

Quarterly Issues Report

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Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Duration	Brief Description of Program
Community Voices For Change	October 2, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Bruce Gagnon, Co-founder and Coordinator of Global Network Against Weapons and nuclear power in space.
Community Voices For Change	September 26,2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was John Sheirer, who writes a monthly column on current events for the Daily Hampshire Gazette and is an author of a number of books including his last novel “Stumbling Through Adulthood : Linked Stories” published by Janice Beale Books. The show focused on his latest opinion piece entitled “Time for a functional Republican Party”, his latest novel and what he is currently writing.
Community Voices For Change	September 19, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Representative Christopher Kessler who represents District 121 in the Maine State Legislature. He talked about how he first got involved in tenant organizing and the bills that he has introduced which have been passed over the past few years. He also talked about his ideas regarding what can be done to solve the current lack of affordable housing in the state.
Community Voices For Change	September 12, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Kate Sykes who is a clean election candidate running for Portland’s District 5 seat. She talked about why she has thrown her hat in the ring so to speak and what she hopes can be done to resolve a number of issues facing folks living in the city including the homeless problem and the lack of affordable housing in the city.
Community Voices For Change	September 5, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Carrie N. Baker who is a professor in the program for the study of women and gender at Smith College. She talked about an op-ed that she recently wrote entitled "Why we need leaders to stand up to anti-abortion extremists" which focused on the long standing problem of anti-abortion violence and intimidation against reproductive health advocates.
Community Voices For Change	August 29, 2023.	11:30	30:00	Our guest Sarah Alexander who is the Executive Director of the Maine Organic Farmer and Gardeners Association talked about the legislative issues that MOFGA supported in the Maine State Legislature this year. She also briefly described some the new attractions at the upcoming Common Ground Fair which will be held on September 23-25 in Unity,

				Maine.
Community Voices For Change	August 22, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Ira Helfand who is the past president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He is also a member of the international steering group for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. The show focused on why it is past time to pursue a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.
Community Voices For Change	August 15, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Matt Eric who is the director of the new Charles A. Contras Labor Center which has just been established at the University of Southern Maine. The show focused on what the new community labor education center hopes to do to help build the labor movement for the working class here in Maine.
Community Voices For Change	August 9, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Al Cleveland who is the campaign manager for Our Power, the citizen initiative to establish a consumer owned utility company in Maine. He talked about the effort underway and what listeners can do to help insure that the ballot initiative will be successful this coming November.
Community Voices For Change	August 2, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Andy O'Brien, Communication Director at the Maine AFL-CIO. The show will focus on several recent labor issues that have been addressed by the Maine Legislative and the Governor. We talked about LD 398 which would have made farm laborers in the state eligible to be covered under the state's minimum wage law; Maine Offshore Wind Bill which passed after labor deal and the recent effort of coffee employees who went on strike after forming a union.
Community Voices For Change	July 25, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Ethan Stripling, a former mayor of Portland, Maine who also served as a Democratic Senator in the Maine State Legislative for several terms. The show focused on Portland City's ballot initiative process- what it is and why some folks would like to weaken it or get rid of it altogether. Last year, Portland voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed change in the city's rent control ordinance that would have eliminated the 5% cap on rent increases landlords are allowed to take when an apartment turns over. The Mayor recently led an effort which would have given the city council the ability to repeal a voter approved law just 18 months after it was passed. Fortunately the City Council voted 6-3 against the proposed changes to the city's ballot initiative rules
Community Voices For Change	July 18, 2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Cole Cochrane who is the co-founder of Maine Youth Action and serves as its policy director. He talked about the

				<p>organization’s mission and it goals. The mission is to fight for bold, equitable and intersectional climate policy in Maine at both the state and municipal level through youth voice, power and action. The organization recognizes the need for fundamental reform of our economic system and champions the Green New Deal and all that enables it. It addresses the reality that humans are not creating climate change or environmental issues: corporations are. The organization also recognizes the climate crisis is intrinsically linked to every other issue and that we must work with other movements.</p>
Community Voices For Change	July 11, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Our guest was Chloe Maxmin, the author of <i>Dirt Road Rival</i> and is a former member of the Maine State Legislature. She is now involved in creating a new organization called <i>Dirt Road Organizing</i>. She talked about how this new organization is different from other organizations that are training new leaders in Rural America. It will provide concrete tools and strategies at the state and local levels to support organizers, state legislators, and aspiring leaders who are working towards an equitable and just democracy in rural America. Our fights, she maintains, include free and fair voting, accessible and affordable healthcare, the right to choose what happens to our bodies, racial justice and transportation access.</p>
Friendly Fire	July 10, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Billie Winner Davis: mother of USAF veteran and formerly imprisoned whistleblower Reality L. Winner. Billie spoke of the hardships their family has endured for Reality’s true-telling.</p>
Friendly Fire	July 24, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Lena Nelson: Author of <i>Samantha Smith, America’s Youngest Diplomat</i>. The story of a 10 year old girl from Maine, who became an international peace activist and tragically died in a plane crash at age 13.</p>
Friendly Fire	August 9, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Career firefighters Captain Charlene Beech and Lt. Brian Goodman. Their new company that’s developing a PFAS free turnout gear for firefighters.</p>
Friendly Fire	August 16, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Paul Veneto: Founder of <i>Paulie’s Push</i>. An effort to remember the flight attendant first responders who heroically died on 9/11.</p>
Friendly Fire	August 23, 2023	11:30	30:00	<p>Bill Higgins: USN Annapolis graduate and a former homeless and 100% disabled veteran. He’s now head of <i>Homeless Advocacy For All</i> in Portland, Maine.</p>

Friendly Fire	August 30, 2023	11:30	30:00	Nico Colombant and Lisa Ling: Nico, a documentary film maker talking about his new film “Battles Beyond the Horizon” about drone warfare. Lisa, a USAF veteran, is a drone whistleblower who exposed many secrets about the US drone assassination program.
Friendly Fire	September 7, 2023	11:30	30:00	USM panel discussion on veterans issues with USM president Jaqueline Edmunson and two USM students Hack and Shannon, veterans who have shows on WMPG.
Friendly Fire	September 14, 2023	11:30	30:00	VFP chapter 110 activists talking about their recent displays and protests against the war machine.

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