

The following is a list of some of the more significant community issues addressed by WAAC/WGOV/WGUN for the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear, intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issues.

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT: WAAC FM

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1. Issue: FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Date/Time: 10/04 2pm

Duration: 1 HR

Prevention week Oct. 9-15 to educate everyone about fire safety by developing and practicing a home escape plan with all members of their household. Safety tips focus on home escape planning and practice must meet the needs of all family members, including those with physical disabilities. Smoke alarms in sleeping rooms, on every level of the home and interconnected. Know two ways out of every room, have an outside meeting place, practice home fire drills during the day and at night.

2. Issue: LOVE YOUR RIVER 'CLEANUP 'RIVERS ALIVE '

Date/Time: 10/11 2pm

Duration: 1 HR

Meghan Barwick, Public Information Officer: Scheduled for Oct 28th. This is extremely important after the many spills this year. Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta are jointly organizing a river cleanup in both the city and county, at Troupville Boat Ramp on the Little River, at Highway 31 GA/FL Line on the Withlacoochee River and Naylor Boat Ramp, and Valdosta with two cleanup sites, one at Drexel Park and Sugar Creek at Hightower Circle.

3. Issue: GEORGIA RENTAL ASSISTANCE NOT WORKING

Date/Time: 10/18 2pm

Duration: 1 HR

South Georgia renters need immediate help or they'll become homeless soon. Georgia's Rental Assistance program isn't working. The Partnership to End Homelessness is working with many people to try and get them some assistance but Valdosta residents have fallen behind on their rent and utility bills. Over 150 applications for the program were reviewed and approved with pending payments then not even 5 days later, they were denied.

4. Issue: GEORGIA SNAP WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW PT 1

Date/Time: 10/25 2pm

Duration: 1 HR

Georgia residents get their benefits paid on the same schedule every month. Payments are distributed beginning on the fifth of the month and based on the last two digits of your SNAP ID number. SNAP benefits to low-income households are sent through the Georgia Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Georgia SNAP EBT cards can be used at most grocery stores and certain other retail locations. Part 2 next week

5. Issue: GEORGIA SNAP WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW PT 2

Date/Time: 11/01 2pm

Duration: 1 HR

SNAP benefits may be used to purchase fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, breads, cereals, snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages. You cannot use SNAP benefits to buy alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, vitamins, medicines, supplements, live animals, pet foods, cleaning supplies, paper products and cosmetics. You cannot use SNAP to buy hot meals prepared at the point of sale.

6. Issue: GEORGIA MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Date/Time: 11/08 2PM Duration: 1 HR

Millions of dollars have helped Georgia homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments during the pandemic. To qualify for help, homeowners have to prove that hardships caused by the pandemic led to issues paying their mortgage. Depending on the situation and a family's income, a homeowner can get as much as \$50,000. Make sure when applying you have all your documents ready to upload with copies of past mortgage statements.

7. Issue: GEORGIA CASH ASSISTANCE CARDS HACKED Date/Time: 11/15 2PM Duration: 1 HR

More than 1.2 million Georgians have claimed their \$350 from the state's cash assistance program unfortunately people are having problems using the card and believe they've been hacked. The Department of Human Services warns tons of phishing schemes out there and plenty of bad actors who will do whatever they can to steal your money. If you suspect fraud call the police before you call DHS— 1-833-907-0683.

8. Issue: BIG STORMS HEADING OUR WAY Date/Time: 11/29 2PM Duration: 1 HR

Severe storms are rumbling towards Georgia and could deliver tornadoes, damaging winds and hail. The largest potential for severe weather includes tornadoes, large hail and strong winds. Severe thunderstorms in our area in the fall and winter can be extremely impactful and may sometimes catch people off guard as thunderstorms tend to occur less frequently during our cooler months. Be prepared and sign up for code red.

9. Issue: HIV PREVENTION Date/Time: 12/13 2PM Duration: 1 HR

Access to care and medication is key to HIV prevention in our state. A program focused on a spectrum of social services for HIV-positive Georgians aims to help more people access free or low-cost care, HIV testing and medication, as well as fight the stigmas associated with the disease. According to federal government's Health Resources and Services Administration's most recent data, close to 2000 people in Georgia were diagnosed with HIV in 2020.

10. Issue: NEW GA LAWS THAT KICK IN JANUARY 1ST Date/Time: 12/20 2PM Duration: 1 HR

New laws enacted during the 2022 legislature will kick in January 1st including a bill making it easier for food trucks to do business. House Bill 424 provides a tax credit for contributions to nonprofits for foster children. Senate Bill 361 provides a dollar-for-dollar income tax credit on contributions to public safety initiatives. Senate Bill 87 provides income tax credits for contributions to scholarships for service-disabled veterans.