

Issues Programs List

2nd Quarter 2022 Issues Programs List

Stations: WALJ FM, WTUG 97.5FM, WTUG 110.9FM, WTBC FM, WTSK AM/FM, WFFN FM, WQRR FM

April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

A. Workforce Barriers: Getting and holding a job is difficult due to barriers such as childcare, housing and transportation.

B. Quality of Life Issues: Quality of life issues impact a community in multiple ways from industrial and business recruitment to mental health to tourism to citizen satisfaction.

C. Public Safety: Perhaps the most import, if not most controversial, segment of a community's quality of life is public safety. Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue and Emergency Medical Service are a critical to a community.

D. Literacy: Being able to read is the key component to full participation in society. Alabama has one of the lowest literacy rates in the United States and it impacts society daily.

E. COVID19: The Coronavirus Pandemic is still with us and COVID19 numbers are again going.

F. Military Sacrifice: With one of the nation's largest Veteran's Administration Hospitals in the nation located in Tuscaloosa, Memorial Day is a major holiday with much significance.

G. Civil Rights: The ever-present struggle for equality and recognition is an ongoing issue in Alabama and the nation.

H. Abortion Rights: With Tuscaloosa home to one of only two abortion clinics in Alabama and 100 abortions a week being performed, the issue of abortion rights is a hot top in the Bible Belt.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time
3 Apr 22	West Alabama on Point	Workforce Barriers. Part 2 of a three-part series presenting subject matter expert comments and research results defining the main barriers to some persons being able to fully participate in the workforce of Tuscaloosa and Northport. A forum presented by the Chamber of Commerce is part of a series to examine how to improve quality of life and full participation in local society.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
10 Apr 22	West Alabama on Point	Workforce Barriers. Part 3 of a three-part series presenting subject matter expert comments and research results defining the main barriers to some persons being able to fully participate in the workforce of Tuscaloosa and Northport. A forum presented by the	30 minutes	6:00 AM

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17 Apr 22	West Alabama on Point	Workforce Barriers. Part 4 The final part of the four-part series focuses on the increasing cost of affordable housing in Tuscaloosa. The panel of subject matter experts discusses why housing is so costly in this area and some ways that can be mitigated.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
24 Apr 22	West Alabama on Point	Quality of Life Issues. Part 1 In another Chamber of Commerce Community Forum, subject matter experts detail the need for robust arts and recreation activities for maintenance of a high-level quality of life in the Tuscaloosa/Northport area.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
01 May 22	West Alabama on Point	Public Safety. Part 1 Community policing, police/public confrontations, budget highlighter conversation among public safety leadership in Northport, Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama, Sheriff's Office and the DAs office as party of the Chamber of Commerce Community Forum Series.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
08 May 22	West Alabama on Point	Literacy. The Literacy Council of West Alabama is attempting to mobilize the community to increase literacy levels. An upcoming weekend event aimed at getting books in the hands of children and the critical impact of literacy are discussed with Phillip Johnson, Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Alabama. Public Safety. Part 2 Local public safety agency leadership discussed the problems of recruiting and retention.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
15 May 22	West Alabama on Point	Public Safety. Part 3 Chiefs from local law enforcement agencies join a representative of the Tuscaloosa County District Attorney's Office discussing one of the biggest contributors to crime – recidivism. They identify the problem and offered potential solutions.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
22 May 22	West Alabama on Point	COVID19. With community transmission of COVID19 again seeing rising numbers locally and statewide; the Weekly White House COVID18 Task Force Briefing was aired to update the public on the current situation and health safety recommendations.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
29 May 22	West Alabama on Point	Military Sacrifice. Donnie Nelson of Tuscaloosa VFW Post 6022 discusses the significance of Memorial Day and veteran's issues so important to the Tuscaloosa area.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
5 Jun 22	West Alabama on Point	Civil Rights. For the first time "Juneteenth" is an official state and local holiday. The significance of that and the event itself on the civil rights movement today is discussed by several local civil rights leaders.	30 minutes	6:00 AM

12 Jun 22	West Alabama on Point	Civil Rights. "Bloody Tuesday" preceded the Selma march by a year but because no media was there when police and Klansmen attacked blacks protesting the segregated county courthouse, it gets little credit for its impact on civil rights. Former Council President Harrison Taylor was one of those beaten and discusses the event and its impact on desegregation in Tuscaloosa.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
19 Jun 22	West Alabama on Point	Civil Rights. Few things highlight the struggle for recognition within the black community than the effort to get Juneteenth recognized as a federal, state and local holiday. That has now been accomplished in Alabama. The history of Juneteenth is examined.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
26 June 22	West Alabama on Point	Abortion Rights. Reaction from national and state leaders to SCOTUS overturning Roe v Wade is presented and the ruling's impact is discussed.	30 Minutes	6:00 AM