

## QUARTERLY ISSUES & PROGRAM LISTS

STATION: WMVY-FM

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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
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4. BENEFITS
5. TRANSPORTATION
6. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

### PROGRAM LISTS

#### 1. HEALTH

Some health issues that WMVY covered this quarter:

- The State Department of Environmental Protection issued an air quality alert for people on Martha's Vineyard who have sensitive lungs after it detected elevated levels of ozone. It recommended that people with lung disease, heart disease or asthma limit their outdoor exertion and take breaks.
- Boston MedFlight, which has provided medical flights for Islanders in need of critical care for decades, has added a new jet to its fleet, making it easier to provide services to places like the Vineyard in harsh weather conditions. While the majority of Boston MedFlight patient transports are done by helicopter and critical care ground ambulance, having an airplane expands their capabilities.
- The West Tisbury board of health issued an advisory against going in the water at Tiah's Cove in Tisbury Great Pond after a cyanobacteria bloom was discovered there. The red level advisory was issued through MV Cyano, a collaborative project between the town boards of health and the Great Pond Foundation. Under a red level advisory, the board recommends against all swimming activities and most boating activities, as well as keeping children and pets away from the water. This was the first of the season for the Island's great ponds and comes as towns continue to work on improving their water quality.

## 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:

- An Edgartown man who was arrested for the April armed robbery of a Falmouth bank was charged in federal court. He is facing one count of bank robbery after law enforcement officials say he stole more than \$21,000 from the Rockland Trust Bank on Davis Straits at gunpoint.
- A 2019 Honda Civic grazed a roadside pole on South Road in Chilmark and flipped onto its roof after a driver fell asleep at the wheel. No evidence of drugs or alcohol was uncovered, but the driver was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stay within the marked lines, and driving without a license.
- Cape and Islands District Attorney Robert Galibois called on the US Department of Justice to investigate the migrant flights that landed on Martha's Vineyard in September of 2022. The flights, which transported 49 Venezuelan asylum seekers from Texas to the Vineyard without warning, have been repeated in parts of California earlier this year, prompting the governor of California, the attorney general of California, and the sheriff of Bexar County, Texas to request that the department open federal, criminal and civil investigations into the incidents.
- A man is facing several charges after he allegedly broke into the Edgartown Inn and started threatening employees. He was arrested and has been charged with defacing property, resisting arrest, assault, threat to commit a crime and two counts of breaking and entering. He was arraigned in Edgartown District Court, pleading not guilty.
- A home on Pequot Avenue in Oak Bluffs became the setting for the arrest of a man who is wanted for two armed robberies in Texas. He and another unidentified person are accused of robbing an apartment in San Marcos, Texas at gunpoint, stealing luxury brand shoes, cell phones, and high-end jewelry. He is being held without bail at Dukes County Jail, pending transportation back to Texas.
- A man was arrested by Oak Bluffs police after he allegedly drove through a pedestrian-only neighborhood in the Camp Ground, damaging porches of two iconic gingerbread cottages and other property. He pleaded not guilty in Edgartown District Court and was ordered held without bail.

### 3. ENVIRONMENT

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

- The Trustees of Reservations and the Martha's Vineyard Book Festival hosted a bird walk at Long Point Wildlife Refuge led by Christian Cooper, author of *Better Living Through Birding: Notes From a Black Man in the Natural World*, and lead for the National Geographic series "Extraordinary Birder with Christian Cooper." Mr. Cooper is also known as the Central Park birder whose May 2020 encounter with a dog walker led to an escalation of racial tensions.
- Despite potential weather-related delays, Vineyard Wind is still on schedule to bring electricity to Massachusetts by the end of the year. About 70 Massachusetts state lawmakers, Cape Cod officials, first responders, conservationists, union representatives and members of the press took a recent tour of the wind farm.
- Revolution Wind, the offshore wind energy developer, received final approval from the US Department of the Interior to start on its farm about 14 miles southwest of Aquinnah despite concerns expressed by leaders of the Wampanoag Tribe. Onshore construction will likely begin soon, and offshore work is possible next year. The project is expected to be operational in 2025.
- A project meant to improve the water quality and ecosystem at the Sheriff's Meadow Roth Woodlands may be getting closer to reality, seven years after it was originally proposed. The organization is working with a well drilling company to address some neighbors' concerns.
- The team at Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship Organics Project is looking into alternative methods of eliminating waste. Garbage constitutes about 15% of all Island exports, amounting to around 36,000 tons a year. About 34% of that waste could be composted, says manager Woody Filley.
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head received more than \$170,000 in grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to help the tribe plan future climate mitigation strategies. Most of the funds will be used to hire a consultant to consider strategies to reduce climate pollution, such as carbon reduction or sequestration.
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#### 4. BENEFITS

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

- For an alternative take on the holiday, 14 Island residents gathered at the Federated Church to recite Frederick Douglass's speech "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?", a poignant rebuke of slavery and hypocrisy in America. This has been an annual tradition since 2014.
- Circuit Arts held a disABILITY Festival, which included a community picnic, an art exhibit, videos, and decor created by local organizations supporting independence, creativity and inclusion.
- Island Health Care had its first fundraiser in an ongoing \$6 million capital campaign. The financial support will help the federally qualified healthcare center expand its space, its services and access to care for Islanders.
- Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., who made history in 1995 as the first African American to perform a spacewalk, was a part of the event "From STEM to Stars." Hosted by the National Math and Science Initiative, Blue Origin, NASA and Raytheon Technologies, the event featured a panel of several former and current astronauts, an interactive space capsule and many STEM-related children's activities.
- Island Grown Initiative provided an eight-week free lunch service over the summer for both school children and the general public. Forty volunteers help administer the effort, which also relies on charitable donations, grants and 800 pounds of produce donated by farms around the Island.
- The Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Fund, Inc. has been given a \$150,000 challenge grant for the library's capital campaign, providing \$1,000 in funds for every \$3,000 donated to the campaign. The library has experienced more than 300% growth in attendance at adult programs and regularly hosts more than 40 events each month, leading to a need for new space and upgrades.
- The Built On Stilts Dance Festival is in its 27th year, spanning two weekends and made up of nearly 40 different pieces performed over six nights. The festival prides itself on having great variety, as it is open to all dancers and non-dancers.
- The West Chop Community Fund has awarded \$50,000 to ACE MV, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the education and workforce training needs of Vineyard residents. The award will enable ACE MV to expand its early childhood education cohort program, which serves future educators.
- The Hutchins Forum was back at the Old Whaling Church, bringing a tense discussion about affirmative action admissions practices in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling.

- The Mariposa Museum in Oak Bluffs featured an exhibit of quilts, the centerpiece of a traveling show called “Stitching Time: The Social Justice Collaboration Quilts Project.” It included 20 quilts by men living out their lives in Angola Prison in Louisiana. The quilts, along with recorded interviews, tell the story of a unique inside-outside collaboration helping to focus on the humanity of people often forgotten by society, while looking at the history of the US Criminal Justice System.
- Featherstone Center for the Arts hosted professors and authors discussing the power of storytelling during a time of crisis. Titled “Writing to Heal the Earth,” the conversation focused on the hope people can take from hearing stories that center around the interconnectedness of humanity and the natural world.
- A former musician’s workshop will become Island Food Pantry’s permanent home, if regional and town officials agree to the proposal by the pantry’s parent nonprofit Island Grown Initiative, who purchased the property in May. It has ample warehouse, retail and office space, complete with a loading dock for the refrigerated truck that makes weekly trips to the mainland for donated and low-cost foods. The food pantry is outgrowing their current operations out of the Portuguese-American Club in Oak Bluffs.
- Members of the local Wampanoag Tribe and native peoples from across the East Coast gathered for the annual Aquinnah Pow Wow, which included three native drumming groups.
- Islanders hosted a quiet reunion for the 49 Venezuelan migrants who were involuntarily flown from Florida by Governor Ron Desantis a year ago. They had arrived in the state seeking asylum. It was a joyous reunion including food, music and lawn games.
- The sixth annual Darkness Into Light Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk was held at 5am in Edgartown. Walking to the sunrise is symbolic of coming out of the darkness of depression and mental illness into the light of hope and healing.
- Harbor Homes is on track to buy a six-bedroom dormitory in Oak Bluffs, which can help solve problems such as the need for winter shelter, temporary housing for homeless and domestic violence victims, and summer workforce housing. A zoning board hearing to consider a special permit is scheduled.
- The Island Autism Group hopes to open the first of several buildings associated with its new residential center for adults with autism as early as next year. Community support has been critical in raising the estimated \$12 million cost of the facility. The Hub House will be the organizations’ first permanent headquarters since its founding in 2009.

## 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 Steamship Authority is converting its recently acquired oil field vessels into freight ferries, but is facing a cost overrun that is thought to be attributed to a combination of factors such as soaring costs for steel and a surge in demand at shipyards. The shipyard costs almost \$27 million, significantly higher than the estimated \$18 million for both vessels.
- Repair for the Dike Bridge on Chappaquiddick has been estimated at \$4.3 million, eliciting shock and disbelief among the Edgartown select board members.
- The Steamship Authority is delaying the launch of its redesigned website and mobile application, citing the challenge of the boatline's reservation system.
- The Steamship Authority has had to cancel several passages for various reasons including mechanical issues, crew shortage and weather conditions.
- The Steamship Authority's contentious 5:30 AM summer freight boat from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven will return for another season next year after a 3-1 vote by the board of governors.
- The Steamship Authority ferry, the M/V Sankaty broke loose from the dock at the Woods Hole terminal and drifted a short distance before coming to rest at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. It had been tied up for the day and was not in service at the time. The vessel was returned to its berth, and was cleared to sail by the US Coast Guard. There were no canceled trips as a result of the incident.
- About 40 people slept on cots at the Martha's Vineyard Airport after a pair of late flights were canceled. Flights to Washington, D.C. and to New York were grounded due to evening storms, leaving dozens of passengers stranded. The West Tisbury Police, emergency management officials and Oak Bluffs firefighters coordinated a shelter at the airport.
- The Steamship Authority board of governors reluctantly agreed to delay the 8:30 departure from Oak Bluffs by 15 minutes on the nights of the Beach Road Weekend music festival.
- The Steamship Authority is proposing to raise its rates for the second year in a row to offset a projected \$3 million budget shortfall. Most Island residents and walk-on passengers are expected to be spared from the increases. The fare hikes are part of several draft budget items for review by the board of governors.

## 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.

September 28 - Marcia Donnelly  
September 21 - Susan Price  
September 14 - Brooke DeBarros  
September 7 – Ardell Otten  
August 31 - Matt Holden  
August 24 - Hadley Luddy  
August 17 - Teri Frady  
August 10 - Kyle Davis  
August 3 - Sharon Brown  
July 27 - Faythe Ellis  
July 20 - Sarah Bois  
July 13 - Jennifer Frazee  
July 6 - Gina Torielli

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:

September 24 (29:47)

- Rose Guerin & Kelly Fiertag of Ladyfest
- Barbara Dacey & Sharon Gamsby of the Bodhi Path

September 17 (37:57)

- Brad Austin of Island Theater Workshop
- Tuni Deignan of Underwater Daughter

September 10 (36:23)

- Liz Ianelli, author of *I See You, Survivor*
- Pastor Mark Winters of the Federated Church in Edgartown

September 3 (41:11)

- Pastor Mark Winters of the Federated Church in Edgartown
- Sherry Sidoti, author of *A Smoke and A Song*

August 27 (38:30)

- Phil DaRosa of MV Sound Fest
- Tim Rich of the Moped Action Committee
- Lara Jacoski about the documentary “Eskawata Kayawai”

August 13 (36:59)

- Adam Nagler about his paddle board trip for MVCS
- Dr. Roche, founder of the HBCU Arts Festival on MV
- Brian & Lauren discuss the Agricultural Fair

August 6 (28:55)

- Adam Nagler about his paddle board trip for MVCS
- Susanna Heirtz-Ferguson, owner of MV Salads
- Rob Douglas, world champion kite surfer

July 30 (40:52)

- Kyle Williams, creator of the Black Party
- Mara Arens, director of the film “Heart Worm”
- Arene Lomax about the 20th Annual Gospel on the Vineyard

July 23 (42:01)

- Adam Nagler about his paddle board trip for MVCS
- Kiki Homer of MV Mediation
- Jennifer Vogel of the Vineyard House about Water Tasting Event

July 16 (43:32)

- Carly Simon about Possible Dreams auction
- Eli Laikin about winning an auction item at Possible Dreams Auction
- Mary Holmes of MVCS



July 2 (29:28)

- Adam Nagler about his paddle board trip for MVCS
- Andy Nutton of Sail MV

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:

September 24 (22:21)

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- Marcia Donnelly, Director of Treasured Life Initiative
  - Caren Berry, Founder of Colorful Kidz
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September 17 (30:15)

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- Katie Servis, Manager of Cape Cod Gateway Airport
  - Kristen Vose Clothier, CEO of Cape Cod Young Professionals
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September 10 (20:50)

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- Brooke DeBarros & Brayden of Team Chase Foundation
  - Susan Price, Co-Founder of Witches On the Water
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September 3 (29:07)

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- John Pappardo of Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance
  - David Kaplan of the Provincetown Theatre Festival
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August 27 (25:10)

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- Jeny Christian, Board Chair of Farming Falmouth
  - Matt Holden of Protect Our Past
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August 20 (27:12)

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- Carol Donahue of Bay To Sound Neighbors
  - Hadley Luddy, CEO of the Homeless Prevention Council
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August 13 (25:07)

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- Sierra Brown of Sea Scoops
  - Teri Frady of the Woods Hole Science Aquarium
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August 6 (27:14)

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- Kyle Davis of Change of Seasons
  - Joanne Wisniewski of Pause A While, Inc
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July 30 (24:47)

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- Jane Wilson of Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod
  - Katey Taylor of Salt Pond Areas
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July 23 (23:11)

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- Faythe Ellis of the Stony Brook Museum
  - Jon Nakamatsu of the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival
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July 16 (21:35)

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- Sarah Bois of the Linda Loring Nature Foundation
  - Sarah Hyde of Family Equality
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July 9 (27:20)

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- Jennifer Frazee of A Safe Place
  - Samantha Oliviera of Seaside Mans
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July 2 (27:00)

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- Hal Minis of Brewster Conservation
  - Belonging To Each Other - Falmouth
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