

Inside Cape Cod
Quarterly Issues Report
2016 Fourth Quarter

The top issues for 2016 include substance abuse, homelessness, the environment, health and wellness, and economic development.

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2016 Issues List

1. Substance Abuse

State leaders have identified opiate abuse as an epidemic across Massachusetts. A recent County assessment of substance abuse said the same, and also called alcoholism an endemic problem on Cape Cod. The issue affects those of all genders, ages, races, and socio-economic status.

2. Mental Health

We'll take a look at mental health issues across the board- as they relate to young people, the elderly, veterans, the homeless, in an effort to best inform our audience about the broad range of issues, and ways to help.

3. Homelessness

The issue of homelessness, especially in the downtown Hyannis area, is under scrutiny and is in the public eye. What are our local governments and public service agencies doing to combat the problem? How can we help transition people from life in the woods to life in a home?

4. 2016 Politics: Local & National Elections

An open Senate seat, an open State Representative seat, a Presidential election – and much more. Election 2016 coverage will include interviews with candidates on the issues of importance to aid our audience in making informed and intelligent decisions at the polls.

5. Housing

Many Cape Codders struggle with finding a decent place to live. With high housing costs and low salaries and wages, it's nearly impossible for many to buy or rent. We'll take a look at "Housing that's affordable" versus "Affordable Housing", talk with leaders and industry professionals about solutions to this problem.

6. Environment: Wastewater

The Cape Cod Commission recently completed its update of the Section 208 Water Quality Plan. Now, it's time for Cape Cod towns to implement solutions set forth in the document. We'll take a look at what our towns are doing now, the effort to deal with the issue on a regional basis, and discuss funding sources.

7. Economic Development

Tourism and the Cape's seasonal economy on one side; the need for sustainable, well-paying, year-round jobs on the other. What are Cape Cod's leaders doing to work towards a sustainable economic future? How does our natural environment tie in? How can we keep more jobs and more people on "this side" of the bridge?

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8. Environment: Climate Change

There's no question that the Cape's geography makes it extremely vulnerable to climate change. Will we lose shoreline? How are we planning for the future? What are the threats and concerns? How can we as individuals prepare for climate change or work to help reverse its effects?

9. Multi-Modal Transportation / Traffic Issues

One bridge, two bridges, or three? Buses, trains, or bicycles? What's the best way to get to or around Cape Cod? We'll explore upcoming transit projects, everything from intersection improvements to the possibility of new bridge construction, updates on bike path extensions and "share the road" efforts.

10. Local Quality of Life & Community Awareness

Discussions with local non-profits and/or business leaders working to make a difference on Cape Cod.

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Issue: Energy, Sustainability
Date: October 9, 2016; October 16, 2016
Length: 28:06
David Anthony, Barnstable Rep to Cape Light Compact
Austin

Grid Modernization - Energy company Nstar's plan to upgrade and modernize the local electric grid. Goals costs and concerns are discussed.

Issue: Substance Use
Date: October 23, 2016
Length: 29:33

Beth Albert, Barnstable County Human Services, Co-Chair Regional Substance Use Council

BCHS Director Beth Albert discusses the work of the Regional Substance Use Council, a new media campaign geared toward positive prevention, and a parenting summit set for Nov 20.

Issue: Economic Development, Arts and Culture
Date: October 30, 2016
Length: 15:00

Julie Wake, Executive Director, Arts Foundation of Cape Cod

Arts Foundation of Cape Cod Executive Director Julie Wake discusses the mission of the Arts Foundation, and the upcoming Creative Exchange conference, set for November 1st in Hyannis.

Issue: Arts and Culture
Date: October 30, 2016
Length: 15:00

Stephanie Weaver, Executive Director, Cape Conservatory
Jane Caputo, Youth Ballet

The Cape Conservatory is preparing for its 60th anniversary and planning a concert, which will be held at CCCC's Tilden Arts Center, will feature: the Cape Youth Orchestra, Conservatory Jazz Big Band, Conservatory Youth Ballet, Cape Cod Children's Chorus, CJazz, and the Adult All-Stars.

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Conservatory Artistic Director John Yankee has written a specially-commissioned new piece in honor of the Conservatory that will be debuted in a collage performance of the various ensembles.

Issue: education

Date: November 13, 2016; December 18, 2016

Length: 27:00

Robert Sanborn, Superintendent, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
Erin Orcutt, Business Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School is planning a major upgrade of its Harwich facility. Superintendent Robert Sanborn and Business Administrator Erin Orcutt discuss the plan options and the need for a regional vote on funding that will take place on October 24, 2017.

Issue: Environment, Tourism

Date: December 4, 2016; December 11, 2016

Length: 27:00

Jill Talladay, Director, CARE for the Cape and islands
Mary Ann Agresti, Architect, Board Member, CARE for the Cape and Islands

Jill Talladay, Director of CARE for the Cape and Islands and Mary Ann Agresti, architect and board member of CARE discuss the organization's efforts to encourage, support and create opportunities for visitors to Cape Cod to donate their "time, talent, and treasure" to help preserve and protect the things they travel here to see and enjoy. Recently funded projects and ways the organization connects with philanthropically minded travelers are discussed.