

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

April 1– June 30, 2020

Section I. Issues

The Townsquare Binghamton radio stations listed above 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. These challenges are 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 WNBC Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

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

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

4/4/20-4/5/20

Director of the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Keith Leahey about depression, anxiety, stress and where people can get help during the coronavirus pandemic.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, health

4/11/20-4/12/20

New York State Attorney General Letitia James talks about legal challenges during the pandemic as well as domestic violence concerns, scams and how residents can get answers and file complaints concerning employment, business and other issues impacted by COVID-19.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, crime, lifestyle, economy

4/18/20-4/19/20

President/CEO-Executive Director of The AGENCY and the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Stacey Duncan talks about what is being seen so far concerning the impact of the pandemic and subsequent restrictions on businesses and where businesses can get help on the local level in finding services and applying for financial assistance.

Issues addressed: business/economy, COVID-19

4/25/20-4/26/20

Requested encore since the original program aired Easter Weekend: New York State Attorney General Letitia James talks about legal challenges during the pandemic as well as domestic violence concerns, scams and how residents can get answers and file complaints concerning employment, business and other issues impacted by COVID-19.

Issues addressed: COVID-19, crime, lifestyle, economy

5/2/20-5/3/20

Director of the United Way of Broome County, LoriAnne Welch talks about 211 that provides 24-hour help in finding information and resources for residents ranging from housing, rent and employment concerns to where to find masks and food assistance and about the COVID-19 Community Response Fund that is providing grants to non-profits assisting the most vulnerable population during the pandemic

Issues addressed: COVID-19, health, housing/homelessness, hunger, crime

- 5/9/20-5/10/20
Broome County Sheriff David Harder talks about how law enforcement has changed since the start of the coronavirus pandemic response in the area, what scams and crimes people should be looking for and assurances that local laws, including those on the road, are being enforced.
Issues addressed: crime/criminal justice, COVID-19
- 5/16/20-5/17/20
Street Outreach coordinator for the YWCA Binghamton, Rebecca Rathmell talks about how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting an already marginalized and vulnerable population: the homeless, steps being taken to keep them safe and from spreading the virus, how new employment issues from the pandemic are impacting them and things long-term like affordable housing that can help.
Issues addressed: homelessness/hunger, health, COVID-19
- 5/23/20-5/24/20
Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier director Mike Leahey gives an update talking about the state of emotional and mental health again now seven weeks after his last appearance and over two months into the coronavirus pandemic lockdown.
Issues addressed: COVID-19, health
- 5/30/20-5/31/20
Broome County District Attorney Michael Korchak talks about what is going on with the court system during COVID-19, combined with the stress of new bail reform and discovery law changes that took effect prior to the outbreak.
Issues addressed: crime/criminal justice, COVID-19, Black Lives Matter/diversity
- 6/6/20-6/7/20
Roberson Museum and Science Center Director Michael Grasso talks about the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on non-profits and specifically how the museum has worked to help parents navigate home schooling, plans for reopening and how the museum is collecting items from the local pandemic response to preserve for future generations.
Issues addressed: arts/culture/history, COVID-19
- 6/13/20-6/14/20
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study director Jennifer Yonkoski talks about the process of planning transportation through 2045 and how some of the ideas that had already been noted in the upcoming draft have been changed by the COVID-19 pandemic modifying local residents' transportation needs and habits.

Issues addressed: economic development, COVID-19

6/27/20-6/28/20

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

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.

4/4/20-4/5/20

Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to Reverend Michelle from Central Methodist Church in Endicott about church worship changes and solutions during the pandemic.

Issues Addressed: Religion, COVID-19

4/11/20-4/12/20

Joe Sellepack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with the Reverend Kimberly Chastain of the Binghamton United Presbyterian Church, celebrating Easter Sunday.

Issue Addressed: Religion

4/18/20-4/19/20

Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Emma Kindig, a member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church and student at Cornell University about how college students are handling the new normal during Covid-19.

Issues Addressed: Religion, COVID-19, Education

4/25/20-4/26/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks with Dr. Alan Kebin, Medical Director of the Lourdes Hospital Walk-in Clinic about our present situation of Covid-19 pandemic, and what are some of the facilities and services that are available in the Southern Tier of New York.

Issues Addressed: Religion, COVID-19, health

5/2/20 -5/3/20

Joe Sellepack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with Jack Seaman, one of the directors of the Broome County Council of Churches about new ways to interact with each other and how are the council's programs continuing in light of the pandemic crisis.

Issues addressed: Religion, diversity/Black Lives Matter, COVID-19

5/9/20-5/10/20

Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Reverend Kinney Hatlivick, a chaplin from UC, San Diego, California and Reverend Catherine Kraven, from a Presbyterian Church USA in Wisconsin about self-care with ideas and thoughts.

Issues addressed: Religion, Health

5/16/20-5/17/20

Broome County Council of Churches Executive Director Rev. Dr. Joe Sellepack talks with Rich Ackley, Professor of Theology at Houghton College, and Mitchell Reddish, Old Lafayette Walker Professor of Christian Studies at Stetson University about the current pandemic situation and the Bible's Book of Revelations.

Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19

5/23/20-5/24/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks with Amy Winans, from the Broome County Habitat for Humanity about Broome County Habitat for Humanity and how the pandemic is influencing non-profit organizations.

Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19, homelessness, poverty

5/30/20-5/31/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Doctor David Kopall, the Binghamton District Superintendent of the Upper New York Conference about lessons learned over 40 plus years of ministry as Dr. Kopall is about to retire.

Issue addressed: Religion

6/6/20-6/7/20

Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Monica Enmajors, IDEA Consultant and Sharon Bryant, PHD about Black Lives Matter.

Issues addressed: Religion, Black Lives Matter, diversity

6/13/20-6/14/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks with Sister Mary O'Brian, Executive Director of the Tioga County Rural Ministry about community non-profit agencies and the difficulties of fundraising during the pandemic.

Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19, food insecurity, charity

6/20/20-6/21/21

THIS IS AN ENCORE PROGRAM FROM MAY 9. Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Reverend Kinney Hatlivick, a Chaplin from UC, San Diego, California and Reverend Catherine Kraven, from a Presbyterian Church USA in Wisconsin on self-care with ideas and thoughts.

Issues addressed: Religion, COVID-19

6/27/20-6/28/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Reverend Leon Jicha Jr., the new pastor of the Windsor 1st United Methodist Church, welcoming new pastors to the area.

Issue: Religion