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WNRI programming Upfront 8-9 am prime time Monday Friday
January 2023

Tuesday, January 3, Adam Brunetti, chairman of the downtown Woonsocket collaborative, discussing the future of downtown retail and residential housing issues. A discussion of Main St., Renaissance.

Wednesday, January 4, Paul Bourget, chairman Woonsocket school committee and Dr. Patrick McGee, superintendent of schools, discussing educational issues in Woonsocket public schools. including new school funding, academic achievement scores, school security and American Rescue money management for school education improvement.

Thursday, January 5, Christopher Bouley, senior vice president of UBS financial services with a discussion of interest rates, inflation and the general economy of the United States and the global economy.

Tuesday, January 10, Christopher Beauchamp, president of the Woonsocket city concert discussing local issues including tax revaluation, shortage of workers in the city government and issues concerning the environment like the waste water treatment plant problems.

Wednesday, January 11, Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt talking about city issues including how to spend American rescue funds from the federal government. also how to handle homeless encampment issues on public property. She is accompanied by Woonsocket deputy police chief Thomas Calouro to discuss homeless issues.

Wednesday, January 18, Robert Martin, owner of crossroads real estate group discussing the housing market of fewer houses to sell, more buyers than houses available, rising interest rates and programs available for financing during high interest rates.

Tuesday, January 24, council vice president Valerie Gonzalez, discussing city issues including equity and diversity in the hiring of city employees. Establishing a new equity and diversified community task force.

Wednesday, January 25, Woonsocket Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt discussing issues in the city government including the new education center on main street, the future of Barry Field as an educational facility. she also discussed the need for a new Public safety complex for police fire and rescue and the best locations in the center of the city for the building the safety center.

Tuesday, January 31, Harrison Tuttle, chairman of Black Lives Matter in Rhode Island discussing racial issues state wide and in the city of Woonsocket. He discussed the defunding police issue.

February

Wednesday, February 1, RI Governor Dan McKee discussing state issues including new train depot in Pawtucket, spending of American rescue funds, establishment of new soccer stadium in Pawtucket, financing the "Superman" building apartment project in Providence and what to do to solve a homeless issue in the state. and a discussion of how to create more affordable housing throughout the state.

Tuesday, February 7, councilmember Garrett Mancieri speaking about local issues including affordable housing development, replacement of city water meters and odors due to the Synagro sewage burning plant. Also new rental units being built locally.

Wednesday, February 8, Woonsocket Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt speaking about local issues including odor problems in the city, economic development in the downtown district, affordable housing issues and construction of a new city park at Cass Park.

Thursday, February 9, State senator and minority leader Jessica de la Cruz talking about state issues including affordable housing, homelessness, opioid epidemic issues, spending of the state budget, reducing the state sales tax and housing shortages for buyers.

Wednesday, February 15, state senator Roger Picard discussing issues before the General Assembly including a reduction of the sales tax, balancing the state budget and how to spend American rescue dollars responsibly. Also solving the shortage of affordable housing throughout the state. A discussion of state highways deterioration and spending money to improve them.

Thursday, February 16, state representative Bryan Newbury discussing issues in the Rhode Island House of Representatives current session. Issues discussed include affordable housing, homelessness, spending American rescue funds responsibly and the lack of equal representation in the house between Democrats and Republicans.

Tuesday, February 21, city councilmember SCOTT MCGEE discussing local issues including wastewater treatment plant odor, establishing a new city animal shelter and high rents in the city and the lack of housing stock for sale including the current real estate market.

Wednesday, February 22, Woonsocket Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt talking about city issues including a new Public Safety complex, development of Cass Park athletic complex and attracting new businesses to the city.

March

Wednesday, March 1, presidential candidate Steve Laffy, former mayor of Cranston Rhode Island, running as a Republican in 2024. He discussed solving the Ukraine problem, solving the issue of enough money to fund Social Security, solutions to the border crossings of illegals into the United States. His strategy for being on national television to participate in debate among Republicans.

Tuesday, March 7, councilmember David Soucy speaking on issues in front of the city of Woonsocket.

Issues discussed include spending of community development block grant funds, how do use federal opioid funds locally and the hiring of enough city employees at City Hall due to vacancies recently. Establishment of a diversity community committee to consider issues of hiring minorities, finding affordable housing and local racial issues.

Wednesday, March 8, Woonsocket Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt speaking on local issues. Update on the Cass Park athletic complex, discussion on a fire department contract settlement, a discussion on new businesses on main street and revaluation discrepancies for multifamily real estate landlords.

Tuesday, March 14, chairperson of Autumnfest steering committee Judy Sullivan speaking on Woonsocket's most popular annual event. Topics discussed include choosing a grand marshal for the parade, new events coming to Autumnfest and announcement of members of the steering committee serving in 2023.

Wednesday, March 14, focus on local business with the owner Kathy Lavelle of the Honey Shop. Topics discussed include healthy foods, survival of local business during COVID-19 and workshops for the general public on cooking a variety of healthy foods including Mediterranean, Asian, Italian and Mexican cuisine.

Tuesday, March 21, city council member John Ward speaking on city issues including citations and lawsuits from the Department of environmental management and the attorney general's office on discharges into Blackstone River, establishment of a new animal shelter and the hiring practices of employees at City Hall.

Wednesday, March 22, public safety Director Stephen D'Agostino speaking on local issues including paving of city streets, odor and waste water treatment plant, development of new athletic complex, maintaining city parks and discharges into the Blackstone River by the waste water treatment plant.

Thursday, March 23, Tom Oatley vice president of Vieolia, The company hired by the city of Woonsocket to maintain water quality. Issues discussed include water quality, distribution, plant maintenance and regulation by the state of Rhode Island and the federal government on water practices. Discussion of reservoirs available to feed the water system.

Tuesday, March 28, Stefan Pryor, State of Rhode Island housing administrator talking about establishing more housing throughout the state for the homeless, those who have low incomes, and establishing housing for rentals with affordable prices.

Wednesday, March 29, Focus on business with Abe McDonald, general manager of Ciro's restaurant and Savini's Pomodoro restaurant. Issues discussed include meeting market conditions after Covid for local business to survive and attitudes and expectations of consumers to restaurant offerings.