



**WQCP-FM / Fort Pierce, Florida**

**Quarterly Issues/Programs Report**

**Quarter 4 - 2022**

**October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**



## In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 4 - 2022

### WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:

Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)

Sunday 6:00-6:30 AM (30 Minutes)

### WQCP 91.1 FM - Airtimes:

Saturday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)

Monday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)

### WQJS 88.5 FM Airtimes:

Saturday 7:00-7:30 AM (30 Minutes)

Monday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)



This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we talk about death with dignity. Tony Ray is the founder of Florida Death With Dignity. The organization wants to make it possible for Floridians with a terminal illness the choice to end their lives, with dignity. He founded the organization after witnessing the pain suffered by several family member who died without that right. They're seeking passage of a medical aid in dying law in Florida, similar to such laws in other states. Then we'll hear from Stacy Benezra, the Community Impact Coordinator for the United Way of Indian River County. She'll tell us about the return of their Day of Caring event, coming up on Saturday October 15th. It's a chance for local County agencies and non-profits in need to take advantage of some free manpower provided by United Way volunteers who can help those organizations get some work done around their offices or grounds.

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9/30/2022

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### WQCP-FM

10/1/2022

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### WQJS-FM

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### Issues:

**HEALTH/MEDICINE**

**VOLUNTEERISM**

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<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, a conversation with Susan Mehiel, the communications officer for the Alliance for Safe Trains. The Alliance has launched a petition drive to postpone Brightline's plans to start testing its trains at 110 MPH through Martin and St. Lucie Counties. The testing is scheduled to begin Monday October 17. The Alliance wants assurances that everything possible has been done to ensure that its safe to run trains at that speed through the Treasure Coast. Then we'll turn to the Florida's Home insurance market after Hurricane Ian. We spoke with Mark Friedlander, the Communications Director for the Insurance Information Institute. The Institute projects that Ian will end up being the second-largest property loss event in U.S. history, with more than \$60 million dollars in losses. Florida's home insurance market was already in crisis before the hurricane and it's in worse shape now. Friedlander expects to see more insures go bankrupt and worst of all, home insurance rates in Florida are likely to surge again next year, possible by as much as 40%.</p>	10/7/2022	10/8/2022	10/8/2022
	10/9/2022	10/10/2022	10/10/2022
		<b>Issues:</b> <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION</b> <b>INSURANCE</b>	
<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we welcome Jerome Gayman, the President of the Grand Bassa County Association of North America. The Association will be celebrating the Bi-Centennial of Liberia with a symposium here on the campus of Indian River State College on Friday October 28 and a gala dinner at the Pelican Yacht Club on Saturday October 29th. Jerome will tell us about that, and about Liberia, the African country where he was born and the unique story of its founding back in 1822. Then we talk with Gigi Suntum, the Executive Director of Caring Children Clothing Children, otherwise known as the 4-C's. They got started more than 25 years ago providing clothing to school aged children, for free. Gigi will tell us how they got started making a difference in children's lives and about their annual fundraiser, the 26th Annual Caring Children Clothing Children Golf Tournament on October 22.</p>	10/14/2022	10/15/2022	10/15/2022
	10/16/2022	10/17/2022	10/17/2022
		<b>Issues:</b> <b>EDUCATION</b> <b>HISTORY</b> <b>HEALTH/MEDICINE</b>	

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Brightline from both sides. We start off with Katie Mitzner the Director of Brightline Public Affairs. She'll tell us about the start of 110 mph testing by Brightline along the treasure coast which began this week and the steps they've taken to ensure safety. Then we'll hear from Susan Mehiel of the Alliance for Safe Trains. The Alliance has launched a petition drive to urge the Governor and the Florida Department of Transportation to take steps to curb Brightline's speeds and make safety a top priority. Then a conversation with Tracey Dean, the President and CEO of Conservation Florida, a statewide land conservancy whose primary focus is the protection of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. The corridor runs from the keys to the panhandle. Its purpose is the preservation of an unbroken path of open land, wilderness, farm and grazing land to help preserve the flora and fauna of our state, and it was discovered by a wandering bear.</p>	10/21/2022	10/22/2022	10/22/2022
	10/23/2022	10/24/2022	10/24/2022
		<p><b>Issues:</b>  <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>  <b>TRANSPORTATION</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>  <b>WILDLIFE</b></p>	
<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we speak with Bonnie Matz, the Executive Director of St. Francis Manor in Vero Beach and Linda Monaldi, the Communications and Development Coordinator for the Manor. St. Francis Manor provides affordable housing for seniors over the age of 62 and you may be surprised that in Vero Beach the need is great and the waiting list for an apartment at the Manor is more than a year. They'll tell us about that need and the big fundraiser they've planned on November 12 to help ease it. Then will hear from Dr. Joan Ortega-Cowen, the President of the Vero Beach Opera and her daughter Tania Ortega Cowen who is the marketing director for the Opera. The Vero Beach Opera has developed a national and international reputation with annual productions that have drawn on top talent from the Metropolitan Opera in New York and elsewhere.</p>	10/28/2022	10/29/2022	10/29/2022
	10/30/2022	10/31/2022	10/31/2022
		<p><b>Issues:</b>  <b>HOUSING</b>  <b>ELDER CARE</b>  <b>ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT</b></p>	

This Week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, the Gifford Youth Orchestra (GYO) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a 'Diamonds and Crystals Gala'. GYO Founder and Chairman Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol and Legal Advisor attorney Marcus Rogers are both here to tell us about it. It takes place on February 23rd next year. Then we'll talk with Jennifer Yormak, the Co-Founder and Artistic Director of StarStruck Academy and Theatre in Stuart. StarStruck has been inspiring children along the Treasure Coast for over 20 years, and what a season of performances they have coming up. Topping the bill this season is 'Fiddler on the Roof'.

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**Issues:**  
**EDUCATION**  
**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT**

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, The Atlantic Classical Orchestra, a new season is coming up and Executive Director Cindy Roden is here to tell us about it, along with Conductor David Amado who will share his insights on the art of conducting and he'll talk about the importance of classical music and its power to enrich our lives. Then we'll speak with Janeen Mason a noted artist, author and curator at the Lighthouse Arts Center, Gallery, and Art school in Tequesta. She's here to tell us about two new exhibits at Lighthouse. The art of Hunt Slonem, and an exhibit of contemporary ceramics from artist all over the country.

11/11/2022

11/12/2022

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This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we visit with Cynthia Callander, one of the Directors at the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation, the literary heart of Indian River County. The Foundation will soon be celebrating its 30th anniversary and they've invited one of Florida's most celebrated writers to speak at the event they're calling - 'Laughing Out Loud with Carl Hiaasen'. Then we'll speak with Tykes and Teens CEO Anne Posey about their 15th Anniversary fundraiser the 'Festival of Trees and Lights'. Tykes and Teens has been serving the mental health needs of young people on the Treasure Coast for the past 25 years and Director of Operations Jay Biscanin will also be with us to talk about the services they provide.

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**Issues:**  
**EDUCATION**  
**HISTORY**  
**LITERATURE**  
**MENTAL HEALTH**

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we'll hear about the First St. Lucie Youth Con, an opportunity for youth voices to be heard. Its taking place on Saturday December 10 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Port St. Lucie at the IRSC Pruitt Campus STEM Center. Kevin Singletary the Project Coordinator for the Kids at Hope Project tells us that he believes "this conference will impact the youth of this community for years to come." Singletary is joined by Jovil Wharton, the Project Coordinator of Drug Free St. Lucie, another one of the many community partners in the Roundtable of St. Lucie County. Then we'll hear about the Carnival of Lights at the Martin County Fairgrounds, it gets underway this weekend. This is the second annual Christmas time spectacular featuring Christmas lighting displays in all kinds of shapes, as well as 'A Castle Christmas', which is a digital light show featuring music and singing trees. The Carnival of Lights is a fund raiser needed to help pay for the Martin County Fair's big plans to move from their cramped quarters in Stuart out to Indiantown. Jay Spicer, the Director and Manager of the Martin County Fair joins us to talk about the big plans the Fair has once they raise enough money to move to the new site.

11/25/2022  
11/27/2022

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**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT**

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we'll hear from Phillip Bergmann the Artistic Advisor for Classical Music at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. The Center is celebrating its 30th Season of artistic excellence. Hundreds of world renowned orchestras and artists have performed at this classical venue over the years, and many others are coming to perform this season thanks to Phillip who has lined up a series of concerts to help celebrate three decades of great performances at the Kravis Center. Then we speak with Joan Friedman, the Executive Director of the Heathcote Botanical Gardens. She joins us to talk about their annual Garden of Lights, underway now. The Gardens is one of the gems of St. Lucie County. It's a place of botanical beauty that inspires and serves as a resource for the conservation of our environment.</p>	12/2/2022	12/3/2022	12/3/2022
	12/4/2022	12/5/2022	12/5/2022
		<p><b>Issues:</b>  <b>ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>  <b>EDUCATION</b></p>	
<p>This Week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Handel's Messiah. Dr. Michael Carter, the Minister of Music and Worship at the First Baptist Church in Vero Beach will lead the 53rd annual performance of this famous oratorio composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel. It takes place on Sunday December 18th at 4 pm at the Vero Beach Baptist Church, and its first come, first seated, there is no fee to hear this classic work. Then we'll talk about 'LIVE from Vero Beach', which is celebrating its 10th anniversary of bringing both great original artists and tribute bands to the Treasure Coast. We speak with Rusty Young the Founder of Music Works and Co-Producer of LIVE from Vero Beach and Producer Marty Paris of Paris Productions. Judy Collins, who was the first performer to kick-off the series 10-years ago, is coming back to perform again at the 10th Anniversary Concert on Thursday January 19.</p>	12/9/2022	12/10/2022	12/10/2022
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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, 'Remember for Change' an organization founded by Melanie Trewyn who lost a daughter to a drunk driver less than two-years ago. She's turned her grief into a campaign to get tough on underage drinkers and the bartenders who serve them. Joining her is Devin Davis, a Senior from Fort Pierce Central High School. He's also president of the school's Leo Club and he's recruiting some students to join the 'Remember for a Change' rally on February 7. Then we'll talk about 'HealthyU', a public health outreach program created by Pat Roberts, who is the Deputy Director at the City of Port St. Lucie's Parks and Recreation Department. She established the program after losing her son to fentanyl. The aim of 'HealthyU' is to connect those suffering from emotional or physical trauma with the support services they need to enhance their quality of life.</p>	12/16/2022	12/17/2022	12/17/2022
	12/18/2022	12/19/2022	12/19/2022
		<p><b>Issues:</b>  <b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>  <b>HEALTH/MEDICINE</b>  <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>  <b>EDUCATION</b>  <b>DRUG ABUSE</b></p>	
<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, The Guardians of Martin County, an organization that is dedicated to the preservation of the rural character of Martin County. We hear from the Peter Conze, the President of the Board of Directors who'll talk about the priorities of the organization, including the Guardian's views on the County's Growth Management Plan, the Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative and Brightline. Then our subject is the high cost of rents. Jon Leckie, a researcher with Rent.com who has analyzed rent data from the U.S. Department of Housing and found that rent prices in Florida have begun to ease. He'll give us some insight into why they've surged so high in the past few years and what can be done to lower prices even more. However, he cautions we shouldn't expect a return to pre-pandemic rent levels any time soon.</p>	12/30/2022	12/31/2022	12/31/2022
	1/1/2023	1/2/2023	1/2/2023
		<p><b>Issues:</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>  <b>HOUSING</b>  <b>SMART GROWTH</b></p>	