

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.

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PROGRAM LISTS

1. HEALTH

Some health issues that WMVY covered this quarter:

- Island health officials advised people to take precautions during the holiday season, including masking and testing. Free masks and Covid tests were made available at all six town halls on the island.
- Maura Valley, who became the Island's public health spokesperson during the Covid-19 pandemic, announced her retirement from her job as health agent for the town of Tisbury.
- The Oak Bluffs board of health delayed any decision about a moratorium on artificial turf fields at the regional high school, focusing their discussion instead on PFAS, the human-made chemicals that have been linked to an increased risk of thyroid diseases, decreased fertility in women, and increased cholesterol levels. The Edgartown board of health, however, joined the list of those supporting the potential moratorium, stating that it is a "sensible way to provide additional time for studies, regulations and knowledge of PFAS and its possible health impacts to be evaluated."
- Healthy Aging MV held a Community Mobilization Summit to take a look at what the next 10 years might bring, and how the community might address those challenges, as one third of Islanders are over the age of 60.

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 Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center received a hoax bomb threat over email. Rabbi Caryn Broitman said it was part of a wave of threats also sent to approximately 30 other Massachusetts synagogues.
- Federal Judge Richard Stearns once again denied the request from 11 current and former Steamship employees who claimed the Authority's vaccine requirements infringed on their First Amendment rights on religious grounds.
- Two Tisbury residents were among four people indicted by a Dukes County grand jury for drug trafficking and rape charges, respectively. All four cases are now being handled in Dukes County Superior Court.
- Federal drug investigators continue to investigate the mysterious package of cocaine valued at close to \$1 million that washed up on Lucy Vincent Beach in July. David DiTullio, the head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration office on Cape Cod, said that the package is likely connected with drug cartels in South America and is also the largest amount potentially ever seen on the island.
- The woman who says she was injured when a man allegedly drove drunk in a pedestrian-only part of the Oak Bluffs Camp Ground is now suing him for payment for her medical care. Her hospital expenses have been over \$50,000. The man pleaded "not guilty" in Edgartown District Court.
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested a man in Edgartown, with the help of Edgartown police. He is wanted for homicide in Brazil. There are no local criminal charges.

3. ENVIRONMENT

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

- Waves crested the dunes of South Beach in Edgartown as a result of a hard hitting storm that brought wind gusts of over 50 mph to the island. A large sinkhole developed along Atlantic Avenue, and a new

breach was reported on Norton Point. There was some severe erosion on Chappaquiddick with Wasque taking the biggest hit.

- After several months of low rainfall and groundwater levels and below-average temperatures, the state office of energy and environmental affairs designated the Vineyard as Level 2 on its 4-level drought severity scale. Vandana Rao, the state's director of water policy, reminded residents to keep an eye on their water use.
- With five wind turbines now in place, Vineyard Wind hopes to start generating power soon. Once the project's 62 planned turbines are complete, the wind farm will contribute enough energy to the grid to power 400,000 homes and businesses in the state.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's newly released Plant Hardiness Zone Map shows that Vineyard winters are warming. While much of the Island has remained within the 7a Plant Hardiness Zone, Chappaquiddick, the eastern half of Edgartown, and all of Aquinnah have warmed up to the 7b Zone.
- The Vineyard Conservation Society has been hosting monthly beach cleanups, known as Beach BeFriends.
- The recently formed Oak Bluffs Tree Stewards celebrated their inaugural tree planting at Niantic, Nashawena and Wesleyan parks in Oak Bluffs. The brainchild of Peter Meleney, the idea for the group came as a result of a meeting of climate-concerned Vineyarders. The group is dedicated to planting native trees in parks and green spaces around Oak Bluffs.
- The Trustees of Reservations has been awarded a grant, totaling more than \$380,000, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to conduct a restoration feasibility study at a salt marsh on Chappaquiddick. The grant goes toward the land nonprofit's overarching project with the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission to protect eroding beaches and salt marshes on the Vineyard and Nantucket. A portion of the funds is dedicated to surgeproofing a salt marsh around Pocha Pond and the bay side of Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge on Chappaquiddick.
- While the right whale population remains in peril, a new report by the North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium indicates that the global population of the critically endangered species may be leveling off. The leading cause of death and injury for right whales are human activities, including fishing gear entanglements and vessel strikes.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is considering designating an area south of the Island near several offshore wind energy leases as study areas for potential adverse effects on cod spawning grounds. This study does not necessitate restricted activity.

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 Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club received a million-dollar boost to its capital campaign for a new, expanded clubhouse and grounds in Edgartown. The grant will come from MV Youth, but not until the club has raised the remaining \$1.5 million it needs to begin the \$16.7 million project.
- The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School revamped its community chess night that aims to bring together players of all ages and skill levels. The program was started by high school English teacher Dan Sharkovitz who died in 2020.
- The Martha's Vineyard Commission approved an addition for the YMCA in Oak Bluffs.
- CHA Consulting of Boston will guide the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School through a \$2 million feasibility study for a sustainably rebuilt school, as approved by all six towns. CHA has supervised numerous projects on the Island, including the MV Museum and the ongoing Tisbury School renovations.
- The 42nd Annual Christmas in Edgartown featured artisan markets, wine tasting, horse-drawn carriage rides, costume competitions and the parade, which included carolers, candy-tossers and Santa Claus.
- Southern Tier, a new neighborhood of 60 affordable apartments in Oak Bluffs, plans to be built in one phase instead of two, after the Martha's Vineyard Commission approved the change. A \$500,000 state grant to the town will allow it to expand its wastewater capacity sooner than anticipated, making it possible to build in one project.
- Boards of health across the Vineyard are considering using federal opioid settlements to fund an Island-wide substance use disorder coordinator position, employed by MV Community Services.
- Facing an increase in visitors, Harbor Homes has had to expand its shelter, turning what had been a storage room for Chicken Alley in the former MVCS early education center into a new women's dormitory. The winter shelter has hit capacity three times already, the first time that space has been a concern for the organization.
- The African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard gained its 37th site when a plaque honoring late Robert Carter Hayden, Jr., who died in 2022, was unveiled at the Oak Bluffs Library.
- Mytoi, the Japanese-style garden on Chappaquiddick, created a peaceful, meditative space with luminaries to light garden paths for "Illuminate Mytoi," a family-friendly self-guided walk for all ages and abilities.

- The Farm Neck Foundation has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants this calendar year, including \$10,000 each to Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center and SailMV.
- “Waiting To Continue,” a documentary film about the 48 Venezuelan migrants flown to the Vineyard from Texas in September 2022 continues to win accolades with an award for Outstanding Massachusetts Filmmaker at the Arlington Film Festival. The award celebrates the filmmakers, as well as its cultural significance.
- Featherstone Center for the Arts opened its 21st Annual Holiday Gift Show, a seasonal celebration of the Island’s creative community, where approximately 100 Island artists are represented.
- The 31st Octoberfish Tournament offered another opportunity to participate in more saltwater competition after the Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby concluded.
- The family-friendly production of “Granger Things,” an immersive theater and dance show, was performed at the Grange Hall, a co-production of Built On Stilts and Circuit Arts.
- For the first time in the Edgartown Courthouse’s 150-year-old history, fourteen people were sworn in as United States citizens, representing eight different countries, including Ireland, Malaysia, Jamaica and Brazil. All now live in Massachusetts, and two have made permanent homes on the Vineyard.
- Vineyard Haven merchants provided a Main Street Halloween, including fog machines, a bubbling cauldron and other festively spooky touches for all the trick-or-treaters.

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 set a date to start processing reservations for the 2024 summer season: January 30, 2024 at 5am.
- Massachusetts is set to receive \$372 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Sagamore Bridge, one of two bridges that are essential access points to the Vineyard.
- The Steamship Authority needs to update its information technology systems as soon as possible, according to a long-awaited report presented at a joining meeting of the boat line board of governors and port council. Their reservations system is at the heart of the tech problems, and its sole owner is about to retire. Additionally, the

Authority's most experienced staff software developers have also begun retiring. Thomas Innis of Gibbous LLC urged the board to consider information technology as an area of capital investment, rather than an operating expense, as it will likely be expensive.

- State Senator Susan Moran has asked the state auditor to look into the operations of the Steamship Authority to identify the current weaknesses, as well as provide transparency and effective oversight. The comments came during testimony for a bill that would change the Steamship Authority board's voting process to give a greater voice to mainland communities.
- Long-term overnight mooring and slip use in the Oak Bluffs marina during the off-season is no longer following a decision earlier this week by the town's select board. Mike Santoro, chair of the harbor committee, said that the marina's lack of off-season staff and inappropriate use of free electricity and other harbor resources by boat owners led to the rule change. The marina will also be revamping its annual lottery slip policy in an attempt to decrease competition for the spots.
- Rides on the Vineyard Transit Authority will be free through March 31, 2024.
- The Dukes County Commission voted to ask for a special meeting of the Steamship Authority's governing board to discuss the handling of an internal investigation into an incident in July when the M/V Sankaty broke free from its berth in Woods Hole. The documents released by the Authority following a public records request reveal that the captain and crew of the M/V Sankaty were warned about securing the vessel three days before it broke free.
- The Steamship Authority showed off its new website and mobile application for Vineyarders at two public information sessions.
- Tisbury officials are considering a proposal to raise mooring fees at least 10%, as well as Vineyard Haven waters next year. Harbor master John Crocker said that he is also calling for a \$5/hr rise in dockage fees and sharply increasing fees for dinghies, kayaks and paddle boards kept on town property without associated mooring permits. There was a public hearing on the proposed increases.
- The state's office of Coastal Zone Management has awarded Oak Bluffs almost \$170,000 to examine flooding around Martha's Vineyard Hospital and its impact on transportation to and from the facility. The study will focus along Beach Road and the hospital property perimeter to determine how best to protect against erosion. The assessment is expected to be completed by June 2024.
- The M/V Nantucket went back into service after hitting a concrete piling while docking at Oak Bluffs terminal. Tidal and wind conditions contributed to the "hard landing." No injuries were reported and there was no damage to the dock.

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.

December 28 – Trevor Pittinger
December 21 – Courtney Butler
December 14 – Puck Markham
December 7 – Allison Beaven
November 30 – David Vaughn
November 16 – Adam Howard
November 9 – Jay Zavala
November 2 – Erik Brine
September 26 – Jane Hattemer-Stringer
September 19 – Mary Childs
September 12 – Trish LaRose
September 5 – Lisa Brown

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:

December 31 (33:23)
- Peter Halperin of Woodstove Studios
- David Bouck of the Great Pond Foundation

December 24 (31:06)
- Island Community Chorus Holiday Concert

December 17 (30:48)

- Carolyn Stoeber World Market Holiday Shop
- Bill Peek of Island Community Chorus

December 10 (31:32)

- Jason Mazar Kelly of Wholesome MV: Yoga and Wellness

December 3 (28:06)

- MV Regional High School Holiday Pop-Up Market
- Barbara Dacey & Sharon Gamsby of the Bodhi Path

November 26 (28:48)

- Paul Schulz & Hilary Dreyer of Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation
- Luke Lefeber of Vineyard Power

November 19 (27:06)

- Paul Schulz & Hilary Dreyer of Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation

November 12 (28:05)

- Lydia Fischer of the Garden Farm
- Tom Bennett & Bob Tankard of Veterans Support

November 5 (30:20)

- Alley McConnell of MV Shellfish
- Durwood "Woody" Vanderhoop of the Black Brook Singers
- Korrine Altieri of Health Imperatives

October 29 (35:05)

- Rachel Burns of Cancer Culture
- Cancer Support Group
- Alley McConnell of MV Shellfish

October 22 (29:45)

- Abby Bender of Built On Stilts, Creator of "Granger Things" with Circuit Arts
- Noah Mayrand of Tisbury Oyster Company
- Ali Geroche & Scott Mullin of Youth Pride MV

October 15 (29:08)

- Rachel Elion Baird, Hypnotherapist
- Willy Mason of the play "Billy Baloo"

October 8 (30:21)

- Durwood "Woody" Vanderhoop of the Black Brook Singers
- David "Two Arrows" Vanderhoop, Executive Director of Sassafra's Earth Education

October 1 (30:00)

- ACE MV: Executive Director Alex Bullen Coutts and Program Director Sonja Josephson
- Kate Devane of Island Autism Group

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:

December 31 (27:49)

- Eli Sobel of Truro Community Kitchen
- Jae Fisher, VP of Outreach For Nauset Neighbors

December 24 (27:22)

- Trevor Pittinger of the Provincetown Business Guild
- John Reed, Publicist for First Night Chatham

December 17 (29:16)

- Cherie Mittenthal of Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill
- Katri Mullaly, President of Cape Cod Women's Association

December 10 (28:42)

- Nancy Thrasher, President of Wings For Falmouth Families
- Elizabeth York, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Maritime Museum

December 3 (27:04)

- David Vaughn, Trustee of the Margaret Stewart Lindsey Foundation
- Allison Beaven, Artistic Director of the Outer Cape Chorale

November 26 (25:02)

- Puck Markham, Founding Director of Camp Lightbulb
- Courtney Butler, Secretary of Leadership Cape Cod

November 19 (30:46)

- Amy Andreasson, Director of the Eldredge Public Library
- Judy Lindahl, Executive Director of Orleans Chamber of Commerce

November 12 (29:37)

- Sherry Brec, President of the Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter
- Adam Howard, President & Founder of Project Sailing

November 5 (31:56)

- Jay Zavala of the Veterans' Day Tribute Breakfast
- Erik Brine, Co-Founder of Operation Encore

October 29 (32:32)

- Susan Moeller, Board Member of Thacher Hall in Yarmouth
- Susan Vaughn Harris, Publicist for the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth
- Derek Bartlett of the Cape & Islands Paranormal Research Society

October 22 (29:35)

- Jane Hattener-Stringer of the Woods Hole Theater Company
- Lisa Oliver, President of the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod

October 15 (25:45)

- Miranda Daniloff Mancusi of Climate Change Collaborative
- Mary Childs of the Sandwich Glass Museum

October 8 (26:07)

- Trish LaRose, Associate Artist at Cape Rep Theater
- Lisa Brown, Founding Member of Wellfleet Oyster Festival

October 1 (25:22)

- Donna Kutil, Co-Chair of Sandwich Festival
- Darren Eldredge of the Cape Cod Dart League