



Quarterly Significant Issues Report

Period 2: April 1 - June 30, 2020

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This quarterly significant issues report reflects concerns facing our local communities, and details how our radio station is responding through weekly public affairs programming, news reports, PSAs and streaming content. Our award-winning public affairs program, 'For The People' is locally produced by Public Affairs Director John Voket, and features multiple, extended focus segments and local PSAs.

The producer regularly interacts with residents, representatives of local, regional and national organizations, as well as visiting political and community leaders to help ascertain issues and initiatives relevant to listeners. These sources help qualify programming decisions and identify guests attempting to understand, explain and/or address these concerns. The producer also monitors daily news reports to stay informed, and to respond quickly when incidents or issues require more detailed or expanded focus.

This quarter, our programs included reporting on: 'ARI of Connecticut - CT League of Conservation Voters - CT Food Bank - Diaper Bank of CT - AARP Community Connections - ENCORE: Boys and Girls Village - Eversource COVID Response - The Beardsley Zoo - Bridgeport Rescue Mission - Circle of Care - Junior Achievement GFC - Fairfield County's Community Foundation - NAMI Connecticut - CT Council on Environmental Quality - Masksforcitizens.com - 4-CT - 2020 "State Of The Air" Report - 25th Annual International Festival of Arts & Ideas - Drive-up COVID-19 Testing - EMS Week 2020 - Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation - Wheeler Health Services - TEACH Connecticut - Trust for America's Health - EMS Charity Run - Assisted Living Services / CT Assoc for Healthcare at Home - Aspetuck Land Trust - Election Cybersecurity - CT Insurance Commissioner - LGBTQ Pride Month - ENCORE Replay: U.S. Surgeon General - Regional Hospice - Shatterproof 'Just Five' - Workforce Alliance SCCT - (ENCORE) HRRR Glass Recycling - Youth Continuum - Nursing Homes & COVID with AARP / Rep. Michelle Cook - Junior Achievement GFC - Save A Suit

Our program occasionally features a series or "special report" - extended focus on a particular theme, or multi-faceted coverage on more broad or complicated issues. Our specials and series continue to focus on Connecticut's organic farms, farmers and gardeners; stigmas facing individuals with disabilities or mental health issues; water preservation and conservation; big draw municipal events like the Barnum Festival and the International Festival of Arts & Ideas; residents' opinions about how state government and leadership are affecting their economic well being and quality of life; the ways new research and treatments are helping discover cures and treatments for cancer and other life threatening diseases.

'For the People' aired Sunday mornings at 5 am and each program is available after broadcast as a podcast on our station's website and on iTunes. Two to four local PSAs are aired during each program promoting numerous causes, agencies, charities or programs serving our listeners.

This quarter, our PSA notifications informed listeners about: Diaper Bank of CT Rapid Response Fund (*COVID Related), AAA NE Traffic Safety Video Competition on Driving Stoned; Ability Beyond 'No Go Gala'; Alzheimer's Assoc. of CT Online Support & Education Programs * New England Young at Heart senior meal services*; Circle of Care Child Cancer Relief Fund*; CT Slow Down, Move Over Law - AAA NE; Beardsley Zoo Virtual Programs - Emergency Operating Fund*; WBDC - Women's Health Month Virtual Wellness Seminar*; CT Green Bank COVID Assistance Partnership / PPP*; Virtual Walk to End Epilepsy; United Way Trust Plus Budget Coaching; Literacy Volunteers of Southern CT - Virtual Tutor Recruitment*; Boys & Girls Village Life Skills & Vocational Center; CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence Training Institute - anti-bullying; Red Cross Blood Donor Emergency Campaign*; Griffin Health Family & Friends CPR Training; CTFOLKfest & Green Expo - Virtual Folk At Home Series*; International Festival of Arts & Idea - Virtual Box City Education Program*; Simsbury Art Trail Outdoor Exhibit; Red Cross Hurricane virtual Preparedness Workshops; Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Fair Housing & Foreclosure Avoidance Counseling

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NEWS reports – news reports are 4 minutes and air at top and bottom of every hour 6 - 9am. Occasional breaking reports of significant news events are made when deemed appropriate.

Thirty-second TRAFFIC reports air three times hourly weekday mornings between 6a – 9a; and twice an hour from 4- 7pm. Reports of significant traffic events are made at other times when deemed appropriate by management or on-air staff.

Connoisseur CT hosts LoveCT.com – a web clearinghouse promoting and supporting individual and collective stations' community service partnerships, which is evolving through cooperative efforts among our stations' programming, promotions, and client partners. We continue to inform listeners as this and other community outreach initiatives develop, as well as an annual grant program that supports critical community efforts.

Connoisseur's CTBoom.com website also promotes our radio stations' public outreach and support of smaller neighborhood causes or 'boutique' charities serving our communities - as well as agencies and nonprofits that are supported by our stations' promotional efforts and commercial partners.

In 2020, For The People continues focusing on critical community issues related to:

- **Aging / Veterans (A/V)** - Highlighting people, programs, local, state, or regional agencies, and/or legislation - and how they respond to critical issues involving Connecticut veterans and/or our maturing population.
- **Environment / Agriculture (Ev/Ag)** - focusing on issues, local agencies and/or initiatives that may impact, protect, preserve, and/or enhance the environment and Connecticut's agricultural sustainability.
- **Government / Volunteerism (G/V)** - promoting governmental or political issues or political leaders - and 'boutique' or hyper-local causes partnering with - or requesting station and/or staff assistance - because they recognize our broadcast platform's value, and the responsiveness we inspire throughout our listening area.
- **Health / Safety (H/S)** - highlighting issues, agencies, and activities specifically related to health and/or safety.
- **Workforce / Consumer / Tourism (W/C/T)** - reporting on initiatives, agencies, or programs dealing with local, state, national and/or global economic situations affecting Connecticut and/or the communities we serve; economic and workforce development; and/or programs directed to consumer education/protection; along with focusing on events or activities related to the state's tourism industry.
- **Youth / Education (Y/Ed)** - responding to education-related issues and/or concerns facing those under age 21 across Connecticut and our listening area.

Each 'For the People' segment report designates its related area(s) of coverage; approx. length and time of airing. As public affairs director, I make every effort to ensure each significant issue is addressed during at least one program each quarter. The extended nature of our program presents opportunities to include more than one significant issue or area of coverage to be addressed in a particular segment, series, 'Special Report,' or entire program. And since 'For the People' is syndicated regionally and webcasts / podcasts globally, subject matter may contain content of national, regional and/or state-wide interest as well as community-specific impact.

Everyone at Connoisseur Media is proud of the efforts and energy our staff contributes through company initiatives and individually in their own communities. We invite you to review our public affairs coverage below as evidence of our broadcast commitment to those communities and listeners across the State of Connecticut.

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Issue Related To	Guest / Cause	Responding to Community, Regional or Statewide Issue	Airdate, Time & Duration
		Our 2nd Quarter public affairs and PSA schedule continued to focus heavily on information and issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	
H/S	ARI of Connecticut	<p><i>How are families of special needs and disabled individuals being supported during the pandemic?</i></p> <p>We touched base with ARI of Connecticut to find out how this agency was serving a population of disabled individuals and their families in Fairfield County - working to help their clients understand what was happening - and how it was moving forward with a virtual fundraiser to try and keep support and services sustainable for the near future.</p>	04-05-20 5:02am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V H/S W/C/T	CT League of Conservation Voters	<p><i>Are federal environmental protections being rolled back while the public is acutely focused on the coronavirus health emergency?</i></p> <p>Our interview with a rep from the CT League of Conservation Voters focused on a number of concerns at the state and federal level, as rollbacks to environmental protection and preservation initiatives threatened to endanger or compromise our air, water, and the very spaces where listeners could still seek refuge from the pandemic.</p>	04-05-20 5:17am 20m
A/V G/V H/S W/C/T	CT Food Bank	<p><i>What are the state's food bank networks doing to manage under added demands brought on by the pandemic?</i></p> <p>We connected with the CT Food Bank to learn how this critical food supply organization was pivoting to respond to the massive increase in need, how listeners could make a difference with even small nonperishable food and especially monetary donations, and how they could also help by lacing up for the upcoming Race Against Hunger Virtual 5k Run and Walk.</p>	04-05-20 5:39am 15m
G/V H/S	Diaper Bank of CT	<p><i>Why are diapers so important, especially during the virus emergency?</i></p> <p>This segment with the Diaper Bank of CT provided a crash course on why diapers matter - especially for neighbors living at 200% below the federal poverty level. We learned how the coronavirus emergency was rapidly escalating the burdens placed on these families, as well as how and why listeners should reach out and help.</p>	04-12-20 5:02am 15m
A/V G/V H/S W/C/T	AARP Community Connections	<p><i>Is there somewhere a sheltering in place senior can get assistance with chores or shopping?</i></p> <p>Our interview with AARP CT revealed how that agency was responding to those literally trapped at home by COVID-19 with a robust new online resource - 'AARP Community Connections' - which was working with mutual aid groups and volunteers finding effective ways to support people most in need in their local community by picking up groceries, providing financial assistance, or lending emotional support to their neighbors across Connecticut.</p>	04-12-20 5:17am 20m
H/S W/C/T	Eversource	<p><i>Can utilities shut off services to those affected by the virus health emergency?</i></p> <p>This morning we talked with our contact at Eversource to learn how this huge utility provider was coping and serving its customers while grappling with the challenges of the virus epidemic, and how the company was stepping up to support local nonprofit providers working to serve their constituents under tight financial constraints. We also learned about virtual home energy audits and other Eversource energy conservation efforts.</p>	04-19-20 5:02am 15m

Ev/Ag W/C/T Y/Ed	Beardsley Zoo	<i>How is Connecticut's only zoo dealing with the COVID-19 crisis?</i> We made an appropriately distanced visit to Connecticut's only zoo - and chatted with Beardsley Zoo director Gregg Dancho about how his organization was sustaining in a COVID-19 world while continuing to provide virtual access and educational support to students and educators carrying on with distance learning outside of their classroom environments.	04-19-20 5:17am 20m
A/V G/V H/S	Bridgeport Rescue Mission	<i>Are there any agencies doing front line support for the region's homeless?</i> We spoke with a couple of folks representing the Bridgeport Rescue Mission and learned how the Bridgeport region's most fragile and challenged populations were facing even greater dangers- and how the mission was mustering on delivering food, support, and hope to impacted individuals.	04-19-20 5:39am 15m
H/S	Circle of Care	<i>Where can families of children with cancer turn for the unique level of support they require during treatment?</i> Our guest revealed the struggles of young cancer patients and their families dealing with the huge emotional and financial impact of cancer and coronavirus, and learned how Connecticut's Circle of Care is providing practical, emotional and financial assistance to families, through programs and services that meet the unique and challenging needs of pediatric cancer treatment. We also promoted Circle of Care's first ever Virtual 5K fundraiser.	04-26-20 5:02am 15m
W/C/T Y/Ed	Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County	<i>Have school districts continued offering added programming for students moving into career training after high school?</i> We called on Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County to learn about the many ways JA is continuing to serve its 2,200 - plus students from K through 12 across the region with innovative educational and financial literacy resources and other programs delivered through a network of more than 1200 educators, volunteers, and program presenters.	04-26-20 5:17am 20m
A/V Ev/Ag G/V H/S W/C/ Y/Ed	COVID-19 Emergency Fund	<i>Are regional nonprofits getting any support to help offset the significant requests for service during the coronavirus emergency?</i> This segment provided a broader glimpse of COVID-related need in the region as we visited with the Fairfield County Community Foundation, which established its own COVID-19 Emergency Fund to help dozens of critical small and large nonprofits survive through this public health emergency.	04-26-20 5:39am 15m
H/S Y/Ed	NAMI Connecticut	<i>How are folks in the region grappling with mental health issues doing - and where can they go for extra support if needed?</i> Our guest - the Executive Director of NAMI Connecticut - spoke to not only the many individuals and families in our communities grappling with mental health issues and recovery - but to anyone feeling anxious, angry, sad, scared or alone during the current pandemic situation.	05-03-20 5:02am 15m
G/V H/S W/C/T	Masks For Citizens	<i>Are state industries stepping up to respond to the virus emergency?</i> We met the owner of a Connecticut company who retooled his industrial safety netting business to create a not-for-profit masksforcitizens.org to produce protective cotton masks and get them into the hands of individuals and companies who need them - while reducing the need to divert other PPE materials from frontline medical workers and responders.	05-03-20 5:17am 20m
Ev/Ag	Connecticut	<i>Has the virus situation curtailed state environmental preservation efforts?</i>	05-03-20

G/V H/S	Council on Environmental Quality	Our latest visit with the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality or CEQ hit a few high points of the council's annual report to Governor Ned Lamont, which its authors hoped would keep a number of important environmental preservation and protection issues in the forefront of state focus - even while officials were dealing with the COVID-19 emergency.	5:39am 15m
A/V Ev/Ag G/V H/S W/C/T Y/Ed	4-CT	<i>What kinds of unique support organizations are coming to the aid of quasi-public agencies and nonprofits during the pandemic?</i> This segment introduced the co-founder of 4-CT, a non-profit uniting donors with statewide programs to help make an immediate impact. We learned how the nonprofit was working to quickly get funds to those who need them most, how it was partnering with Community Foundations, nonprofits, philanthropists, corporations, and donors – and heading up an effort to bring local musicians in to raise awareness and funds for 4-CT projects.	05-10-20 5:02am 15m
W/C/T Y/Ed	25th annual International Festival of Arts & Ideas	<i>Is the International Festival of Arts & Ideas happening this year?</i> We checked in with the program director of the 25th annual International Festival of Arts & Ideas and learned how the COVID-19 emergency was not stopping this world renowned event from happening and how it was being brought to the entire world virtually. Listeners heard all about various online artistic activities, virtual food experiences, cell phone-guided walking tours, various NEA Big Read activities, and the virtual Ideas programming centered on the theme “Democracy: We the People.”	05-10-20 5:17am 20m
Ev/Ag G/V H/S	American Lung Association 2020 State Of The Air	<i>How is the state doing on air quality measures - and have shutdowns from the virus affected the quality of Connecticut's clean air?</i> Our call to Connecticut's representative to the American Lung Association prompted a review of ALAC's 2020 "State Of The Air" report. We discussed why our state is doing so poorly protecting and preserving the very air we breathe - and programs designed to keep Connecticut's air as clean as possible for generations to come.	05-10-20 5:39am 15m
A/V H/S	PhysicianOne Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing	<i>What is it like getting a drive-through coronavirus test?</i> We hosted our first field report in more than five weeks in Newtown visiting and learning about that community's first-ever drive-up COVID-19 testing center. We chat with a PhysicianOne representative, as well as the community's lead health official and First Selectman about this latest development and the role it plays in a greater reopening strategy rolling out ahead of May 20th's Phase One statewide reopening efforts.	05-17-20 5:02am 15m
G/V H/S	National EMS Week	<i>Are emergency medical responders taking special measures on their daily calls to not transmit - or catch - COVID-19?</i> We kicked off National EMS week talking with a small town EMS provider and a municipal fire department official about how those agencies coordinate with emergency dispatchers and medical professionals responding to save lives and protecting those calling for help during the current pandemic, and beyond.	05-17-20 5:17am 20m
H/S	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation	<i>Could TMS effectively treat virus-related stress and anxiety?</i> We rang up a medical expert representing Greenbrook TMS NeuroHealth Centers to get a crash course in what Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation or TMS is all about, how it is helping folks with clinical depression - in some cases weaning themselves off of pharmaceutical treatments, and how TMS might serve listeners experiencing depression or heightened anxiety during the coronavirus emergency.	05-17-20 5:39am 15m

H/S	Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center	<p><i>How are regional health agencies pivoting to support the COVID-19 crisis?</i></p> <p>Our conversation with the CEO of Wheeler helped clarify how this multifaceted health agency is providing an integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education, and recovery care for more than 30,000 Connecticut individuals each year. And we helped celebrate the opening of Wheeler's new, expanded Waterbury Family Health & Wellness Center.</p>	05-24-20 5:02am 15m
W/C/T Y/Ed	TEACH Connecticut	<p><i>What advice do teachers have for parents trying to support distance learning during the virus emergency?</i></p> <p>We talked to a former North Branford and Connecticut Teacher of the Year about how she found a successful second career through TEACH Connecticut - and we heard some advice on how to help keep students stuck at home engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic that cut this school year short and may cause substantial changes in the way kids re-enter their school environments this fall.</p>	05-24-20 5:17am 20m
H/S	Trust for America's Health	<p><i>Why are alcohol, drug and suicide deaths expected to spike in the coming years across Connecticut?</i></p> <p>Our chat with a former CDC and Boston Health official and current CEO of the Trust for America's Health revealed specific Connecticut stats on alcohol, drug and suicide deaths, and how the coronavirus could contribute to an increase in all these tragic outcomes.</p>	05-24-20 5:39am 15m
G/V H/S	EMS Run	<p><i>How far will an EMT go to ensure his community has the enough emergency response apparatus?</i></p> <p>We continued celebrating our front line emergency responders - even after National EMS Week earlier in May - by talking with an individual who not only has a unique passion for protecting and serving communities as an EMT, but who was stepping up by running through Shelton and Huntington for 24 hours straight next weekend to help raise funds to purchase a new ambulance for the Echo Hose Company.</p>	05-31-20 5:02am 15m
A/V H/S	Assisted Living Services / CT Assoc for Healthcare at Home	<p><i>Are there any resources available for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or memory impairment during the virus emergency?</i></p> <p>This segment provided some perspective about folks who are not only aging in place, but are facing new advisories and restrictions in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. We brought in sources from Assisted Living Services, and the CT Association for Healthcare at Home to talk about best practices and resources for those aging state residents who are sheltering at home.</p>	05-31-20 5:17am 20m
Ev/Ag	Aspetuck Land Trust	<p><i>Where can folks go to get out of the house now that spring weather has arrived and virus cases are declining?</i></p> <p>We checked in with the Aspetuck Land Trust - bringing folks in western Connecticut some really exciting news about a key farmland preservation project while reminding folks about a green corridor initiative and how everyone can be part of it. We also provided listeners with resources to find accessible open spaces where they could pursue outdoor recreation.</p>	05-31-20 5:39am 15m
G/V	USC Election Cybersecurity Initiative	<p><i>How safe and secure are Connecticut's electronic voting systems?</i></p> <p>This interview focused on protecting voting integrity. On the heels of a virtual state workshop we chatted with the director of the USC Election Cybersecurity Initiative and learned how the nonpartisan organization was working to help protect campaigns and elections across Connecticut.</p>	06-07-20 5:02am 15m
G/V H/S W/C/T	CT Insurance Commissioner	<p><i>What assistance is available for those who need COVID tests, or those at risk on the front lines of care?</i></p> <p>Our visit with Connecticut's Insurance Commissioner covered details about</p>	06-07-20 5:17am 20m

		new free life insurance coverage for front line COVID-19 health workers, no cost coronavirus testing for all, some important things about obtaining life insurance in a COVID-19 world, and what businesses need to know to ensure they have the right amount of insurance coverage as the 2020 hurricane season began.	
G/V H/S Y/Ed	Rep Raghib Allie-Brennan	<i>Are young people in Connecticut's LGBTQ communities facing increasing social challenges and prejudice?</i> On the first weekend of LGBTQ Pride Month we jumped into a refreshingly candid conversation with State Rep Raghib Allie-Brennan, one of the state's few outwardly gay lawmakers - who has spent his adult life working with local LGBTQ initiatives and supporting those struggling with stigmas and prejudice as they define their own sexuality.	06-07-20 5:39am 15m
A/V G/V W/C/T	Workforce Alliance of South Central CT	<i>Is a COVID-19 layoff or furlough a good time to train for something new?</i> As folks whose jobs were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic took on the extra burden of finding new work, we welcomed back a representative from the Workforce Alliance of South Central CT to review new online training programs and resources, while learning which employers were hiring because they have immediate job openings.	06-21-20 5:02am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority	<i>Why am I hearing about a new glass recycling program?</i> With the July 1 launch of a regional glass recycling program in western Connecticut looming, we replayed a conversation about glass that we recorded back in February when the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority announced plans to initiate a new glass recycling effort. The segment also reviewed some important details about the role glass plays driving up local property tax bills, and what this Connecticut waste and recycling agency is doing about it.	06-21-20 5:17am 20m
H/S Y/Ed	Youth Continuum	<i>Does the region have some sort of emergency homeless or crisis intake exclusively for young people?</i> This segment introduced listeners to Youth Continuum, one of the agencies in our region looking after homeless and at-risk youth and young adults by protecting and promoting their well-being through emergency, residential, and community services. We heard about the range of programs and supports offered by the agency, and focused on a project that would complete Connecticut's first student-run homeless shelter exclusively for youths and young adults.	06-21-20 5:39am 15m
A/V H/S	AARP / Rep Michelle Cook	<i>What is happening in Connecticut's care facilities, and why so many residents becoming infected and dying from COVID-19?</i> This morning, we began focusing on the issue of COVID-19 outbreaks in nursing homes and care facilities across Connecticut. We started with a national expert from AARP talking about how that organization is pursuing legislation on a national scale to better support and protect residents. Then we took a very personal look at a tragic experience that affected the family of State Rep Michelle Cook of Torrington, and how this veteran lawmaker is planning to dig in to promote investigations and future legislation also aimed at better protecting and supporting nursing home and care facility residents.	06-28-20 5:02am 15m
G/V W/C/T Y/Ed	Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County	<i>Are graduating high school seniors reconsidering conventional college paths in light of what's happening because of the pandemic?</i> We checked in again with Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County to learn how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting the outlook of our high school seniors and their future educational and career plans. We learned	06-28-20 5:17am 20m

		that roughly half of 2020 graduating seniors said their plans for after high school have changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, that about one-third expected to delay starting college, and almost a fifth were changing the career path. We also heard about a new online resource providing assistance to those wanting to learn about careers and how project management skills could be applied to a range of careers.	
A/V G/V H/S	Save a Suit	<i>How can communities ensure their aging veterans are not suffering from food insecurity - especially during the pandemic?</i> Our guest representing the regional nonprofit Save A Suit reminded listeners about an important event coming up at the Burroughs Community Center July 9 and how Save a Suit is aiming to help veterans with donations who may be more food insecure because of the virus health emergency.	06-28-20 5:39am 15m