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Show: Community Connections Airdate: 5/16/21 Airtime: 5:30am

Guest(s): Jean Sideris, Executive Director, Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Topic: We discuss the state of Maine's highways and byways when it comes to bicycle use, and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine's advocacy for sufficient accommodation for bicyclists on public ways. Bike Maine ensures that bicyclists have a seat at the table when major road construction projects are proposed, through their Community Spokes program. We also discuss the UN Global Road Safety Week initiative, designed to bring attention to the need for safer spaces for bicyclists.

Show: Community Connections

Airdate 5/23/21

Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Katie Luce, Development and Community Engagement Director, Habitat For Humanity Seven Rivers

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Airdate 5/30/21

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Airdate 6/13/21

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Airdate 6/20/21

Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Eddie Scott, American Red Cross
Jeremy Moreau, Scarborough Fire Department

Topic: While much of society and the economy has fully reopened as the pandemic situation improves, the need for blood has never been greater due to three factors: elective surgeries that had been postponed during the pandemic are now going forward, more trauma events are occurring with more vehicles on the road, and the usual summer season dips in regular donations are also under way. We discuss the need to make donations of not only blood, but plasma as well. We pay special attention to a blood drive in Scarborough, organized by a local firefighter whose niece required crucial transfusions during leukemia treatment.

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Airdate 6/27/21

Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Jaime Parker, Trails and Transportation Manager, Portland Trails

Topic: Portland Trails manages and maintains approximately 80 miles of various trails in the Greater Portland area. We discuss these trails' importance not only for recreational use, but also as a way of practical non-motorized transportation, and as a method of keeping neighborhoods and communities connected. We discuss how crucial these trails were at the outset of the pandemic, providing people with a safe place for outdoor activity, and some of the different ways Portland Trails raises funds to help maintain the trails, including a major two-day scavenger hunt event in July.

Respectfully submitted,

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