

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **HEALTH** – Physical health and disease were our most covered topics as the New Year began. We discussed tackling pathogens, heart health, Alzheimer’s, Menthol cigarette’s effects on black Americans, COPD, and sleep disorders. We also saluted health care workers.
- B. **FINANCE** – Finance was a big topic. We talked about credit debt, how to achieve good credit, taxes in the new year, proper budgeting, inflation, and medical debt with assistance available.
- C. **CRIME/SECURITY** – We focused on political power and crime, civil rights, civil liberties, cyber security and staying safe online, and building a personal security plan.
- D. **MENTAL HEALTH** – We addressed alcoholism, family care giving and its mental stress, and gaslighting in a marriage and its effects on the family.
- E. **HOUSING** – We covered the city’s programs to create more affordable housing and grant programs available to do so.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“Sunday Morning Townsquare” is a locally produced **30-minute program that airs every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.** on all five Grand Rapids stations. The program log for this show is set forth below.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
1/1/23	A “Best of” program for New Year’s Day – Toni Trucks, actress and current series regular on CBS’s SEAL Team. She’s from Michigan and a U of M grad and talked about her career in theatre, film and TV. Singer Bonnie Tyler – talked about her career over the past 4 decades, her chart topping hit “Total Eclipse of the Heart” and more.
1/8/22	Mental Health, Alcoholism – Hannah Reed, a Wedgwood Christian Services therapist in Grand Rapids addressed sobriety in the New Year for both the individual going through the alcohol journey and support needed from family and friends. American Crime, Politics – Author Beverly Gage discussed her book, G-MAN: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century. She spoke about 20 th -century American politics, presidential power, civil rights, party politics, crime and civil liberties, communism and anticommunism.
1/15/23	Personal Finance – Radhiki Duggal, financial expert and Chief Strategy & Marketing Officer of Super, discussed credit, having good credit and a good credit score and it impact on personal credit cards, insurance premiums, and more.

	<p>Finance/Medical Debt – Mary Smith, former Counselor at U.S. Department of Justice and currently Vice Chair of VENG Group, discussed the problems of medical debt, surprise medical billings, proper insurance and Medicare.</p>
1/22/23	<p>Diet and New Year’s Resolutions – Johnna French, creator of the food website, Johnna Knows Good Food, discussed proper eating, ways to create and stick to a healthy eating New Year’s resolution.</p> <p>Care Giving, Elder Care – Wendy Fox-Grage, Senior Policy Fellow for the National Academy for State Health Policy at the John Hartford Foundation, discussed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services national strategy on family caregiving and what this could mean in improving the care of older adults.</p> <p>Health/Viruses and Infections – Dr. Robynne Chutkan, a gastroenterologist and faculty member at Georgetown University Hospital discussed her book, The Anti-Viral Gut: Tackling Pathogens From the Inside Out.</p>
1/29/23	<p>Finances/Taxes – Mark Steber, Chief Tax Information Officer, Jackson Hewitt, discussed the new regulations for this tax year, how filers can best prepare their documents, and is filing early the right thing to do.</p> <p>Health/Cardiovascular Medicine – Dr. Ronald Grifka, Chief Medical Officer, University of Michigan Health-West, discussed the newest advances in cardiovascular medicine and surgery.</p> <p>Health/COPD – Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos of the American Lung Association, discussed COPD affecting over 12-million Americans, and the Lung Associations awareness campaign.</p>
2/5/23	<p>Veteran Services – Maribeth Groen of Heart of West Michigan United Way discussed their Operation United that sends teams of volunteers out to homes of veterans and active military members to do basic outdoor home repair and landscaping.</p> <p>Black History Month - Sarah Olson, from the Grand Rapids Public Museum, discussed the museum’s programs, displays and educational programs for Black History Month.</p> <p>Cyber Security – Michasel Sinno, Google cybersecurity expert discussed ways to spot online scams, keeping your own accounts safe, and how kids can browse the internet safely.</p>
2/12/23	<p>Pet Safety – Joel Silverman, dog trainer and host of Animal Planet’s “Good Dog U,” discussed the proper training of a dog to keep them happy and safe.</p>
2/19/23	<p>Jobs & Labor Shortage – Allison Nicolaidis, President of the Power Tools Group at Stanley Black & Decker, discussed the nationwide labor shortage in the skilled trades, and the DEWALT Trades Scholarship and educational programs for young people considering the skilled trades.</p> <p>Mental Health – Attorney Joryn Jenkins, discussed “gaslighting” and how to recognize the warning signs, how it affects children in the marriage, and how to prove gaslighting in court.</p>

2/26/23	<p>Finances – Robin Growley from Bank of America, discussed savings and budgeting to help consumers reach financial goals in a time of inflation.</p> <p>Health – Carol McGruder, co-chair of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, discussed a proposed ban on Menthol cigarettes which have specifically been targeting the African American community and the impact on Black health and lives.</p>
3/5/23	<p>Health Care – Author and artist, Kimberly Johnson discussed her latest art work and video “These Walls” which is a salute to health care workers.</p> <p>Affordable Housing – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the city’s drive to build more affordable housing for the underserved and grant money available for developers to use specifically for housing.</p>
3/12/23	<p>Inflation and Pets – Charlotte Reed, host of the syndicated radio show, The Pet Buzz, discussed how inflation is affecting pet owners. She spoke about the rising rate of surrenders and offered solutions to help owners manage</p>
3/19/23	<p>Business Development – Ryan Bohuis from Grand Rapids Downtown Market, and Kirel Shaw, Chef/Owner of Street Chef Shaw, discussed the Downtown Markets Incubator Kitchen concept and how it is helping black-owned food businesses develop and grow.</p> <p>Crime and Personal Safety – Robert Mazur, former undercover agent who infiltrated the Pablo Escobar Drug Cartel, discussed how people can build a security plan and combine human intelligence along with artificial intelligence to help.</p>
3/26/23	<p>Sleep Disorder – Dr. Carlos Nunex, Chief Medical Officer/ResMed, discussed sleep disorders affecting millions of Americans, the problems, causes and ways to improve sleep.</p> <p>Health/Alzheimer’s – Dr. Thomas Obisesan from Howard University, discussed how Alzheimer’s disease is affecting the black and African American population in greater numbers and offered tips to stay on top of brain health.</p>