

**PERIOD COVERED:    APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2023**

**WEFM HAS CONTINUED TO AIR NEWSCASTS AND INTERVIEWS, AS WELL AS LIVE BROADCASTS, DURING THE PERIOD SHOWN ABOVE, THAT ADDRESS IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING AREA RESIDENTS. WEFM HAS IDENTIFIED THOSE ISSUES THROUGH A SERIES OF IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS, AS WELL AS INPUT FROM WEFM LISTENERS. WEFM KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT NUMEROUS MEETINGS AND LOCAL EVENTS. WEFM CONDUCTS MONTHLY LIVE INTERVIEWS ON THE AIR WITH NUMEROUS LOCAL LEADERS, INCLUDING MICHIGAN CITY MAYOR DUANE PARRY, AND LAPORTE MAYOR, TOM DERMODY; LAPORTE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, SEAN FAYGON; MICHIGAN CITY'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DOCTOR BARBARA EASON WATKINS; AND LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF, RON HEEG. WEFM AIRS BOTH LIVE AND RECORDED PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS DAILY, USING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LOCAL AND AREA GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. WEFM AIRS MORE THAN 60 LOCAL NEWSCASTS EACH WEEK, WITH MATERIAL GATHERED BY STAFF MEMBERS, CORRESPONDENTS AND VARIOUS NEWS SERVICES.**

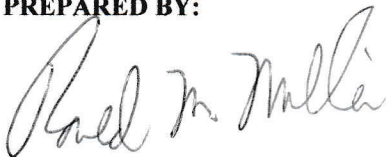
**SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WEFM DURING THE PERIOD SHOWN ABOVE INCLUDE:**

- 1.    THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PREVIOUSLY VIABLE PROPERTIES IN MICHIGAN CITY IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A NEW STORY ON APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> (12 MIN) OUTLINES EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE YHE CITY'S MARQUETTE MALL. A 5/15 – 5/17 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON PLANS TO REVIATALIZE A FORMER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING. A 6/6 – 6/7 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED THE AVAILABILITY OF A HISTORIC ESTATE THAT'SD NOW FOR SALE.**
  
- 2.    GUN VIOLENCE IS A CRITICAL LOCAL ISSUE. AN APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> STORY (13 MIN) PROFILED A NEW STATE LAW THAT ELIMINATES MOST GUN PERMITS. A 5/9 – 5/10 STORY (14 MIN) REPORTED ON A SHOOTING DEATH. A 6/29 – 6/30 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED THAT THREE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, AND ONE PERSON WAS SHOT FOLLOWING A CONFRONTATION.**
  
- 3.    ROAD AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 4/11 – 4/13 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED ON A MAJOR ROAD REBUILDING PROJECT ALONG LAPORTE'S PINE LAKE AVENUE. A 5/30 – 6/1 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED PLANS TO RELOCATE A BUSY COUNTY INTERSECTION. A 6/7 – 6/8 STORY (16 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS TO REJUVINATE PAHS ROAD NEAR MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL.**

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4. HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 4/11 – 4/12 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON A PROPOSED RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE. A 5/9 – 5/10 STORY (23 MIN) OUTLINED THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR PROPERTY TAXES. A 5/15 – 5/17 STORY (8 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS FOR A RENOVATED APARTMENT BUILDING IN MICHIGAN CITY'S UPTOWN AREA. A 6/5 – 6/6 STORY REPORTS THAT A NEW HOUSING PROJECT IN LAPORTE COUNTY IS ON HOLD DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY.
  
5. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS IMPORTANT, LOCALLY. A 4/10 – 4/12 STORY (19 MIN) OUTLINED THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD'S DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT. A 5/26 – 5/30 STORY (10 MIN) REPORTED THE INTERSECTIONS THAT ARE CLOSED DUE TO RAIL, CONSTRUCTION. A 6/7 – 6/9 STORY (5 MIN) REPORTED ON EFFORTS TO REDUCE TRAIN – VEHICLE COLLISIONS.
  
6. CRIME IS A SIGNIFICANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 4/10 – 4/12 STORY (9 MIN) ANNOUNCED THAT A BILL BEING DISCUSSED WOULD RELEASE ELDERLY NON VIOLENT STATE PRISONERS EARLY. A 5/2 – 5/4 STORY (14 MIN) PROVIDED DETAILS OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO REPLACE ALL TAZERS. TWO STORIES ON 6/12 – 6/13 (8 MIN) REPORTED ON THE SENTENCING OF A CAREER CRIMINAL, AND THE ARREST OF A DRUNK DRIVER WHO THREATENED OTHERS.

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