

1st QUARTER 2015 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING

**SUMMARIES FOR THE SEVEN MINUTE WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
PROGRAM:**

“YOUR COMMUNITY”

These shows air Sundays between 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.

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The Weekends Of.....

01/03/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Captain Matthew Cunningham of the Salvation Army. They talked about him being new to this area, his career with the Salvation Army. They talked about his qualifications needed to be an officer in the Salvation Army, and also the programs and goals of the Salvation Army and how it enhances the lives of some people in the Columbus community.

01/10/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Rob Pitts who is in charge of the Consumer Credit Counseling of The Family Center Of Columbus. They talked about how Goodwill industries in our area is offering free expert tax preparation for all in our area that qualifies. The program in question is called “VITA” and Mr. Pitts took the time to spell out all of the requirements, locations and hours to this program.

01/17/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Earnest Stull with Animal Ark which is a pet help facility in our area that finds homes for abandoned animals. We talked about their goal being a “no kill” shelter and how they go about their operations.

01/24/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Jeff Kayler with the Stewart Community house. They talked about this program that is currently going on that actually started in November called “Adopt a Night” which invites people to help the Stewart House help others by providing meals, clothing, and paying for all of their medical needs. The goal of the house is to serve homeless and disabled people. The mission is to get people off the streets and into permanent housing and independent living.

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02/07/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Jennifer Davidson of the Georgia Extension Service. They talked about the mission of the service which is “To bring the knowledge of the University to the entire state” so that every person in the state will have access to that knowledge. They talked about all of the current “on-going programs” they have running and some that are on the horizon that will impact our area.

02/14/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Kim Jenkins of the “Open Door Community House” and they talk about how the Open Door actually helps individuals in our community. They talked about the house’s mission which is “To empower impoverished people to realize their full potential as children of God.” They talked in brief about the different ministries they offer and how they impact the lives of people that live in our community. They talked about the staff of the Open Door and their volunteers.

02/21/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Rick McKnight one of the Directors at the River Center for performing arts. We talked about his job as Community Support Officer of the River Center. The focus was how he got to that job. Rick attended the Juilliard School For Performing Arts, he studied and worked in the fashion district of New York City, New York, he graduated from Auburn University, owner operated two clothing businesses. He’s now a director at one of the prime performance halls in America. It was a tremendous interview with one of the area’s true assets.

02/28/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Danny Ginter with Sons of the American Revolution, and also with the Disabled American Veterans. They talked about the mission of the Disabled American Veterans which is “To empower Veterans to live high quality lives with respect and dignity.” They talked about how that organization gets that done and what it entails. Also, how it benefits this area considering all of the retired people we have in the greater Columbus area.

03/07/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Debbie Cabellaro with The Girl Scouts Of America Inc. They talked about the new cookie the GirlScout will have on sale this year plus, the partnership with local restaurants to promote the new cookie. They also talked about the formation of the girl scouts, their mission and goals.

03/14/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Diane Taylor with Columbus Hospice. They discussed the job of hospice, how they helped the community with what they do. Diane also talked about Columbus Hospice major annual promotion/concert, Denim and diamonds along with their “Purse Party For Pets.

03/21/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Renee Sturkie the new director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of West Georgia. They talked about the staff and mission of the house, what it takes to operate, how they are involved with the Mid-Town Medical Center and also how you qualify for their help.

03/28/15- Public affairs Director Al Haynes interviews Ricky Shores the Columbus Georgia Fire Marshal. Ricky explained how he transitioned from working in the Sheriff’s office to becoming a firefighter, how he qualified, the training, and the responsibility of be the Fire Marshall if Georgia’s second largest city landwise.