

**Inside Cape Cod**  
Quarterly Issues Report  
2016 Third Quarter

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

The third quarter of the month had a bit of a heavier focus on events and happenings, as it falls during the busy summer tourist season on Cape Cod. We continued to pay attention to our issues list, conducting interviews with local leaders on substance abuse.

As we are gearing up for the busy summer season on Cape Cod, our second quarter also featured a number of interviews geared towards community awareness 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**

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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?

**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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**Program Notes**

Issue: Health and Wellness, Economic Development

Date: July 10, 2016; July 17, 2016

Length: 28:06

Kate Sheehan, Co-Founder, Love Yoga Fest

Susannah Van der Wende, Yoga Instructor

The third annual Love Yoga Fest, held on Aselton Park at Hyannis Harbor, is discussed.

Issue: Substance Abuse

Date: July 24, 2016; July 31, 2016

Length: 30:45

Randy Hunt, State Representative, 5th Barnstable District

State Representative Randy Hunt discusses the issue of substance abuse, the impact on the community, the work the Legislation is doing in terms of prevention and treatment, and an upcoming Town Hall style forum to discuss the matter.

Issue: Health and Wellness

Date: August 7, 2016

Length: 16:20

Lisa Guyon, Director of Community Benefits, Cape Cod Healthcare

A discussion about the community benefits arm of Cape Cod Healthcare and the annual strategic grants process and program, including 200k in grants available for organizations focused on community based programs that connect patients with important care, such as wellness training and healthy food available at local food banks.

Issue: Health and Wellness

Date: August 14, 2016

Length: 14:35

Cheryl Osimo, Mass Breast Cancer Coalition

The important issue of breast cancer on Cape Cod and efforts to increase treatment and prevention are discussed, along with fundraising events Against the Tide and the Falmouth Road Race.

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Date: August 28, 2016

Length: 15:00

Medical Marijuana

Kasey Kinsella, Outreach Manager, William Noyes Webster Foundation

Jane Heatley, Founder, William Noyes Webster Foundation

Founder of the William Noyes Webster Foundation discusses efforts to launch a medical marijuana dispensary on Cape Cod and outlines a public patient information forum.

Issue: Public Safety

Date: August 28, 2016

Length: 15:00

Dino Mitrokostas

Following an accident in which he struck and killed a young man on a dark, unlit road, restaurateur Dino Mitrokostas has launched a campaign to “light the kids” and provide safety equipment to children.

Issue: Education / Special Needs

Date: September 7, 2016

Length: 27:26

Brian Blair, Clinical Director Cape Abilities

Dr. Michael Dorsey, Endicott College

CapeAbilities and Endicott College have partnered to offer advanced degree options on Cape Cod for those wishing to enhance their ability to work with special needs folks on Cape Cod. The discussion focuses on the start of the second cohort.

Issue: Unity / Local Quality of Life & Community

Date: September 11, 2016

Length: 32:43

Humanities professor and Cape Cod Times columnist Larry Brown discusses the state of our union - the unity we felt after the 9/11 tragedies and how we can get back to being more united as a country.

Issue: Local Quality of Life & Community

Date: September 18, 2016

Length: 15 minutes

Kelsey Ellis - Event Director

DeWitt Davenport - Davenport Companies

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The annual Seaside Lemans event raised more than \$600,000 for the Cape Cod community. Race organizers recap the day and discuss how the funds raised will benefit several non-profit organizations on Cape Cod.

Issue: Economic Development

Date: September 18, 2016

Length: 15 minutes

Anne Van Vleck, Executive Director, CCYP

As CCYP prepares for its 10th annual Back to Business Bash, Executive Director Anne Van Vleck provides an update on the work the organization is doing to connect, engage and advance Cape Cod's younger population.

Issue: Economic Development

Length: 20 Minutes

Date: September 24, 2016

Noelle Pina, Executive Director, Orleans Chamber of Commerce

Noelle Pina discusses efforts to push economic development in Orleans and the upcoming ClamBQ event.