

## QUARTERLY ISSUES & PROGRAM LISTS

STATION: WMVY-FM

PERIOD: April 1 – June 30, 2023

The following is a list of some of the significant issues covered by WMVY-FM, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period listed above. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

### ISSUES:

1. HEALTH
2. CRIME
3. ENVIRONMENT
4. BENEFITS
5. TRANSPORTATION
6. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM LISTS

#### 1. HEALTH

Some health issues that WMVY covered this quarter:

- Law enforcement and court officials have planned to meet to consider starting a new Island court system to help people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. There are already 28 locations across the state, including Falmouth and Barnstable. Pooling resources is seen to be necessary for the next step in the process.
- Dining outdoors with canine companions is being recognized with a pilot program from the Tisbury health department. Restaurants with outdoor seating must apply for the town's new "Dog Friendly Spaces" variance and follow guidelines that the board of health has approved.
- The Martha's Vineyard Tick Prevention Program discovered Asian longhorned ticks during routine surveys of private yards, the first instance of this strain being found on the Island. While females can reproduce without mating, this species strays more toward animals.
- Children's Cove, the child advocacy center for the Cape and Islands, has been approved to offer forensic interviews with trained experts to children who are victims of physical and sexual assault. The organization has been trying to remove barriers to their services to Island children for some time.
- Local health groups sponsored a symposium on tick-borne illnesses where people were warned of the ticks' presence across the Island and given tips on how to keep an eye out for them. Public health biologist

Patrick Roden-REynolds said that several varieties of ticks have become so prevalent that the risk of tick bites exists year-round.

- Health Imperatives has been awarded \$374,000 to address the Island's severe under-enrollment in a federal nutrition program known as WIC for women, infants and children. CEO Julia Kehoe noted, "Martha's Vineyard's extreme wealth gap and growing diversity make it incredibly difficult for hard-working people to meet their basic needs."
- Navigator Homes of Martha's Vineyard, a 70-bed nursing facility with 48 workforce housing units aimed at easing Martha's Vineyard Hospital's need for skilled nursing residences and employee housing, was approved by the Massachusetts Public Health Council.

## 2. CRIME

This is a small community out here on the Cape and Islands and the impact of one small crime can send ripples to every corner. WMVY covers crime in a manner that is considerate and respectful of both the accused and the victims. Here are some of the incidents that MVY reported:

- The Edgartown man accused of robbing a Falmouth bank was ordered to be held without bail after a judge deemed him a danger to the community. He faces charges of armed and masked robbery with a firearm, bomb threat, larceny over \$1200, carjacking and seven counts of kidnapping. A Falmouth District Court judge ruled that he will be held for 120 days while awaiting trial.
- A 22-year-old woman from Vermont was called in by Edgartown police after her vehicle was discovered rolled over at the intersection of Chappaquiddick and Litchfield Roads. The woman was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence, negligent operation, marked lanes, speeding and damage to property.
- Edgartown police received notice of a possible theft of \$300 worth of strawberries from the Old Town Gardens farmstand in Katama.
- The body of a newborn girl that was found at a mainland recycling facility may have been transported there from Martha's Vineyard. The baby's mother may have lived on the Island, had ties or recently traveled there.
- A Maine college student was indicted on 17 charges, including manslaughter and operating under the influence in connection with a 2022 car crash that killed four people, including a recent graduate of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. He was driving back to campus when his car went off the road, killing four classmates.

- The Vineyard Gazette investigated recent real estate scams by speaking with Detective Nikolaj Wojkielo and local real estate agent Jim Feiner.

### 3. ENVIRONMENT

Issues regarding the environment are always of paramount concern. MVY made its listeners aware of many of them, including the following:

- Two dead whales were found on Island beaches, one on South Beach and one on East Beach a day later. While the cause of death is unknown, many stranded whales have been struck by vessels.
- An aerial survey team of scientists from the New England Aquarium saw a pod of four orcas, an unusual sight for New England waters, swimming 40 miles south of Nantucket during an aerial survey. This sighting is not unprecedented, as there is a small population of orcas in the Northwest Atlantic.
- Vineyard Wind began work to install monopiles and transition pieces for its planned 62 turbines about 15 miles south of the Island, cementing the project into existence. The cost of building offshore projects has increased by more than 20% since 2019.
- The Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee approved a motion calling for electrification of ferries being added to the Steamship Authority's Fleet.
- Oversand vehicle access on the Island and across the state may become significantly limited if a proposed plan from the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife department to protect shorebirds goes into effect. Conservation officials in Edgartown are looking for a work-around that will enable them to relocate the current OSV entrance until a more permanent solution is found.
- The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's free app, Trails MV, has been relaunched, providing an interactive guide to more than 220 miles of public trails on 100 protected Island properties.
- Vineyard Wind held a press conference saying that they expect the company's first wind turbine to be installed by late summer.
- In an effort to protect the striped bass fish population, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission layered guidelines to allow recreational fishermen to keep stripers between 28-31 inches.
- The Martha's Vineyard Commission's climate action committee had an enthusiastic turnout for its Climate Action Fair at the Agricultural Hall, providing a range of examples for Islanders to reduce their carbon footprints.

- Island planners, conservationists and coastal management experts gathered to brainstorm how the Vineyard can prepare for climate change and the likelihood of rising tides. Several local and national authorities spoke at the MVY-sponsored event.
- Martha's Vineyard observed Earth Day with the Island's conservation agencies, nonprofits and libraries creating a diverse array of activities under the theme "Invest In OUR Planet." And for the 31st year in a row, the Vineyard Conservation Society held its EArth Day Beach Clean-Up.

#### 4. BENEFITS

Those who live on the Cape and Islands participated in many public service-oriented events that WMVY publicized through PSAs and newscasts.

- The Oak Bluffs select board unanimously approved a veterans' housing project proposed by the Island Housing Trust and the Cape and Island Veterans' Outreach Center. The project is planned to house up to 12 Island veterans.
- The Edgartown select board approved the return of the Dock Dances at Memorial Wharf, the first time the events will be held in four years.
- Circuit Arts, the new parent organization of the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival, announced its summer programming schedule with films including some by well-known seasonal residents, as well as new documentaries created by Circuit films.
- Students from the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School presented research on the Vineyard Five and other Civil Rights activists at the West Tisbury Library. They were joined by teacher Freedom Cartwright and Elaine Weintraub, founder of the Martha's Vineyard African American Heritage Trail.
- Juneteenth included a variety of activities, including Taste of Juneteenth, featuring Chef Ting and Kevin King, authors of "Black Joy Food Love."
- Built On Stilts, the Vineyard's homegrown community dance festival opened up registration, and will present the festival in August.
- The Oak Bluffs Business Association partnered with local LGBTQIA+ organizers to bring Pride to the Island.
- Featherstone Center for the Arts opened a show called Timeless, which celebrates Island women artists over the age of 80. It features a variety of mediums.

- Island housing advocates went to Beacon Hill to lobby for the local option transfer fee and housing bank bills to be reviewed by the State House.
- Five Island non-profits received nearly \$60,000 from the Cape and Islands UNited Way as part of their community impact program, including Hospice & Palliative Care of MV and Island Grown Initiative's summer lunch program.
- The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank sponsored its annual Cross-Island Hike as part of National Trails Day. It picks up where it left off the previous year, and allows hikers to join for the entire almost 20 miles, or for smaller legs of the hike. The annual tradition began in 1993.
- The community fund MVYouth announced almost \$1 million in scholarships that will be offered to 16 deserving high school seniors.
- The Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship was awarded to 15 Islanders, including high school and college students, as well as professionals seeking advanced degrees and ecologists working on Vineyard projects.
- The Martha's Vineyard Bank Charitable Foundation handed out over half a million dollars in donations to Island organizations as part of its first annual Community Commitment event.
- Oak Bluffs select board approved a motion to install a new town ceremonial flagpole that would fly non-federally recognized flags, such as the Juneteenth and Progress Pride flags, to promote town diversity and inclusivity.

## 5. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is a constant concern, as both Islanders and commuters rely on the Steamship Authority, among other transportation, for their everyday necessities.

- The Coast Guard Auxiliary on Martha's Vineyard offered a \$50 class covering all the necessary knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.
- State Representative Dylan Fernandes testified in support of a bill that would ban moped rentals in Oak Bluffs. The proposed ban has been put to the state legislature several times in the past seven years and aims to halt the rentals in the name of safety. The bill has been filed at least three other times in the past, but the home rule petition has struggled to gain traction and died in committee.
- A Steamship Authority ferry on the Nantucket route was sidelined for a few hours after crew members found smoke coming from its bow thruster compartment. Hyannis firefighters met the ferry as it pulled into Hyannis harbor, but no fire fighting measures were required.

- A U.S. Coast Guard aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at the Martha's Vineyard Airport due to an engine's malfunction during a drill four miles off the coast of the Island. No one aboard was injured but landings at the airport's primary runway had to be shut down for much of the day.
- The Vineyard Transit Authority's bus driver union threatened the bus line's administrator with legal action, claiming she has been wrongly involved in the day-to-day operations of the authority and union's ongoing contract negotiations, which is seen to be a violation of state law, while she claims she is just following her job under the state enabling legislation for the authority.
- Two Steamship Authority ferries, the Governor and Iyanough, will continue to run on shortened schedules as the summer season begins, due to an unprecedented backlog in the U.S. Coast Guard's licensing process for deck officers. With deck officers in short supply, both ferries are running only four trips a day.
- The Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee approved a motion calling for electrification of ferries being added to the Steamship Authority's fleet. Among the requests made were for the creation of an electrification plan as part of the authority's new strategic plan, and purchase of an electric ferry when a vessel is acquired in the future.
- Beach Road traffic became backed up more than usual after the Lagoon Pond drawbridge was stuck in the open position for more than four hours.
- The Steamship Authority wants to hear from customers, as they posted an online survey and planned five in-person feedback sessions to inform its first strategic plan.
- The Steamship Authority's board of governors were updated on the conversion work taking place in Mobile, Alabama, transforming former offshore service vessels from the oil and gas industry into freight ferries.
- Riders with Uber and Lyft might see an added \$3.50 in their airport pick-up fare price this summer following the airport commission's decision to impose a surcharge of the same amount.
- Seastreak announced it will stop running its summer ferry route from New York City to Martha's Vineyard. Changes in New York commutes due to more flexible work schedules eliminated the peak travel time, which made the route successful.

## 6. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Cape and Islands are full of interesting people who are making a valuable contribution through their work. People in the community are spotlighted every week in a

segment called “WMVY’s PERSON OF THE WEEK”. In this segment, the station recognizes individuals across the Cape and Islands who are involved in various pursuits. Guests were chosen for their contribution to people on the Cape and Islands.

The following is a list of WMVY’s “PERSON OF THE WEEK” guests for the quarter, which airs on Thursdays at 8am and Noon. On MVY Radio's Person of the Week, we bring you a 3-minute segment on the work, the stories and the lives of people who make a difference.

June 29 - Hal Minis  
June 21 - Julie Lytle  
June 8th - Eddie Murphy  
June 1 - Ayanna Freedom  
May 25 - Sara Grambach  
May 18 - Lori Botolino  
May 11 - Karen Bissonnette  
May 4 - Jacob Stapledon  
April 27 - Donna Jean Lopez  
April 20 - Katherine Garofoli  
April 13 - Seamus Devine  
April 6 - Dave Botting

VINEYARD CURRENT is a public affairs program that spotlights people and topics relevant to residents of Martha’s Vineyard. The following is a list of VINEYARD CURRENT guests for this quarter, which airs weekly on Sundays at 10:00AM:

June 25th, 2023 (40:44)

- ANDY NUTTON: SAIL MV - REGATTA WEEKEND
- SCOTT MULLEN: QUEERHUBMV - SCOTT MULLEN
- JEMIMA JAMES: ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING UPDATE

June 18th, 2023 (30:12)

- PATRICK RODEN - REYNOLDS -MV TICKS - PART 2
- DONNA GORDON-READING: BEN FRANKLIN BOOK

June 11th, 2023 (29:43)

- MARTHA KIRKPATRICK: STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

- STEFANIE WOLF: PRIDE BRACELET
- SKIP FINLEY: JUNETEENTH EVENTS

May 28th, 2023 (36:16)

- JEMIMA JAMES: ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING UPDATE
- AUBREY RYAN: LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

May 21st, 2023 (37:56)

- MOIRA SILVA: MV LITTLE LEAGUE
- CAP PANEL #4: HIGHLIGHTS
- RUSS CURRAN: MV SHARKS HOST FAMILIES
- RONAN NOONE: THE SMUGGLE

May 14th, 2023 (33:23)

- RITA BROWN: UUSMV
- NATURE DRAG
- CAP PANEL #3

May 7th, 2023 (29:00)

- SACRED DREAM CIRCLE
- CAP PANEL #2

April 30th, 2023 (32:39)

- CAP PANEL #1: HIGHLIGHTS
- RED HOUSE RECOVERY

April 23rd, 2023 (32:55)

- JESSICA MASON: ISLAND EATS MV UPDATE
- RUSS CURRAN: MV SHARKS HOST FAMILIES AND NEWS

April 16th, 2023 (35:20)

- MATT DELANEY: RIGHT WHALE DAY
- ROSE STYRON: SPRINGTIME SYMPHONY
- LIZ DURKEE: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FORUM

April 9th, 2023 (28:37)

- ROSE STYRON: SPRINGTIME SYMPHONY



April 2nd, 2023 (31:38)

- SEAN DRISCOLL: SSA NEW COO
- JEMIMA JAMES: ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING
- SCOTT & KEREN: PATHWAYS SEASON FINALE 2023

CAPE COD CURRENT is a public affairs program that spotlights people and topics relevant to the residents of Cape Cod. The following is a list of CAPE COD CURRENT guests for this quarter, which airs monthly on the last Sunday of each month, directly following the Vineyard Current:

June 25th, 2023 (24:25)

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- CHRIS FITZGERALD: FALMOUTH COMMODORES
  - JULIE LYTTLE: AMAZING GRACE CAPE COD
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June 18th, 2023 (25:15)

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- JANET MILKMAN: BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST
  - TARA BURKE: HIGHLAND HALL GARDENS
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June 11th, 2023 (24:00)

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- EDDIE MURPHY: ELDER SERVICES
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June 4th, 2023 (33:05)

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- DON WILDING: AUTHOR OF CAPE COD AND PORTLAND GALE Of 1898
  - CATHY HATCH: CAPE COD UKULELE CLUB
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May 28th, 2023 (32:27)

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- BUCK KINNEAR: CAPE COD PIRATE FESTIVAL
  - HEATHER DOYLE: CAPE COD OCEAN COMMUNITY
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May 21st, 2023 (26:39)

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- SARA GRAMBACH: DUFFY HEALTH CENTER
  - AYANNA FREEDOM: B-FREE WELLNESS CAPE COD
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May 14th, 2023 (29:13)

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- LORI BOTOLINO: SUCCESS CAPE COD
  - NICOLE SHERIDAN: EMERALD HOLLOW THERAPEUTIC RIDING
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May 7th, 2023 (27:00)

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- KAREN BISSONNETTE: FALMOUTH HOUSING TRUST
  - HAROLD SKELTON: FISHING FOR THE MISSION 22
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April 30th, 2023 (32:33)

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- BJ GANEM: SIERRA DELTA
  - JANET MORGENSTERN: LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOREVER
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April 23rd, 2023 (24:31)

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- JACOB STAPLEDON: CHILDREN'S COVE
  - KYLE HINKLE: BREWSTER CHAMBER
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April 16th, 2023 (29:12)

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- EMILY HENDERSON: WELLFLEET PRESERVATION HALL
  - DONNA JEAN LOPEZ: ONE SHARED SPIRIT INC
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April 9th, 2023 (24:36)

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- LINZY FRENCH: CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE
  - KATHERINE GAROFOLI: AMERICORPS CAPE COD
  - SEAMUS DEVINE: CAPE REP'S ARCHIBALD AVERY
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April 2nd, 2023 (29:38)

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- WENDY NORTHCROSS: HYANNIS ROTARIAN RAFFLE
  - DAVE BOTTING: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
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