

Issues Program List
Townsquare Media - Binghamton
Quarterly Issues Program List
WAAL 99.1 FM
WHWK 98.1 FM
WNBF 1290 AM
WWYL 104.1 FM
WYOS 1360 AM

January 1– March 31, 2021

Section I. Issues

The Townsquare Binghamton radio stations listed here have identified the following significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID-19 Health/Safety.** With rapidly changing circumstances locally surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, there is a need for a wide array of information concerning mental, physical, economic and cultural health of the community, families and individuals.
- B. Economic/ Employment Issues.** Numerous reports continue to show challenges attracting and maintaining sustainable economic drivers and jobs in the region with the Southern Tier often coming in near the bottom of lists of economic recovery with challenges made even worse by a total shutdown of the economy in response to the pandemic.
- C. Crime/ Criminal Justice.** Local law enforcement agencies report the region is struggling with crimes fueled by substance abuse, a proliferation of telephone and internet scams and other attempts to profit off fears from the pandemic.
- D. Culture/Arts/Education.** Area schools and family advocates say there is a need for support of cultural and artistic opportunities and other events affording families quality and educational time together, especially with schools and other educational facilities closed due to the pandemic.
- E. Poverty/Food Insecurity.** The Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) report increased demand for services as the family economic dynamics change as a result of the coronavirus pandemic while the Brome County Safe Housing Task Force reports the serious lack of low to mid income housing stock that is affordable and safe.
- F. Religion/Charity Work.** Churches and other faith-based organizations are reporting increased interest and a need for emotional support during trying times of social upheaval and illness.
- G. Black Lives Matter/ Diversity/ Women’s Issues.** In the aftermath of national incidents of racial bias, there is an increased focus locally on the makeup of the community, policing and services focused on certain ethnic and cultural groups.

Section II. Responsive Programming

Southern Tier Close Up

Duration 15:00

Locally produced and hosted public affairs program addresses topics specific to the above identified concerns in the community as well as affording an opportunity for various not-for-profit organizations to publicize their missions and upcoming events through interviews with elected officials, community leaders, experts in specific fields and spokespeople for official agencies and government offices.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WNBC Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

- 1/2/2-1/3/22 Binghamton Mayor Richard David talks about his final year in office, the challenges of the past year with the COVID-19 pandemic, racial injustice demonstrations, weather emergencies and police reform issues and how he plans to finish out his term working on real projects and not just sliding through as a “lame duck”. **Issues addressed: COVID, diversity, economic development, public safety**
- 1/9/21-1/10/21 Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce CEO Stacey Duncan talks about doing business in 2021 and how local companies dealt with the challenges of the pandemic through 2020. **Issues addressed: business, economy, COVID**
- 1/16/21-1/17/21 Director of the Binghamton YWCA, Carole Coppens talks about the \$1 million grant from Jeff Bezos’ ex-wife, MaKenzie Scott to support the local programs to address homelessness and diversity during the pandemic. **Issues addressed: COVID, diversity, Black Lives Matter, homelessness**
- 1/23/21-1/24/21 Food Bank of the Southern Tier director Natasha Tompkins about the hopes for the new year, the upcoming virtual round up donation drive and how the agency has been dealing with the changing situations posed by the pandemic. **Issues addressed: COVID, food insecurity**
- 1/30/21-1/31/21 Discovery Center of the Southern Tier interim director Cheryl Dutko talks about offering programs to young children and families, loss of revenue from parties, a change in leadership, the failed idea to merge with Roberson Museum and Science Center and plans to move forward at the current location. **Issues addressed: education, COVID, finances, culture, family issues**
- 2/6/21-2/7/21 Heart Association marketing coordinator Kristy Smorol talks about February being National Heart Month, women’s heart and stroke issues and plans for upcoming events and fund raisers plus the effects of the coronavirus on heart health. **Issues addressed: health, women’s issues, COVID**
- 2/13/21-2/14/21 Agriculture economic development specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County, Laura Biasillo talks about spring programs to promote agri-business as well as help back-yard and hobby gardeners including raising pigs, starting seeds and women farmers. **Issues addressed: health, women’s issues, COVID-19, business, environment.**

- 2/20/21-2/21/21 United Way of Broome County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program coordinator Paula Perna talks about the free VITA tax preparation service for residents meeting income requirements and how the program and residents have had to adjust during the pandemic when it comes to finances. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, personal finance, economy, family issues**
- 2/27/21-2/28/21 New York State Senator Fred Akshar talks about the issues of the 52nd District including pandemic response, recreational marijuana, economic recovery, diversity and law enforcement. **Issues addressed: economy, COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, crime**
- 3/6/21-3/7/21 Director of the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Keith Leahey talks about mental health in the past year, changes in the issues facing residents from when the pandemic started in mid-March 2020 and now have changed and programs that are available to assist adults and children. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, health, family issues**
- 3/13/21-3/14/21 Broome County Public Health Director Rebecca Kauffman talks about the recent alerts about drug overdoses in the county, the reasons behind the spike, including the pandemic and loss of support, and how and why residents should train to use the reversal drug Narcan. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, substance abuse, health**
- 3/20/21-3/21/21 Executive Director and CEO of the Goodwill Theatre/Schorr Family Firehouse Stage, Naima Kradjian, talks about the steps the theaters took to survive the year of the coronavirus pandemic, the importance of the arts in a community, what the non-profit is doing with continued pandemic restrictions and impact this year and upcoming performances. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy, arts/culture, education, family**
- 3/27/21-3/28/21 Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond talks about law enforcement during COVID, scams that are prevalent, many of them associated with opportunities from the pandemic and government recovery money, police reform and bail reform. **Issues addressed: crime/criminal justice, COVID-19**

Encounter

Duration 30:00

Locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

- Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:15 a.m.
- Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.
- Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.
- Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WNBC Sunday at 7:04 a.m.

- 1/2/21-1/3/21 Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Reverend Nancy Adams, District Superintendent of the Binghamton and Oneonta, New York Districts of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church about the past, present and future of the Advent and Holiday season. **Issues addressed: religion, family**
- 1/9/21-1/10/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with Les Alesworth, Director of Broome County Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) about the agency operated by the Council of Churches to address food insecurity in the communities and the challenges for 2021. **Issues addressed: religion, food insecurity, health, COVID-19**
- 1/16/21-1/17/21 Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Dave Alexander, coordinator of The Red Bird Mission about the agency operated by the United Methodist Church which is celebrating their 100th anniversary. **Issues addressed: religion, poverty, charity**
- 1/23/21-1/24/21 (The Broome Country Council of Churches repeated last week's program with Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talking to Dave Alexander, coordinator of The Red Bird Mission. **Issues addressed: religion, poverty, charity**
- 1/30/21-1/3/21 Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. talks to the Reverend Bill Carter, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Clark Summit, Pennsylvania about music and how it helps and heals during the pandemic and political season. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion**
- 2/6/21-2/7/21 Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to Christopher Adet, Executive Director of the Waterman Conservation Education Center about coping with fatigue during the pandemic and political unrest. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion, Black Lives Matter, environment**
- 2/13/21-2/14/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Dr. Charles Kimball, American Presidential Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma about religious Extremism in today's society. **Issues Addressed: religion, crime**
- 2/20/21-2/21/21 The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to the Reverend Doctor Sarah Griffith Mund of the Church of Christ in Indiana about Christian values. **Issues addressed, religion, family**
- 2/27/21-2/28/21 Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Jenni Piatt, Pastor of the Nimmonsburg United Methodist

Church about how the church is dealing with the pandemic almost a year later. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion**

3/6/21-3/7/21

Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Jenni Piatt, Pastor of the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church about the church is dealing with the pandemic almost a year later. (re-sent by Broome Co. Council of Churches). **Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion**

3/13/21-3/14/21

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to the Reverend Carole Howard Merrit, author of the book 'Healing Spiritual Wounds - Reconnecting With A Spiritual God After Experiencing A Hurtful Church' about healing spiritual wounds. **Issues addressed: religion, diversity**

3/20/21-3/21/21

Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, talks to the Reverend Jose Rodrigues, Elder at the Methodist Church in Cuba, NY and Sean Chastizone, Pastor of the Westover United Methodist Church and Associate Pastor at the Endwell United Methodist Church about the place of the Christian Church in the 21st Century as churches evolve. **Issue addressed: religion**

3/27/21-3/28/21

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, talks to Sue Spencer, Director of the Faith In Action Program about 25 years of the Faith In Action Volunteers Program which provides a number of services in the community including support of the elderly, building wheelchair ramps, and assisting in homeless programs. **Issues addressed: religion, diversity, family issues, charity.**