

# WRRCR ISSUES/PROGRAMS

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This time, again, we highlight our weekly, originally produced environmentally-oriented 2-hour program “**Tough Times**”, produced and hosted exclusively on WRRCR by Emmy Award winning radio and TV personality, Lou Young.

In his **January 6th** program entitled CLIMATE VOICES 2023, Lou Young, George Potanovic, and Will Hennessey look back at a year of shows as the climate change deepened and the conversation became increasingly more urgent. Guests include Riverkeeper’s Tracy Brown, NY Senator Peter Harckham, Rockland Fire Chief Jerry Knapp, Energy expert Susan Shapiro, Geologist Jeff Tolhurst, Sustainability Director Peter McCartt, Wood’s Hole Senior Scientist Christopher Reddy, and Oyster Farmer Andrew Larkin. Interviews with just a few of our guests from 2023. Can you say eclectic? A fun two hours.

Lou’s 65th weekly 2-hour show, which aired on **January 20th**, was called AFTER THE DELUGE

Six Months ago a strange rain tore through the Hudson Valley: 10 week’s worth of water in a matter of hours delivering a gut punch to Highland Falls, NY just outside the gates of the US Military Academy at West Point. This edition of Tough Times with Lou Young features Highland Falls Mayor Joseph D’Onofrio, and NY State Assemblyman Chris Eachus. They’ve got a progress report on repairs, aid, and plans for resiliency for businesses and residents. In an era climate change it’s a work in progress as FEMA adjusts its protocols in the face of the accelerating rate of claims. Activist and co-host George Potanovic joins Lou the studio along with producer Will Hennessey on the controls. Reverend Billy, the Stop Shopping Choir, News from the Natural World with Savitri D. Good music and conversation.

On **January 27th** 2024, Tough Times with Lou Young #66, called NYACK ON MY MIND, focused on climate issues facing this picturesque Hudson Valley village.

It's easy to get down about climate change; that's one of the things that tends to make our host, Lou Young, into something of a "doomer" about the future. But there is another way to deal with climate anxiety: DO SOMETHING.

Nyack, NY a delightful village on the Rockland County side of the Mario Cuomo/Tappan Zee Bridge is on a journey to address climate change and get ready for the coming reality.

Marcy Denker and Steve Cea from Nyack's Climate Smart Committee and contributors to it's recently adopted Climate Action Plan join Lou, co-host George Potanovic, Will Hennesey, and most importantly Nyack Mayor Joe Rand for a tour of things we regular folk can do to help the planet and ourselves. Electric Vehicles, Clean Energy, Heat Pump Technology and a lot more as the village gets ready to host a Climate Solutions Fair at Nyack Center on February 7, 2024 from 7-9PM. Also—what's your favorite apocalypse movie? And We've got Reverend Billy and the Earth Church, the Stop Shopping Choir, a song from Rick Nelson, and a farewell to Melanie Safka the singer-songwriter who became a legends at Woodstock, just up the road from our studio and passed away days ago at the age of 76. Inspiring talk and music.

This is just a sample of Lou's shows from just one month of this quarter.

WRCR's other regularly scheduled weekly and monthly public interest, community service programs all continued to be aired on the same schedule as in the previous months and years.

They cover variety of issues, such as:

- Organ donation (1 hour show every Wednesday),
- Health care (1 hour show every month hosted by different specialty doctors from our local hospitals),

- Mental health (monthly show hosted by Rockland Behavioral Health Response Team),
- Audiology and hearing loss (monthly 1 hour show hosted by Hudson Valley Audiology)
- Veteran Issues - “Thank you for Your Service” this monthly 1-hour program is our newest addition to the line up, hosted by a local veteran advocate (NEW PROGRAM)
- “Senior Moment” a monthly 1-hour show (hosted by a major local law firm and focusing on legal issues facing seniors), to name a few.

All Town Supervisors, County Executive, our State Senator and newly elected Congressman, Mike Lawler continued with their regularly scheduled interactive Q&A segments, keeping WRCR listeners updated on happenings in their local City Hall, State Capital, Albany and Washington, DC.

Our flagship daily program, The Morning Show with Jeff and Will, now in its 25th year, continued to serve the community with its audience-driven current affairs content daily, for 4 hours during the morning drive, 5 days per week.