

Quarterly Issues April-June 2015 for WWZW-FM

1.Spring Fire Season

4/1, 4/27, 4/30 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m., 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring Karen Stanley with the Virginia Department of Forestry. Stanley spoke of the details of Virginia's 4 p.m. Burn Ban as part of Spring Fire Season. She also gave advice for burning debris during Spring and Summer and for properly disposing of hot ashes.

2.Dealing with Severe Weather

4/10, 6/11 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m., 12-5 p.m.)

News stories with Robert Foresman, Rockbridge County's Emergency Manager. He discussed expectations for the 2015 Hurricane season, ways to properly prepare for severe weather during the spring and summer, and the importance of putting together a family evacuation plan and emergency supply kit. Foresman also discussed changes to the local Citizens Alert system and how to sign up for alerts.

3.Fire and Rescue Operations

4/30, 5/14 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories with Brandon Mitchell, Rockbridge County's Fire and Rescue Director, who talked about his priorities during his first year on the job, including improving response time for fire and rescue personnel throughout Rockbridge County and attracting a greater number of fire and rescue volunteers.

4.Fiscal 2016 Budget Work

5/7, 5/8, 5/11, 5/18 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories updating budget work in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County as area governments finalized their Fiscal 2016 budgets. News stories featured Buena Vista Councilmember Steve Baldrige, Rockbridge County Supervisor Ronnie Campbell and Lexington Councilmember Frank Friedman providing details on tax rates for the coming year, school funding and programs and services that received reduced funding for the coming fiscal year.

5.Memorial Day Travel

5/21, 5/22 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories with details about anticipated Memorial Day travel numbers. Officials with AAA Mid-Atlantic gave travel number projections and the latest information on gas prices. They also provided travel tips for the holiday and summer travel along with vehicle maintenance advice.

6.2014-15 School Year Wrap

5/21, 5/26, 6/5, 6/12 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring local school superintendents, John Keeler from Buena Vista, Dan Lyons from Lexington and Rockbridge County's Jack Donald. All three superintendents reviewed budget work and accomplishments from the past academic year and highlighted priorities for the 2015-16 year. Donald and Keeler previewed high school graduation ceremonies and Dan Lyons discussed his June 30 retirement.

7.Buena Vista City Operations

5/11, 6/9 (news reports at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring Buena Vista Councilmember Steve Baldrige, who provided updates on the city's negotiations with their insurer, ACA, on the city's efforts to settle the city's debt on the golf course, Vista Links, in an effort to free up revenue. Baldrige discussed where extra revenue might be used in Buena Vista in the future and the impact felt from the city defaulting on its ACA loan.