

## 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

### October 1– December 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 WNBF Saturday at 6:03 a.m.  
Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.  
Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

10/2/21-10/3/21 Chief Executive of the Schorr Family Firehouse Stage and Goodwill Theatre, Naima Kradjian talks about what is going on at the Firehouse stage in October and the return to indoor performances.

**Issues addressed: culture/arts, COVID, economic development**

10/9/21-10/10/21 Discovery Center children's museum's new director, Dr. Brenda Meyers talks about upcoming Halloween events, her background in early childhood education and school administration and the challenges still facing the Binghamton museum as the pandemic continues

**Issues addressed: education, family, COVID**

10/23-10/24/21 Salvation Army Binghamton commander, Captain Joseph Hansen on the upcoming Red Kettle Campaign and the work of the Salvation Army in addressing homeless and poverty issues in the community during the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: homeless, food insecurity, COVID, youth**

10/30-10/31/21 Binghamton broadcaster Roger Neel talks about the impact of sports on youth social and educational development as well as the general impact of sports, amateur and professional, on the community and the challenges of continuing programs during the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: education, youth, COVID, economy, lifestyle**

11/6/21-11/7/21 Salvation Army Binghamton commander, Captain Joseph Hansen on the upcoming Red Kettle Campaign and the work of the Salvation Army in addressing homeless and poverty issues in the community during the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: homeless, food insecurity, COVID, youth**

11/13-11/14/21 Project Hope local program coordinator Joanne Funaro talks about the state-wide program now being offered locally through the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier (MHA ST) that provides emotional support and counseling if needed to help people deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Issues addressed: COVID, health**

11/20-11/21/21 Binghamton Police Officer Chris Marshall talks about his role chairing the Broome County Toys for Tots campaign for the third year, how the local program differs from the collection nationally by the Marine Corps. League, the COVID protocols this year and how people can sign up or donate to needy local children.

**Issues addressed: family, poverty, COVID**

11/27-11/28/21 Roberson Museum and Science Center director Michael Grasso talks about Home for the Holidays, now in its 65 year which draws tourism business to the region as well as local visitors to the Binghamton museum and this year's protocols.

**Issues addressed: culture/art, history, economy/tourism, COVID**

12/4-12/5/21 Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier (MHAST) director of crisis services as well as coordinator of the WARM Line and crisis intervention, Angela Lynch talks about the programs that offer temporary housing and support for people in emotional crisis, a phone line for help and intervention and the new effort under law enforcement mental health response to train local law enforcement agencies to deal with mental health issues and to provide staff to respond with police to certain situations.

**Issues addressed: health, law enforcement, crime prevention, COVID, jail reform**

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**Issues addressed: COVID, health**

**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.

10/2/21-10/3/21 Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to Joanne Tirison from the Elmira 1st Presbyterian Church who works with Waters For The World about water issues around the world and how we can help those in need of clean water.

**Issues addressed: religion, health**

10/9/21-10/10/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Kent Bushman, Executive Director of a New York State Retreat Center. About exploring ideas around nature and how nature can help us understand worship.

**Issues addressed: religion, environment**

10/16/21-10/17/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Amy Winnie, new Pastor of the Whitney Point United Methodist Church, introducing her, getting to know the new pastor and her background.

**Issues addressed: religion, community**

10/23/21-10/24/21 (Repeat of 10/16-17)

10/30/21-10/31/21 Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches and Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church about worship and what anchors the guests with traditional worship.

**Issue addressed: religion**

11/6/21-11/7/21 Jeff Kellum Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks to the Reverend Doctor Greg Johnston, Chaplin at Binghamton General Hospital and Wilson Hospital about being a hospital chaplain during the pandemic and beyond.

**Issues addressed: religion, health, COVID**

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11/20/21-11/21/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Doctor Bruce Eberly about grandparenting.

**Issues addressed: family, religion**

11/27/21-11/28/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Jose Rodriguez about a new multi-cultural ministry in Broome County and where the vision is moving forward.

**Issues addressed: religion, diversity, culture**

12/4/21-12/5/21 Jeff Kellum Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks to Father John Martinicchio from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Endicott, NY and Reverend Pat Rob form the Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, NY about the meaning of Advent and why it's so helpful.

**Issue addressed: religion**

12/11/21-12/12/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Bill Palmer, Author of a book called Stanta Claus about the myths and Legends of Saint Nicholas.

**Issues addressed: religion, family, culture, history**

12/18/21-12/19/21 Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to Steve Rogers, Owner of Pucedo Funeral Home, Endicott, about the holidays and grief.

**Issues addressed: family, religion, mental health**

12/25/21-12/26/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Tracy Nolan, The Community Outreach Director of the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky about the purpose and cause of the Red Bird Mission.

**Issues addressed: religion, family, health, poverty**