

Issues Program List

Quarterly Issues Program List

WAAL 99.1 FM

WHWK 98.1 FM

WNBF 1290 AM

WWYL 104.1 FM

WYOS 1360 AM

July 1– September 30, 2020

Section I. Issues

The Townsquare Binghamton radio stations listed here have identified the following significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID-19 Health/Safety.** With rapidly changing circumstances locally surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, there is a need for a wide array of information concerning mental, physical, economic and cultural health of the community, families and individuals.
- B. Economic/Employment Issues.** Numerous reports continue to show challenges attracting and maintaining sustainable economic drivers and jobs in the region with the Southern Tier often coming in near the bottom of lists of economic recovery with challenges made even worse by a total shutdown of the economy in response to the pandemic.
- C. Crime/Criminal Justice.** Local law enforcement agencies report the region is struggling with crimes fueled by substance abuse, a proliferation of telephone and internet scams and other attempts to profit off fears from the pandemic.
- D. Culture/Arts/Education.** Area schools and family advocates say there is a need for support of cultural and artistic opportunities and other events affording families quality and educational time together, especially with schools and other educational facilities closed due to the pandemic.
- E. Poverty/Food Insecurity.** The Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) report increased demand for services as the family economic dynamics change as a result of the coronavirus pandemic while the Brome County Safe Housing Task Force reports the serious lack of low to mid income housing stock that is affordable and safe.
- F. Religion/Charity Work.** Churches and other faith-based organizations are reporting increased interest and a need for emotional support during trying times of social upheaval and illness.
- G. Black Lives Matter/ Diversity** In the aftermath of national incidents of racial bias, there is an increased focus locally on the makeup of the community, policing and services focused on certain ethnic and cultural groups.

Section II. Responsive Programming

Southern Tier Close Up

Duration 15:00

Locally produced and hosted public affairs program addresses topics specific to the above identified concerns in the community as well as affording an opportunity for various not-for-profit organizations to publicize their missions and upcoming events through interviews with elected officials, community leaders, experts in specific fields and spokespeople for official agencies and government offices.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WNBF Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

7/4/20-7/5/20

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko talks about the slow reopening of the county's record-keeping and Department of Motor Vehicle offices as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local residents, businesses and the county government.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy/business/jobs

7/11/20-7/12/20

Ross Park Zook marketing director Rachel Peppard talks about how things have changed since the start of the pandemic that put off the opening for the zoo for the year, what is going on now that parts of the zoo are open and how the facility is dealing with continuing its environmental education and preservation mission and caring for the animals while donations and revenue from visitors has been greatly impacted by the pandemic.

Issues addressed: Education, family, COVID-19, environment

7/18/20-7/19/20

Tioga County Legislature Chair Martha Saurebrey talks about how Tioga County has been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, its economic impact and how the county's response may be different than Broome and Chemung Counties with larger metropolitan areas.

Issues addressed: Economy, COVID-19

7/25, 7/26, 8/1, 8/2/20

Binghamton University Vice President for diversity equity and inclusion, Dr. Karen Jones talks about Black Lives Matter, equality for all groups including women, LGTBQ and others and how the Greater Binghamton area reacts and responds to issues of racism and equality all while dealing with the restraints from the current pandemic.

Issues addressed: Black Lives Matter, diversity, COVID-19, education

8/8/20-8/9/20

Former Binghamton Triplets, Yankees pitcher, Binghamton Sports Baseball Hall of Famer, Black Aces member, Al Downing talks about

the upcoming Jim Mudcat Grant All Star Celebrity Golf Tournament to benefit the Boys and Girls Club, food pantries of CHOW and Catholic Charities, the Urban League and housing for homeless vets, his experiences with segregation and racism in the 1960s and 70s and how that relates now as well as the current state of baseball with contract stalemates and the coronavirus pandemic.

Issues addressed: Family, poverty/food insecurity, diversity, COVID-19

8/15/20-8/16/20

Executive Director of The AGENCY, Stacey Duncan gives an update of the local economic situation and business climate as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its fifth month and provides information about financial assistance and advice available to entrepreneurs and other businesses in the region dealing with the changing regulations.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy/employment

8/22, 8/23, 8/29, 8/30/20

Director of the VINES Program, Amelia LoDolche, talks about the resurgence of interest in gardening during the coronavirus pandemic, the importance of fresh produce to the health of residents and the programs through VINES that provide food to local hunger abatement agencies.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, health, poverty/food insecurity

9/5/20-9/6/20

Manager of the Broome County Veterans' Memorial Arena/ Forum Theater, Chris Marion talks about the future operations of the entertainment venues, what has been going on during the pandemic including using facilities for training sites and staging for possible coronavirus patient overflow and the future under new naming and box office sponsors.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, culture/arts, economy)

9/12/20-9/13/20

Executive director of Tri-Cities Opera, John Rozzoni talks about the challenges of keeping the historic opera company operating during the pandemic shutdown and pulling of funding and the exciting virtual performances that are being developed out of necessity. TCO is also working with the LUMA computer animation festival to for a motion-capture, audience-directed performance of the MIRANDA Steam Punk opera this month.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, arts/culture/history, economy/jobs

9/19/20-9/20/20

Executive Director of Action for Older Persons, Robbie Smolinsky talks about the difference between AOP and Broome County's Office for Aging, including advocating for seniors and assisting them in doing the

paperwork for open enrollment and other issues associated with Medicare and Medicaid as well as the challenges of operating the non-profit during the pandemic shutdown.

Issues addressed: elder issues, health, COVID-19

9/26/20-9/27/20

Binghamton University Professor of English, Elizabeth Tucker, author of Haunted Southern Tier, talks about the importance of folklore and ghost stories in society and for emotional well-being, including very recent rumors already circulating associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, education/ culture/history, health

Encounter

Duration 30:00

Locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WNBF Sunday at 7:04 a.m.

7/4/20-7/5/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to Karen Bernardo, writer, editor and publisher and Bob White, a retired minister and columnist about writing and religion.

Issues addressed: Religion, education

7/11/20-7/12/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Clyde E. Fant, author of The World of Black and White, about racism and the memoir of 'The World of Black and White.

Issues addressed: Religion, diversity

7/18/20-7/19/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Miesha Marzel, Assistant Professor at Binghamton University in Social Work about racial tensions, the understanding of racism and where we might be headed.

Issues addressed: Religion, diversity

7/25/20-7/26/20

The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Cleata Jones, Director of Engagement at the Hart School of Music in Connecticut and a consultant at CMJ Consultancy about music, faith and race.

Issues addressed: Religion, culture, diversity

8/1/20-8/2/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. talks with volunteers and staff of the VINES community gardens about - the VINES organization - growing food and growing the community.

Issues addressed: Religion, jobs, food insecurity, health

8/8/20-8/9/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with the authors of the book 'Polarized: The Collapse of Truth, Civility, and Community in Divided Times', Doctor Paris Donehoo and Doctor Keith Parson about the polarization of the current political situation and how get beyond it.

Issues addressed: Religion, diversity, politics

8/15/20-8/16/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Binghamton City Councilwoman Angela Riley about public health and the school system.

Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19, education, health

8/22/20-8/23/20

The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with trombonist David Root and pianist Nika Camora about the struggle of musicians during the pandemic. Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19, culture/arts

8/26/20-8/27/20 -

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to Father Michael Galuppi from Our Lady of Good Council in Endicott, NY. about the challenges of attending church and participation in activities during the pandemic both for the congregation and church leaders.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion

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9/12/20-9/13/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. talks with the four regular hosts is Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church and Jeff Kellum about how the various churches are dealing with COVID-19 times.

Issues addressed are Religion, COVID-19, health

9/19/20-9/20/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. talks with Les Alesworth, Director of the Broome County Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) about how the pandemic has changes the fundraising efforts of CHOW.

Issues addressed: Religion, food insecurity, philanthropy

9/26/20-9/27/20

Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Doctor Barbara Green, retired Pastor of the United Methodist Church about the journey of ministry from colleagues who have retired to tap into their experiences and wisdom.

Issues addressed: Religion, elder issues