

The following is a summary of Issues/Programs as presented on WHXR, Scarborough, ME.

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The following topics/issues were addressed via the weekly “Community Connections” program in the first quarter of 2021.

“Community Connections” is a weekly, 30 minute community affairs program spotlighting organizations and individuals in Maine who address issues affecting citizens, work to improve the quality of life in Maine, and deal with human interest topics across many disciplines. Here is a rundown of the program contents for Q1:

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Show: Community Connections                      Airdate: 1/10/21                      Airtime: 5:30am

Guest(s):        Mary Brant, External Communications Director, American Red Cross  
                      John Leeming, American Red Cross volunteer

With colder weather and frequent winter holidays, the amount of blood donations tend to decline, and with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic compounding this dynamic, the need for blood donations remains urgent in Maine. We discuss how people can continue to give blood and the safety protocols that are in place for blood donors, as well as the Red Cross’ ability to test for COVID antibodies. We also discuss the Red Cross’ work in local and national emergencies, from house fires to weather disasters and how people can best help the Red Cross’ mission.

Show: Community Connections                      Airdate: 1/17/21                      Airtime: 5:30am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: With cold weather meaning the necessity of spending money to heat homes, and many Mainers facing a financial crunch due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we learn about how Maine residents can apply for federal home heating assistance, which is administered through Maine housing. We also discuss Maine Housing’s role in helping to prevent COVID-19 related evictions through a rental assistance program. Additionally, we discuss Maine’s difficult housing market, and programs designed to help first-time homebuyers as well as incentives for builders to create more affordable housing.

Show: Community Connections                      Airdate: 1/24/21                      Airtime: 5:30am

Guest(s): Jeanna Roth, Dir. of Comm.Engagement, Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland  
The COVID-19 pandemic caused many Maine residents to spend more time at home, which spurred a number of families and individuals into looking into pet adoption. We discuss how the pandemic changed how ARLGP conducts meetings for potential adoptees, the services that ARLGP provides in addition to facilitating pet adoptions, and how the general public can help during the pandemic.

Show: Community Connections                      Airdate 1/31/21                      Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s):        Whitney Wildes and Olivia Fraioli, STRIVE

Topic:                STRIVE provides programs, support and social opportunities for people with intellectual and emotional disabilities in the Portland area through after-school programs and post-secondary skills education. We discuss the migration of many of STRIVE's programs to an online format during the pandemic, and the ways in the organization's usual fundraisers are being conducted to meet social distancing guidelines of the day.

Show: Community Connections                      Airdate: 2/7/21                      Airtime: 5:30am

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Guest(s):            Mary Brant, Regional Communications Director, American Red Cross  
Paula Coyle, Senior Volunteer Recruitment Specialist

Topic:                We check in on the blood supply situation in Maine during March, recognized nationally as Red Cross Month. Donations continue to be impacted by the pandemic and a snowy February. We also discuss the need the organization has for Blood Donor Ambassadors to help at on-site donation events, to ensure smooth, socially distant and protocol-compliant processes. We also discuss opportunities to volunteer in disaster relief efforts by the Red Cross.

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Respectfully submitted,

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