

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

**WTMX-Chicago**

**April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015**

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## **April 5, 2015**

### **6:30am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. The many ways Ravinia Festival bring music into our lives. Best known for its outdoor summer concerts in suburban Highland Park, the not-for-profit Ravinia also offers free music education to 75-thousand Chicago-area schoolchildren every year through its Reach\*Teach\* Play program. Ravinia also hosts an elite summer “band camp,” the Steans Music Institute, free to select, emerging musicians and vocalists. Guest is Ravinia President and CEO Welz Kauffman. We also discuss the importance of music education in our schools and the challenges Ravinia faces, particularly in this era of Lollapalooza and other three-day music fests, and a shrinking classical music audience.

**Issues covered:** the arts and arts education; cultural awareness; entertainment; technology and social media; parenting issues; youth at risk; not-for-profit organizations; tourism.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **April 12, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Women in manufacturing. When you think of women in manufacturing, an image of Rosie the Riveter may come to mind or Sally Field as a factory worker, but a new picture is emerging. More women are running and owning manufacturing companies. And getting started isn't as difficult as you may think. To help women learn more about the field of manufacturing, a one-day summit is being held, free of charge, by the non-profit Alliance for Illinois Manufacturing. Guests are: Andrew Fogaty, Business Development Director for the Alliance for Illinois Manufacturing; and Jen Tabor, a Chicago woman who has taken her hobby to the next level and is now manufacturing guitar straps, belts, handbags, dog collars and other items at a small, local factory and shipping them around the world.

**Issues covered:** business; education; employment; women's issues; workplace matters; networking; state and local government; consumerism; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **April 19, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Canine influenza epidemic . Chicago is a dog-friendly town but these days our dog parks and beaches are empty, and our doggie day care centers are reporting a drop in attendance because the canine flu is going around. It's highly contagious and this particular strain in Chicago appears to be an unusual mutation of the canine flu that could spread to cats and other animals and it can be fatal. The canine flu also forced the cancellation of one of the biggest animal charity

events in Chicago, Bark in the Park, an annual benefit for the non-profit Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. Anti-Cruelty is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization in the city. Our guest is Dr. Robin Barbiers, Chicago veterinarian and President of the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. Dr. Barbiers explains the signs and symptoms of canine flu, what owners should do if they suspect their pet is infected, how they can prevent their pets from contracting it, and how the Anti-Cruelty Society created a “virtual” Bark in the Park to replace this year’s big fundraiser. Dr. Barbiers also discusses other services provided by Anti-Cruelty including pet adoptions, a low-cost spay/neuter clinic, dog training classes and volunteer opportunities.

**Issues covered:** pet health; community issues; family issues; education; travel regulations; volunteering; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **April 26, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. 100 Women Who Care. We’re always looking for new ways to get our listeners involved in giving back to our communities. Some say, as citizens, we’ve replaced civic involvement with Facebook “likes” and “hashtag activism.” But a new kind of community engagement is emerging in the Chicago area for women who have the means but not a lot of time: 100 Women Who Care. The idea is to get 100 women who agree to meet four times a year and bring their checkbooks. At each meeting three members “pitch” a local charity, the group votes, and then everyone writes a \$100 check to the winning charity. A chapter was started in the Chicago area by a suburban Lincolnshire woman, who heard about it from a woman in Michigan. Guest Laurie Richter explains how 100 Women Who Care works, why it’s been so successful, and how men and even kids (doing volunteer projects) are starting their own chapters.

**Issues covered:** community issues; community involvement; education; not-for-profit organizations; women’s issues; volunteering.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **May 3, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Free job training. Chicago’s Greater West Town Training Partnership, a local non-profit, is accepting applications for its two job skills training programs in wood products manufacturing and shipping and receiving. Both programs are free for those who are at least 18 years of age, drug free, and below the federal poverty level. Guest Ellen Lindsey, program coordinator for GWTP, explains the different programs, how to apply, and says they have a 90% success rate for job placement.

2. Dwarfism. What is it? What are the misconceptions? And where can Chicagoans with dwarfism and their families get help and support? Those questions and more were answered by Krystle Ansay, President of the Little People of America Windy City Chapter. This not-for-profit organization works to support little people and their families, provide social activities, and raise awareness for dwarfism. Ms. Ansay, who has dwarfism and has a three-year-old daughter with dwarfism, also talked about the misconceptions people have of the condition and how TV shows like “Little People Big World” are helping to break down barriers for those with dwarfism. She also provided information on the LPA Windy City Chapter’s awareness event/spaghetti dinner May 9<sup>th</sup> in Elk Grove Village that is open to everyone.

**Issues covered:** education; job training; unemployment issues; the economy; business; health matters; family issues; parenting issues; culture and society; discrimination; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **May 10, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Eczema: it’s affecting more people and more children than ever. What is eczema? Why are more children being diagnosed? What are the treatments? Is there a cure? Guests are: Dr. Peter Leo, Chicago physician and dermatologist, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine and a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the National Eczema Association; and Erika Czopkiewicz, and Chicago mother who’s eleven year old son has suffered with eczema since infancy. Ms. Czopkiewicz is also chairwoman of a brand new walk in Chicago, “Itching for a Cure,” being held on May 17<sup>th</sup> to benefit the National Eczema Association.

**Issues covered:** health issues; children’s health; education; parenting issues; sports and recreation; not-for-profit organizations; community involvement.

### **7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. “Love of a Mother” A special Mother’s Day performance celebrating mothers and motherhood by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** motherhood; family issues; spirituality; religion.

## **May 17, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am “Mix Matters”**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Teaching teens to be safe drivers. Back in the ‘90’s, the concern was seat belt safety; these days the worry about teen drivers is distracted driving/smartphones. In 1998, Officer Sean McGrath of the Crystal Lake Police Department started the non-profit “Operation Click” to encourage local teens to wear their seatbelts, and part of the program included an opportunity to win a new car. Today, “Operation Click” focuses on distracted driving and has been expanded to include thousands more Chicago-area high school students who are eligible to win one of six new cars. Officer McGrath discusses some of the dire consequences of distracted driving among

our youngest drivers and how the program is helping them become responsible, safe drivers. Triple-A has also joined the "Operation Click" campaign and provides safety materials for students, grants to high school groups for guest speakers, and video contests on safe driving. Guests are: Officer Sean McGrath, founder of "Operation Click"; and Beth Mosher of Triple-A.

**Issues covered:** public safety; personal safety; parenting issues; education; family issues; crime; youth at risk; substance abuse; community issues; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **May 24, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Unemployment and entrepreneurial training for the disabled. More Chicagoans are working; the city's unemployment rate is 6.5% but among the disabled, the unemployment rate is twice that. More than 600-thousand people with disabilities live in Chicago and while there are some businesses that employ the disabled, a new program at the University of Illinois-Chicago aims to help them become actual business owners. This is something new in the field of employment training for the disabled. Joining us to discuss the new Disabled Entrepreneur Project are Andrew Fogaty of the non-profit Alliance for Illinois Manufacturing and a member of the panel creating the Project at UIC, and Laura Martinez, a Chicago chef who has been blind since birth and may be the only blind chef in the country to open her own restaurant. Chef Laura described the obstacles she faced when training to be a chef and then when she tried starting her own business. Mr. Fogaty helped Chef Laura get the funding and other support she needed to open her restaurant and explained the unique challenges disabled entrepreneurs face.

**Issues covered:** employment; disabilities; business matters; education and job training; consumerism; minority issues; community issues; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. "Quiet Heroes" A special Memorial Day performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** patriotism; family; gratitude; religion; spirituality.

## **May 31, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Filling the summer food gap for Chicago's underprivileged school children. The non-profit Greater Chicago Food Depository is working extra hard to get meals to schoolkids over the summer break, children who normally get free or reduced-cost breakfasts and lunches. It's a big problem: 255,000 Chicago children are at risk of hunger. Last year, only 14% of them received free summer meals. This year, the GCFD will set up 300 summer meal sites throughout the city including the Lunch Bus, the Kids Café, as well as partnering with Share Our Strength's Illinois No Kid Hungry campaign and the Rise & Shine Illinois campaign to raise awareness and participation in summer meals programs. Guest is Paul Morello of the Greater Chicago Food Depository; he also shared phone numbers, websites, smartphone apps, and other ways those in need could

sign up for summer meals. Mr. Morello also discussed the upcoming Hunger Walk, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Soldier Field.

2. Chicago's newest museum: The Foodseum. It's a museum devoted to food and founder Kyle Joseph raised \$30,000 on Kickstarter in just a few days to get his non-profit Foodseum up and running. Mr. Joseph explains why he wanted to do this, why in Chicago, and how the Foodseum debuts with an exhibit on the hot dog and other encased meats. Cooking demonstrations, partnering with schools to teach healthy eating, and an in-house café are also part of the Foodseum.

**Issues covered:** youth at risk; children's health; nutrition; family issues; parenting issues; education; community involvement; government programs; entertainment; tourism; Chicago history; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **June 7, 2015**

### **6:30am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

Another in our on-going series "Making A Difference," which spotlights the people and organizations who are working to improve our lives and our communities.

1. The latest news about Alzheimer's Disease. Host Kathy Voltmer welcomes Erna Colborn, CEO/President of the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois Chapter. Ms. Colborn discusses Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness month, The Longest Day, and the ways people can get involved with the cause. She also discusses the Alzheimer's Association -Greater Illinois Chapter, its mission, its struggles and recent Alzheimer's breakthroughs. Ms. Colborn also offers advice for families, caregivers, and those battling the disease.

**Issues covered:** health/healthcare; public health; family issues; aging issues; mental health.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **June 14, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Playground injuries: when to ice, when to apply heat and when to go to the ER. With the kids out of school for the summer, it's high season for broken bones, scrapes, strains and other injuries associated with playing outside. Dr. Greg Portland, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine with NorthShore Orthopaedic Institute and the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute explains exactly what to do when a child is injured: when to apply ice, or heat; what to do when there's a head injury; what to do if there's a lot of blood; and how these injuries can affect a child's health later in life. Dr. Portland details what we should have in our medicine cabinets and freezers to treat common playground injuries. Dr. Portland also discusses backyard trampolines, the injuries they cause, why he's against them (and is fighting his own wife and kids to get one!) and what house rules parents should enact if they have a trampoline.

**Issues covered:** children's health; emergency medical treatment; family issues; parenting issues; obesity; children's sports and recreation.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. A performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** religion; spirituality.

## **June 21, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

Weekly public affairs program hosted and produced by Susan Wiencek, WTMX Public Affairs Manager.

1. Ankle injuries and why they're among the most likely to send us to the emergency room. Every year, more than a million people visit the ER because of ankle injuries. Why are they so common? What are the most common ankle injuries and what can we do to protect our ankles from injury? Dr. John Lombardi of DuPage Medical Group discusses the complexities of our ankles and why injuries are so common. Dr. Lombardi explains various injuries, treatments and details the acronym R.I.C.E---rest, ice, compression, and elevation---and how we should use it for ankle injuries. Dr. Lombardi also discusses women's high heels and wedges and the injuries they can cause.
2. The Community Calendar with Lisa Allen. We begin a new segment on Mix Matters called the Community Calendar with WTMX midday host Lisa Allen. Every week, Lisa will spotlight some of the local charity and volunteer events in the Chicago area and urge listeners to use the interactive "Make A Difference" page of the WTMX website to get involved in their communities.

**Issues covered:** personal health and wellness; health care; women's issues; parenting issues; sports and recreation; volunteering; community involvement; not-for-profit organizations.

### **7:00am-7:30am "Music and the Spoken Word"**

1. "Influence of a Father" A special performance saluting fathers on this Father's Day, featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** family; parenting; religion; spirituality.

## **June 28, 2015**

### **6:45am-7:00am "Mix Matters"**

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2. The Community Calendar with Lisa Allen.

**Issues covered:** public safety; personal safety; parenting issues; education; family issues; crime; youth at risk; substance abuse; community issues; corporate good citizenship; volunteering; not-for-profit organizations.

**7:00am-7:30am “Music and the Spoken Word”**

1. “Celebrating Liberty” A special performance celebrating Independence Day featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra recorded at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Issues covered:** patriotism; spirituality; religion.