

Issues Program List

Quarterly Issues Program List

WAAL 99.1 FM

WHWK 98.1 FM

WNBF 1290 AM

WWYL 104.1 FM

WYOS 1360 AM

July 1– September 30, 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 6:03 a.m.
Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.
Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

7/3/21-7/4/21

Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services, Elizabeth Woitd talks about summer parks programs and exciting news about the development of an inclusive playground and fully accessible kayak launch at Dorchester Park which is expected to be a major tourist draw for families with other-abled members.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, family, education, disability awareness, health, economy/tourism

7/10/21-7/11/21

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar (D-Port Dickinson) talks about what it was like being the county executive last year leading the area through the pandemic with sometimes controversial decisions and hopes for the building back.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy, education, family, politics, health

7/17/21-7/18/21

New director of the Broome County Office for Aging, Mary Whitcombe talks about moving from work with Catholic Charities to taking over operations of the county office for aging during the pandemic and the new and old services being offered for seniors including new opportunities to connect with others outside of the area through video conference that became more widely used last year.

Issues addressed: senior issues, COVID-19, health

7/24/21-7/25/21

Cre Compass Network Regional Trauma-Informed Care team project manager Bouakham Rosetti talks about short-term and long-term physical and mental health impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences ranging from household economic and other challenges from loss of jobs or things like the pandemic to witnessing substance abuse, physical abuse, crime or sudden loss, support systems for those individuals and support systems for people providing services to those with ACEs.

Issue addressed: health

7/31/21-8/1/21

Public Health Director of the Broome County Health Department, Rebecca Kaufman talks about the current status of the pandemic locally, including concerns about another rise in cases due to the Delta variant, plans for the upcoming school year dealing with changing conditions related to COVID-19 as well as tick-borne illness that has been on the rise with a huge jump in cases of anaplasmosis.

Issue addressed: health

8/7/21-8/8/21

Director of the Tri-Cities Opera, John Rozzoni talks about the return to the Forum Theater for live performances, live and taped performances of Stone Soup and a new, commissioned opera feature Armed Forces musicians called the Falling and the Rising that deals with a wounded modern soldiers challenges and support.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, arts/culture

8/14/21-8/15/21

Ross Park Zoo director Phillip Ginter talks about end of summer programs at the zoo as well as the 2021 version of the Feast with the Beasts fundraiser, a new opportunity for a trip to Costa Rica and new residents at the zoo.

Issues addressed: education, environment, tourism

8/21/21-8/22/21

Southern Tier AIDS Program director of programs for special populations, Anthony Fiala talks about how STAP functioned through the start and height of the pandemic, similarities between the beginning of AIDS and the COVID pandemic and the importance of self-care and continuing support during these times.

Issues addressed: COVID, health, diversity, LGBTQ

9/4/21-9/5/21

Broome County Public Health Director Rebecca Kaufman talks about leaving the agency in the next couple weeks to take a similar job in the Raleigh, North Carolina area, her career in Tioga and Broome Counties, fighting in the opioid crisis in Broome and the past 18 months in dealing with the health crisis of a global pandemic.

Issues addressed: COVID, substance abuse, health

9/11/21-9/12/21

President and CEO of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce and The Agency, Broome County's industrial development agency, Stacy Duncan talks about how diversity, inclusion and equity are good for business, and upcoming seminar on DIQ that could help local businesses with hiring challenges as well as another initiative that teaches companies about hiring people who are in active recovery from addiction, the benefits to both employer and employee, the general community and the health and legal issues presented to employers.

Issues addressed: business, diversity, substance abuse, economy

9/18/21-9/19/21

Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally coordinator David Pessagno talks about the return of Broome County's largest festival, the move to change the date to October from the traditional date in August, COVID protocols and the economic impact of the festival.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, economic development, culture, lifestyle, travel

9/25/21-9/26/21

Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments (VINES) director Amelia LoDolce talks about the group's 20th community garden, the history of the group, accomplishments including fighting food insecurity, character development, neighborhood improvement, economic benefits and crime prevention and future projects.

Issues addressed: food insecurity, education, environment, economy, crime

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 WNBF Sunday at 7:04 a.m.

7/3/21-7/4/21

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Coordinator of Ramp it Up Ministry, Bob Bundy about how Faith in Action and other volunteers in the group build accessibility ramps for residents in need in the community.

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Issue addressed: Religion

8/15/21-8/15/21

Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Chris Sablich from the congregation about service to the Endwell community.

Issues addressed: Religion, community service.

8/21/21-8/22/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to retired pastors Ron and Cindy Wensinger about what it means for a couple to devote their lives to ministry

Issues addressed: Religion, community service.

8/28/21-8/29/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks with Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church, Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches and Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, all hosts of Encounter, about the Scripture. (part 1)

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9/11/21-9/12/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with former pastor of Houghton College Church and professor of Religion and Philosophy, Mike Walters about his book: "A Stone in My Shoe- Confessions of an Evangelical Outlier."

Issues addressed: Religion, education.

9/18/21-9/19/21 Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott talks with Reverend Janet Abel about working with Baptist, Lutheran United Church of Christ, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations and pastoring a church that is closing.

Issues addressed: Religion, diversity

9/25/21-9/26/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks with Randy Quakenbush, director of community impact from the food Bank of the Southern Tier and programs and partner coordinator for Broome and Tompkins Counties, Kathleen Passetti about the work of the regional food bank.

Issues addressed: Religion, food insecurity, economy.