Sessions - Beardsley Zoo / Connecticut STEM Foundation, Inc. essay contest - NHTSA.gov/recalls and the free SaferCar recall app - McCall BHN Hiring Event - Mattatuck Museum Summer Exhibit - SoNo Stroll benefiting the Human Services Council - Earthplace/Harbor Watch New Boat Benefit - CT Folk Summer Concert Series - Griffin's Health Initiative for Men free prostate cancer screenings - BRBC / Live Green CT Workplace EV Charger webinar - CT Dept of Ed Paraeducator Career Fair - U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus free July 5 concert - A Choose Love Movement annual fundraiser in Milford

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STAR 99.9 traffic reports are **Mon. - Fri. 4x an hour 5am - 9am; and 2x an hour 3pm - 7pm**

STAR 99.9 weather reports are **Mon. - Fri. 4x an hour 5am - 9am; and 1x per hour 10am - 7pm**

Reports of significant news, traffic, and/or weather events are made at other times when deemed appropriate by management or on-air staff.

In 2023, For The People continues focusing on critical community issues related to:

- **Aging / Veterans (A/V)** - Highlighting people, programs, local, state, or regional agencies, and/or legislation - and how they respond to critical issues involving Connecticut veterans and/or our maturing population.
- **Environment / Agriculture (Ev/Ag)** - focusing on issues, local agencies and/or initiatives that may impact, protect, preserve, and/or enhance the environment and Connecticut's agricultural sustainability.
- **Government / Volunteerism (G/V)** - promoting governmental or political issues or political leaders - and 'boutique' or hyper-local causes partnering with - or requesting station and/or staff assistance - because they recognize our broadcast platform's value, and the responsiveness we inspire throughout our listening area.
- **Health / Safety (H/S)** - highlighting issues, agencies, and activities specifically related to health and/or safety.
- **Social/Racial Justice (SRJ)** - agencies and/or individuals educating, engaging, or promoting Social and/or Racial Justice issues or programs.
- **Workforce / Consumer / Tourism (W/C/T)** - reporting on initiatives, agencies, or programs dealing with local, state, national and/or global economic situations affecting Connecticut and/or the communities we serve; economic and workforce development; and/or programs directed to consumer education/protection; along with focusing on events or activities related to the state's tourism industry.
- **Youth / Education (Y/Ed)** - responding to education-related issues and/or concerns facing those under age 21 across Connecticut and our listening area.

Each 'For the People' segment report designates its related area(s) of coverage; approx. length and time of airing. As public affairs director, I make every effort to ensure each significant issue is addressed during at least one program each quarter. The extended nature of our program presents opportunities to include more than one significant issue or area of coverage to be addressed in a particular segment, series, 'Special Report,' or entire program. And since 'For the People' is syndicated regionally and webcasts / podcasts globally, subject matter may contain content of national, regional and/or state-wide interest as well as community-specific impact.

Everyone at Connoisseur Media is proud of the efforts and energy our staff contributes through company initiatives and individually in their own communities. We invite you to review our public affairs coverage below as evidence of our broadcast commitment to those communities and listeners across the State of Connecticut.

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Issue Related To	Guest / Cause	Responding to Community, Regional or Statewide Issue	Airdate, Time & Duration
G/V W/C/T Y/Ed	State Treasurer Erick Russell	<i>Is the State Treasurer holding onto some cash you've got coming to you?</i> For the People is pleased to introduce our newly elected Connecticut State Treasurer Erick Russell who brought listeners up to speed on what his office is up to - as well as discussing programs like the reintroduced Baby Bonds initiative and the state's Unclaimed Property Fund.	4-02-23 7:02 am 15m
G/V H/S SRJ W/C/T	CT Paid Leave	<i>Business owners - do you know about the looming deadline and penalties for not getting your CT Paid Leave system up and running?</i> For the People's chat with the recently appointed leader of the CT Paid Leave Authority included some really important dates and deadlines both employers and employees needed to be aware of - as well as everything listeners needed to know about this innovative workforce benefit.	4-02-23 7:17 am 20m
A/V H/S	ARI of CT Walk For Independence	<i>How can I support alternately-abled neighbors who just want to live independently in my community?</i> For the People is circling back with ARI of Connecticut - one of the smallest providers of services for adults from youth to seniors with developmental disabilities in the state. We talked about why it was important to provide a "family like" environment and a more individualized approach to services and supports. We also helped promote their annual Walk For Independence coming up later in the month.	4-02-23 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ	LifeBridge Community Services	<i>Do you know a young person who may benefit from highly experienced behavioral health support?</i> For the People connected with the CEO of LifeBridge Community Services - partnering with individuals, youth, and families to improve well-being, strengthen resilience, and create a brighter future. We heard about their exciting upcoming event 'Creating from the HeART' while learning about the agency's recent designation as an Urban Trauma Center to better serve struggling and marginalized community members.	4-09-23 7:02 am 15m
A/V G/V H/S SRJ	Citizens Coalition For Equal Access (CC=A)	<i>Can you imagine a life without basic transportation, or being able to use your own two legs?</i> For the People was proud to convene a panel of individuals including the co-founder of Citizens Coalition For Equal Access (CC=A) who were putting the power of two wheels behind a drive to create legislation that would help greatly improve the lives, health and mobility of the thousands of Connecticut residents including many veterans who either temporarily or permanently utilize wheelchairs to get around.	4-09-23 7:17 am 20m
Ev/Ag H/S	Aqurion / PFAS & Water Quality	<i>Is anyone doing anything about the forever chemicals seeping into our household water?</i> We had been hearing about the increasing levels of PFAS and forever chemicals in our environment and especially in our water supplies, so For the People brought in an expert from Aqurion Water Co. to learn what that utility is doing to identify and filter these potentially harmful chemicals from their water systems.	4-09-23 7:39 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Susan B. Anthony Project	<i>How are communities across much of Litchfield County responding to - and supporting - sexual assault victims and their families?</i> At the midpoint of April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month - For the People welcomed back the Susan B. Anthony Project - celebrating 40 years of service in Torrington and communities in central Litchfield County providing crisis and support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, community outreach including programs for seniors, young adults, and students.	4-16-23 7:02 am 15m
A/V	Women and	<i>How are communities in central southern Connecticut responding to issues like sexual assault</i>	4-16-23

H/S SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	Families Center	<i>and youth homelessness?</i> Our Sexual Assault Awareness Month focus on For the People brought us to Meriden to highlight the Women and Families Center - providing sexual assault support services, as well as critical programs focusing on youth homelessness and workforce development. We also helped promote their first ever Walk for Hope to End Homelessness.	7:17 am 20m
G/V H/S Y/Ed	Paul Newman's Hole in The Wall Gang Camp	<i>Did you ever think about being on the team supporting Paul Newman's Hole in The Wall Gang Camp?</i> For the People was thrilled to be going to camp - and taking the long road up to Ashford to let everyone know Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp had recovered from a devastating fire that destroyed much of the camp's operations - and was ready to re-open better than ever for the kids and volunteers who support them.	4-16-23 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Wheeler's Walk With Me	<i>Where can LGBTQ+-identifying people of all ages find therapeutic or peer support to address their specific needs?</i> For the People assisted the Wheeler Health network celebrating their recent CT Community Foundation grant supporting Wheeler's Walk With Me program - creating a safe, affirming, and inclusive array of outpatient services for LGBTQ+ people and their loved ones.	4-23-23 7:02 am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V W/C/T	Housatonic River Commission	<i>Where's one of the state's most 'wild and scenic' places to explore, kayak, fish, hike, or picnic?</i> For the People headed back up the Housatonic River to catch up with the Housatonic River Commission - the decades-long driving force behind the river's recent federal 'Wild & Scenic' designation that was provided for one of the most pristine stretches of that waterway. We reminded listeners about all the recreational opportunities the river provides, and discussed the challenges 'Wild & Scenic' communities along the river were facing from a crush of pandemic-era and post-pandemic visitors.	4-23-23 7:17 am 20m
Ev/Ag G/V	Aspetuck Land Trust	<i>Looking for new places in Fairfield County to explore, kayak, fish, hike, or picnic?</i> Then, For the People headed off to the forest to catch up with the Aspetuck Land Trust - inviting listeners to explore the 2,100-plus acres they manage in southwestern Connecticut, while learning more about their Green Corridor initiative and other cool activities for the spring and summer.	4-23-23 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Annie C. Courtney Foundation	<i>How does someone learn more about helping one of the thousands of kids currently living in foster homes?</i> During May, National Foster Care Month, For the People welcomed the Annie C. Courtney Foundation to learn how this nonprofit is supporting vulnerable children, youth and families with the goal of preventing the need for foster care. We walked listeners through how to support the cause and the families being served.	4-30-23 7:02 am 15m
H/S SRJ Y/Ed	NFL's Smart Heart Sports Coalition	<i>Have you heard one of the NFL's newest programs to help prevent sports injuries is getting its primary research and support right here in Connecticut?</i> For the People reached out to UConn to learn a thing or two about preventing serious sports injuries and death through the work and research of its Korey Stringer Institute, one of the recently announced partners in the NFL's Smart Heart Sports Coalition.	4-30-23 7:17 am 20m
H/S	CT Breast Health Initiative	<i>Where can individuals diagnosed with breast cancer get information and support the latest research to prevent it?</i> For the People helped listeners get to know and support the CT Breast Health Initiative, a state-wide non-profit organization making a significant impact in the quest to find a cure for breast cancer by providing grants to support education and research in Connecticut.	4-30-23 7:39 am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V H/S	Special Report: CT Cannabis Expo	What do state residents need to know about the next phase of allowances as the state continues making recreational and medical cannabis more accessible? As Connecticut's recreational cannabis market continued to flourish, and the date for legal	5-07-23 7:02 am 15m

SRJ W/C/T		home grown cannabis approached, the award-winning For the People hit the floor of the Mohegan Sun convention center to chat with the organizer and a number of vendors at the recent XPOCANNA - the Connecticut Cannabis Expo - to learn more about cannabis pharmacology, obtaining a medical cannabis card, cannabis testing, lighting, its CBG component, and how folks are tying cannabis consumption into community-building activities.	
H/S	McCall Behavioral Health	<i>What's all the excitement at western Connecticut's newest behavioral health network?</i> As Alcohol Awareness Month drew to a close, we hoped to address the fact that health and safety issues tied to alcohol use and consumption were continuing to affect our communities year-round. So, For the People circled back with the CEO of McCall Behavioral Health to talk about alcohol awareness initiatives and other news from that regional health agency.	5-14-23 7:02 am 20m
G/V H/S	Preusser Research Group	<i>Does it seem like our highways and roadways are getting a lot more dangerous?</i> For the People connected with a local traffic safety scientist from Preusser Research Group about Connecticut's recently mandated all passenger seat belt law, the deadly uptrend the state was seeing in wrong-way highway collisions, the latest issues involving teen drivers, and the valuable resources available through UConn's Crash Data Repository.	5-14-23 7:17 am 20m
G/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Encore: Yoga In Our City	<i>Is there really a free summer-long yoga program happening all across Connecticut?</i> The free 2023 Yoga In Our City program was about to begin across numerous Connecticut cities including Bridgeport, New Haven, Stamford and Waterbury. So, For the People replayed our 2022 segment with organizers promoting the Yoga In Our City initiative to remind or help listeners get more familiar with the program, and hopefully inspire them to try this healthy no-cost activity in their own community.	5-14-23 7:39 am 15m
SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed W/C/T	Junior Achievement of Southwest New England	<i>Who is helping kids learn financial literacy in grade school, and mentoring them with industry experts through high school?</i> A lot of really exciting things happen when Junior Achievement is part of a kid's education. So For the People is Bringing in a former educator - now the leader of JA of Southwest New England to discuss how JA is inspiring students and young people to be productive contributors to Connecticut's communities and near-future workforce, and to promote a heightened focus on teaching financial literacy to young people.	5-21-23 7:02 am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V SRJ W/C/T	'22 CT Clean Energy Industry Report	<i>Did you know high paying cutting edge jobs are waiting in the clean energy field - with all the training to get started now?</i> For The People featuring a workforce theme this week, — beginning with a focus on how the clean energy sector is not only providing tons of opportunities for a growing number of diverse workforce candidates, but why clean energy is also critical to the state's economy, and even our public health, as evidenced in the recently released CT Clean Energy Industry Report.	5-21-23 7:17 am 20m
W/C/T	Histoury	<i>Do you own a historic property - or wondered about the story behind one in your community?</i> For the People connected interested listeners to a nonprofit called Histoury — (yes, we spelled it right!) — a unique grassroots organization hosting tours across Fairfield County highlighting styles of architecture and community development, while introducing guests to events and people that shaped the places where we live.	5-21-23 7:39 am 15m
Ev/Ag H/S SRJ	UW WCT Food Farmacy Pt. 1	<i>Did you hear how one regional United Way is tackling hunger and health challenges with a unique collaboration?</i> For the People introduced the first of a two-part series focusing on United Way of Western CT and Nuvance Health which just opened a first of its kind Food Farmacy - a community-based site increasing access to and consumption of healthful foods for those across the region diagnosed with obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and/or hypertension.	5-28-23 7:02 am 15m
G/V	Career Resources	<i>Is somebody you know having trouble getting a job because of a past record of incarceration?</i> For the People headed to Bridgeport to chat with representatives from Career Resources about	5-28-23 7:17 am

SRJ W/C/T	Second Chance Reentry Job Fair	efforts to fortify area businesses and their workforces through a Second Chance Reentry Job Fair specifically supporting second chance citizens set for May 31.	20m
G/V SRJ	Bethel CT Pride Celebration	<i>Looking for a cool and family-friendly Pride Month activity in an inclusive and welcoming local community?</i> Ahead of Pride Month, For the People introduced a month-long focus on agencies and activities that helped highlight and inform our LGBTQ+ community members and inviting everyone to attend the June 3 Bethel CT Pride Celebration - complete with a street parade and family-friendly party featuring 50+ vendors, food, a kids' craft tent, and health stations offering confidential testing and vaccinations.	5-28-23 7:39 am 15m
Ev/Ag H/S SRJ	UW WCT Food Farmacy Pt.2	<i>Did you hear how one regional United Way is tackling hunger and health challenges with a unique collaboration?</i> For the People concluded our two-part series focusing on United Way of Western CT and Nuvance Health which just opened a first of its kind Food Farmacy - a community-based site increasing access to and consumption of healthful foods for those across the region diagnosed with obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and/or hypertension.	6-02-23 7:02 am 15m
G/V SRJ W/C/T	Westport Pride and the Westport Museum	<i>Have you heard about a Pride Month opportunity for LGBTQ+ community members to make history?</i> For the People put some Pride Month focus on Westport Pride and the Westport Museum - working together on an Oral History Project to help fulfill a mission to "make history whole" by bringing hidden narratives of marginalized groups to light, with a specific focus on those in the state's LGBTQ+ community.	6-02-23 7:17 am 20m
G/V SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	CT Dept of Education	<i>Are you ready to become an educator who represents your own culture or community?</i> For the People called on the Education Diversity Coordinator from the CT Dept of Education - to unpack a multi-faceted and well-funded effort to fortify our state's teaching force, while expanding the diversity of educators for the benefit of the students who will learn from them. We discussed an upcoming recruitment fair for paraeducators, as well as the need to recruit more educators across the board who better resembled the populations of students they would eventually be inspiring.	6-02-23 7:39 am 15m
G/V SRJ W/C/T	Wilton Pride / Norwalk River Valley Trail	<i>Where can you go to check out one of the region's coolest new trail networks - and celebrate Pride Month at the same time?</i> We returned to our Pride Month focus showcasing a unique collaboration between Wilton Pride and the Norwalk River Valley Trail and the upcoming Push N' Pull Pride Month celebration. We informed listeners how to be part of this first of its kind event at one of Fairfield County's newest recreational destinations.	6-11-23 7:02 am 15m
SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	International Festival of Arts & Ideas	<i>How can you access world-class and family-friendly talent, music, talks, exhibits, and artistry - mostly free of charge?</i> We once again were proud to highlight one of Connecticut's premier activities - the global cultural and community celebration that is the International Festival of Arts & Ideas - which was kicking off and continuing through June 25 with dozens of ticketed - but mostly free activities every day in and around greater New Haven.	6-11-23 7:17 am 20m
Ev/Ag G/V H/S	NWF Pollinator Month	<i>Is there a way to populate your property with native plants that can mitigate invasives and attract more pollinators?</i> June was Pollinator Month, so we welcomed back the National Wildlife Federation to talk about the critical importance of sustaining and growing our regional population of pollinators utilizing a host of native plants that are easy for listeners to get, plant, and grow right in their own yard.	6-11-23 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ	Center for Empowerment &	<i>Where can you go in Western Connecticut for caring support or education to prevent domestic and sexual violence?</i>	6-18-23 7:02 am

Y/Ed	Education	We learned that for victims of interpersonal violence, including members of the LGBTQ+ community, the Center for Empowerment & Education provides support services while empowering individuals to find their voice and choose their path toward healing as they rebuild their lives.	15m
A/V G/V H/S SRJ W/C/T	AARP-CT Legislative Recap	<i>What did AARP do for you this year when it comes to driving several new important pieces of state legislation?</i> We checked in with AARP-CT to learn about a number of successful initiatives they supported during the 2023 state Legislative Session. Our guest explained why AARP's legislative agenda supported programs of importance to many - not just for those who are old enough to qualify for AARP membership.	6-18-23 7:17 am 20m
G/V H/S W/C/T	Lower Naugatuck Valley COG	<i>How can you help frame and plan transportation initiatives across the lower Naugatuck Valley for decades to come?</i> We helped invite anyone who lives in the lower Naugatuck Valley who wanted to know more about - or talk about - transportation challenges and proposed solutions, to an upcoming info session coming up in Shelton supported by the Valley Community Foundation and the Valley Regional Council of Governments.	6-18-23 7:39 am 15m
G/V SRJ Y/Ed	CT Library Assoc.	<i>Where do you go when you can't get reliable, factual answers from your social network, mobile device or smart speaker?</i> Maybe listeners don't think much about libraries...unless they may need one. So, we connected with the outgoing president of the CT Library Assoc. to chat about these localized resource centers, the professionals who staff them, how they stock them, and how escalating book bans and challenges are impacting library operations and affecting borrowers..	6-25-23 7:02 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ	LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center Program	<i>How are senior centers supporting and accommodating older members of our LGBTQ+ communities?</i> We concluded our Pride Month focus with the CT Healthy Living Collective whose CT LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center Program had expanded to 24 senior centers across Connecticut now offering events specifically designed for LGBTQ+ community members.	6-25-23 7:17 am 20m
G/V H/S	CT DOT Summer Travel Safety Briefing	<i>What do you need to know as you head out on our state roadways this summer?</i> On the first weekend of summer, we helped drive home potentially life-saving advice from the CT Dept. of Transportation. We covered some summer travel and safe operating reminders, reminded listeners about expanded emergency roadside assistance service, and a new program monitoring speeding and issuing warnings to those speeding through roadway work zones.	6-25-23 7:39 am 15m