

ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WOHZ, WRIE, WXKC, WXTA, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 10/1/2021 to 12/31/2021. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Agency/Representative	Program/Date/Time	Description of issues covered/Duration
<p>1. Katie Kretz, Executive Director, Deborah Pazmiño, Director of Immigration, Eddie Ocasio, Employment Manager, Multicultural Community Resource Center</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 03, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1.DIVERSITY-During Hispanic Heritage Month, we learned that MCRC actually started as the Hispanic American Council, & for the most part, was a way to preserve the cultural heritage of the Latino community – and to provide some social events. It grew when they received a grant to do refugee social services – so they branched out to help many other populations with interpreters, case management, and employment services, since Erie is a resettlement town. That’s when they changed their name. Heard how they were not able to have a Hispanic Festival this year, so they are having a health fair this year to help community members. Learned the difference between saying someone is Hispanic or Latino and talked about people’s misconceptions of MCRC and Latinos. Learned that many people from Puerto Rico have come to Erie for many reasons, but – because they are already US citizens, it is hard to find programs that will help them right now. Got information on how the community can help – monetarily, donations, volunteering, and if you have a business that could employ some (especially non-English speaking community members) how to reach out. 30m</p>
<p>1. Scott Mitchell, Executive Director, Erie Zoo</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 10, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. CULTURE/CONSERVATION - Learned about the endangered species that the zoo contributes to, and the breeding programs that also helps with species whose numbers are dwindling (including monarch butterflies) Talked about how the zoo was affected by COVID and that they have been lucky not to have had any issues with their animals being infected. Talked about the improvements that have already been done – and the expansion and changes that are coming. Heard about their fundraiser, ZooBOO and how to volunteer. 30m</p>

<p>1. Dr Christopher Gray, President, Erie County Community College (EC3)</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 17, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. EDUCATION – Learned that right now all Erie County residents can attend the community college at no cost for tuition, because of support from County Council, they hope that they will be able to continue that through the first graduating class in the next 2-3years (after they have been accredited – which they can’t do until they have their first graduating class) – after that, financial assistance will be available. When they decide where the home base is, they still plan on having satellite locations, in partnerships with other places (like they are doing now, until they get a home base) to meet the students where they are. Learned they will also be working on having a fund that can help students that have smaller hardships, that would keep them from staying in school. Learned about the many programs they have to assist students with counseling, tutoring, etc to set students up for success. 30m</p>
<p>1. Wendy Wallace, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels Erie</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 24, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. HUNGER- Learned that Meals and Wheels Erie is celebrating 50 years in our area. Heard about the 4 programs they offer to help to keep our elderly, homebound disabled adults, and our veterans stay in their homes – a private pay program for seniors over age 60 – a free delivery for those permanently disability – a free veterans’ program over age 60 and a grocery delivery program. Talked about how some programs are covered under insurance – and the others are offered at a lesser amount that is available through regular delivery services to those who do not meet the income guidelines for the free program offered at GECAC. Learned they are always looking for volunteers, since they have expanded their service area, since COVID 30m</p>

<p>1. Natalie Massing, Marketing & Media Coordinator for Second Harvest Food Bank in Northwest Pennsylvania</p>		<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 14, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. HUNGER- Talked about how our Food Bank is the umbrella over 11 counties in NWPA, providing for food pantries, emergency shelters and agencies. Reviewed their programs that include backpack programs for children to take home for the weekend from school, food boxes for qualifying seniors and veterans and the produce express program. Learned that they are a member of Feeding American and get support from them, local businesses, the public and volunteers. Also, heard about the program through Feeding America that helps connect businesses that have extra food at the end of their work day (sandwiches & such) that can be distributed to local agencies to feed their clients, instead of putting that food in the land fill - through meal connect.org and a new app. Learned how to get involved with an upcoming food drive – and how to get involved with volunteering. 30m</p>

<p>1. Erie Mayor, Joe Schember</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 21, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. PUBLIC SAFETY-Sent condolences about the recent loss of 2 police officers to COVID, and discussed how they have regulations from the Erie Co. Dept of Health in place at the Court House and City Hall to keep people as safe as possible. Learned about where some of the ARP money has already gone, and what they are hoping to do with more of those funds. Including helping those hit hardest by the pandemic, which, in many cases are minorities and the underserved. Learned that the plan is to put into place programs that will help families generationally, not just short term. Talked about some of the positive changes that are coming to Erie. 30m</p>
<p>1. Kimberly Danylko Program Director Hope on Horseback Therapeutic Riding Center</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 28, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. HEALTH - Heard that Kim had to change the name of the Therapeutic Riding and Equestrian Center (TREC) - once we had the opening of our Tom Ridge Environmental Center (also known as TREC) - because of confusion, and sometimes loss of funding. Learned that she got the idea for therapeutic riding when she was injured in a skiing accident and was reading about how horses were making a difference with children with physical special needs. Kim talked with someone she worked with in 4H – and they decided to take action. She now works with children and adults with physical and emotional challenges, including a program for our veterans. Studies have shown that veterans that worked with horses had an 85% decrease in PTSD. Some of the programs, including the vets program had to be slowed down (or put on hold) because of COVID, but they are working hard to bring them back. They do training for volunteers over the winter, so we talked about how to get involved.30m</p>

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<p>1. Mary Rogers, Executive Director of the Northwestern PA Chapter, American Red Cross</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Dec 05, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1.PUBLIC SAFETY- Found out that the Red Cross was founded in 1881, but really Clara Barton started doing work helping troops even earlier than that. The Red Cross still serves the military, as well as helping with disasters – including help with fires and floods locally. The military looks to the Red Cross to help confirm any emergencies state-side and then help contact the person in the military if they have to come home for that emergency. They still have military hubs world-wide, and they also work with the VA to help provide & deliver comfort items and activities to help our military, both here at home – and abroad. They also offer resiliency training to help both the service member and their family members. The Red Cross also has a Totes of Hope for Homeless Vets. Learned how you can reach out to help through their website. Learned that the Red Cross gives the U.S. 40% of our blood supply, so when you give blood to them, they send it where it’s needed most. Heard how to check to see where to give blood –& how to volunteer, or donate. 30m</p>
<p>1. Shane Donaldson & Maggie Ignayziac, Youth Services Managers, Erie Blasco Library</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Dec 12, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1)EDUCATION- Heard about the many programs offered at our library system (which includes 5 branches & the book mobile) We heard about how they have adapted to having both in person classes and programs – as well as online services for all ages (curb pick up, too, if that is what you feel more comfortable with) We learned about how they have expanded their books and services to help families and individuals, with expanded book series in the children’s area- addressing everything from pottie training, to grief assistance, with a partnership with The Caring Place. We also heard about a new program for teens called True Colors, giving a safe space for teens that want to talk about healthy relationships through NAMI– and reviewed the fact that all ages can take advantage of the MHA representative, who can help with emotional and mental struggles. Learned about the Book of Remembrance: Erie County COVID-19 Pandemic Memorial, that is traveling to all branches – how to read it, and how to add your entry. Reviewed many other programs & equipment available for entertainment & education (including items to assist teachers, individuals and the elderly with special needs) Reminded everyone how to get a card and take advantage of everything. 30m</p>

<p>1. Chuck Turner. Operations Manager, Veteran's Miracle Center</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Dec 19, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1.VETERAN’S ASSISTANCE- Learned that our VMC got started in Albany, NY - when it came to the attention of John Kwazak’s friend, an international humanitarian, that veterans in his home area needed help – then John was called to see if Erie had vets that also need help...and within 9mo. they opened the Erie Free Store for veterans and their families. They realized that some veterans don’t qualify for assistance for a variety of reasons, and they hope to fill in the gap. Learned how to donate or volunteer. Also learned about a program they have in partnership with Wal-mart, called 360, that gives them pallets of product that they can pass on to the vets...but, they are also able to sell those products at an 80% discount to non-profits. Chuck, who has been in construction most of his life, will also assist with installing ramps – and hopes to grow to help with minor remodeling projects for vets. 30m</p>
<p>1. Diego Sandino, Jillian Harry, Tom McClelland, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT)</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Dec 26, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. PUBLIC SAFETY- Discussed the changes that are coming May of 2023 with regards to what ID Pennsylvanians will have to have to be able to enter any federal building or to board a domestic commercial flight, which could be a REAL ID, through PennDOT - or another federally acceptable ID (including a passport). Heard the steps that can be taken now to be ready for that change. Then we talked about the roadwork changes coming to our area. Learned that there are 30 different improvements coming our way with the Bayfront Project – the biggest changes that community members will see involve the area from Holland to the foot of Sassafra, including a pedestrian bridge and better bike paths. Learned that PennDOT also keeps over 2,000 bridges up to par, in addition to the plowing and road upkeep they are responsible for. Also learned that they always have partners involved with any project they work on. Got information on how the community can keep up with the changes that are coming and how they can make comments and suggestions. 30m</p>

We have also rotated PSA announcements that may have highlighted the following:

Family Services, Big Brothers, Big Sisters – it is easy and takes very little time to be a mentor & impact the life of a child just by being yourself

Erie County Library- not just books –music, movies, language instruction and more – most of it free, online or stop by

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration –Talk – They Listen

SafeNet - Domestic Violence Services

Lucy's 1st Step – free assistance / counseling for parents who have lost a child

NAMI – group classes and support groups to assist individuals and family members dealing with mental health challenges

Erie VA Medical Center –reminding veterans and their families about services – specific info for women – PTSD and other services

Therapy Dogs United- get your dogs involved with therapy services for children & adults– contact if your business wants a visit from a therapy dog

Safe Harbor/Safe Line- how to get help for sadness or bullying issues – for teens and adults – help info if you are feeling suicidal

SafeNet – with help for domestic violence or victim of any violent act

Parkinson Partners – Support and Information

United Way – Be A Caring Adult – simple suggestions on how to make a difference in a child/youth - United Way – Imagination Library – 2-1-1 / Community Schools

Voices for Independence – Support for those with physical challenges

Cody's Wheels of Hope – contact info to get children with a life threatening illness wheeled toys

Alzheimer's Association – help available to families and care givers

Linked by Pink – Assistance for Breast Cancer patients and their families

American Heart & Stroke Association - Go Red for Women (risk of heart disease)

American Cancer Society – where to reach out for help

EUMA - Erie United Methodist Alliance – Helping homeless families

Crime Victim Center – Help for those affected by violent crimes

Highmark Caring Place – FREE assistance for grieving children, adolescents and their families (you do not have to have Highmark to take advantage)

Kinship Care – Support for people raising someone else’s child (grandparents, etc)

Gaudenzia – Help with addiction

Early Connections – helping with education for the little ones

Erie Humane Society – help for stray & neglected animals

A.N.N.A. Shelter – info on how to adopt or help rescued animals

Autism Society – support and resources for families with those on the spectrum

American Cancer Society – variety of programs available to community

Habitat for Humanity – restore for donations or to shop

SOS 4 Kidz – to assist children with needs for school and self esteem

Emma’s Footprint – help for those who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss

Veterans Miracle Center – help for homeless & underserved vets/military & their families

Safe Journey – with help for domestic violence

Junior Achievement – how to get involved with working with students for career guidance

American Lung Association – information about lung health

Release the Pressure Coalition – how to control blood pressure

AARP – ideas for saving for retirement

Salvation Army – how to get or give help