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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report

Quarter 3 - 2022

July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022



In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 3 - 2022

WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:

Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)

Sunday 6:00-6:30 AM (30 Minutes)

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Saturday 7:00-7:30 AM (30 Minutes)

Monday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)



This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we welcome Rick Kaiser, the Chief Operating Officer of the Navy SEAL Museum here in Fort Pierce. He is a former SEAL who served his country for 34 years. The Museum is about to benefit from the launch of a series about Navy SEALs that starts tonight, July 1, on Amazon Prime. The series is based on the book 'Terminal List', written by Jack Carr, a former SEAL who served with Kaiser. Carr is donating 100% of the proceeds from the limited edition 'Terminal List' hoodies being sold by retailer '5.11', a military and outdoor gear supplier. Then we'll hear from Kathy Sarmiento, with the Alliance for Aging. She's based in Miami and she's going to talk about the impact of inflation on Florida's elderly population. The Alliance for Aging is a private, not-for-profit agency, with 11 offices in Florida. They serve the needs of older people and those with disabilities. The current high rate of Inflation is taking a huge bite out of the limited, and often fixed, incomes of Florida's elderly population, and Kathy has some tips for seniors struggling to make ends meet.

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Issues:

VETERANS/MILITARY

ELDER CARE

FINANCIAL LITERACY

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we speak with Martin County Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis. It's a busy month for election supervisors across the state, The Florida primary is coming up next month and voters need to be sure their registered before the end of this month. Viki will tell us about that and she'll also brief us on some of the changes brought about by the new election law.

Then, we'll talk with the COVID Clinic's Wendy Dahl. If you think the Covid pandemic is behind us, think again. New variants continue to crop up and many parts of the country are again facing a new wave, and a new strain of COVID. The COVID Clinic is a non-profit with offices throughout the country, as well as Florida. They have a clinic here on the Treasure Coast in Jensen Beach, and we'll hear about the services they offer.

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Issues:
VOTING/ELECTIONS
HEALTH/MEDICINE

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we begin with fireworks, their use, and misuse. Fire officials says that on July 4th at least 3 fires were caused by the misuse of fireworks, one of those fires in Fort Pierce displaced 17 people from 3 families. We'll speak with St. Lucie County Fire District Chief Nate Spera about that, and the other types of fires his department fights. He'll tell us about the dangers of fireworks and the state laws that govern their sale and use. Then we're going to speak with St. Lucie County Election Supervisor Gertrude Walker. There is a primary coming up in August and a general election in November. It's time to get registered or make sure your current registration is error free. Gertrude will tell us how to do that, and she'll talk about some of the changes caused by redistricting, and the new election law passed this year by the legislature.

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Issues:
PUBLIC SAFETY
VOTING/ELECTIONS

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we welcome Madeleine Bozone Greenwood, the Executive Director of Family Promise and Cher Fisher the Marketing Director. Family Promise is a non-profit in Martin County where property and rental prices have soared in recent years, driving many residents, employed in the service industry, out of their homes and out of the county. It's a serious problem and Family Promise is trying to address it by finding homes in the county for families made homeless by the high cost of housing. And then we'll hear from Teresa Bishop the Chief Executive Officer of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, and Jovil Wharton the Project Coordinator for Drug Free St. Lucie, one of the programs in the Roundtable network. The Roundtable brings together public and private leaders from throughout the county to address the challenging issues facing the community.

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Issues:
HOMELESSNESS
HEALTH/MEDICINE

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we begin with Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers. He's made a name for himself as being one of the most transparent Sheriff's in our region. His office has made frequent use of social media and released timely, and often dramatic, body camera footage of events involving his officers. He explains why body camera footage helps protect his Deputies and serves to counter false social media narratives, and he tells us why transparency is important for his office and the public. Then we speak with Elise Mahovlich, the Administrative Manager of the Cultural Council of Indian River County. The arts play a major role in Indian River County. She tells us how the Council serves to promote the artists who live in the county, and she talks about the economic benefits to IRC, as well as the value of the arts for our souls.

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Issues:
LAW ENFORCEMENT
CRIME
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

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<p>This week we welcome Mark Friedlander, a spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute, a nonpartisan group in New York that is focused on insurance research. He says the home insurance crisis in Florida has gotten worse, not better since lawmakers passed bills to try and address the problem in special session this past May and the state is now facing the largest mass failure of home insurers in U.S. history. Then we'll talk with Karen Marcil, the President of the Vero Beach Preservation Alliance and Leslie Tilley the Secretary Treasurer of the organization. The group just formed in April of this year with the goal of stopping what they call "the massive expansion" of the Vero Beach Marina which they fear will have a negative impact on the Indian River Lagoon and the surrounding residential neighborhood. The Preservation Alliance is calling on Vero Beach residents to sign a petition in support of limiting the size of the Marina's expansion and placing that requirement up for a vote on the November ballot.</p>	8/5/2022	8/6/2022	8/6/2022
	8/7/2022	8/8/2022	8/8/2022
		<p>Issues: HOME INSURANCE SMART GROWTH ENVIRONMENT</p>	
<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media a conversation about Saharan Dust with Dr. Jason Dunion, a University of Miami hurricane researcher working with NOAA's Atlantic Meteorological Laboratory. He's an expert on what's called the Saharan Air Layer. He tracks the Saharan Dust clouds that blow our way every year. He explains some of the science behind these dust waves and how they help to dampen the formation of tropical cyclones. Then we'll talk with Tracy Hernandez, the newly appointed Director of Development for Suncoast Mental Health Center. The Center provides an alternative to traditional therapy and psychiatric services, and the need along the Treasure Coast in the wake of Covid is great. Great as well is the need to support the services that Suncoast Mental Health provides to students and adults in our region. Tracy will tell us about the services that the Center provides and how you can help support the organization.</p>	8/12/2022	8/13/2022	8/13/2022
	8/14/2022	8/15/2022	8/15/2022
		<p>Issues: SEVERE WEATHER ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC SAFETY MENTAL HEALTH</p>	

This week we'll take a look at some of the candidates in the August 23 Primary Election. Russell Conn is the President of the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida, no secret where they stand. Maintaining the environment of Florida is critical to the state's economy says Conn, and the caucus has researched the candidates vying for state and federal office and named the ones they believe are committed to protecting Florida's land and water resources. The caucus looked at the voting records, spoke with the candidates about their positions, and asked each to respond to a detailed questionnaire on the most important environmental problems facing Florida today, and what they plan to do about those issues. Conn will tell us about some of the candidates they recommended. Then we'll speak with Debbie Wuthnow the President of iVoterGuide, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to conservative principles. iVoterGuide rates candidates around the nation and WQCS asked them to take a look at some of those candidates here on the Treasure Coast. The ratings, Wuthnow says, are not based so much on what the candidates says, but on what they have done. iVoterGuide has researched their backgrounds, their voting records, their websites and asked them to fill out questionnaires as well. Their candidate recommendations for the primary election along the Treasure Coast are all republicans, but after the primary is over, Wuthnow says they'll be rating both democrats and republicans, and any other party candidates that are running in the general election.

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**Issues:
VOTING/ELECTIONS
ENVIRONMENT**

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, a conversation with the Dean of IRSC's School of Public Service Education, Raimundo Socorro. Socorro designed a training program for a group of visiting Columbian police officers. His program was chosen by the U.S. State Department to conduct the kind of urban police training sought by the Columbian Government. He'll tell us about the type of jungle policing the Columbians are used to, and the new urban policing techniques they're learning at IRSC. We'll also hear from the team leader of the Columbian Officers, Colonel Jorge Pinzon. Then an interview with Matthew Mawby, the Co-Founder of StaffHealth.com – a national, full-service healthcare staffing & recruitment agency that's working with the State of Florida's nursing shortage council to fill the gap and help provide short term nursing staff to health care providers in the state. Mawby talks about some of the causes of the nursing shortage here in Florida and elsewhere, and what StaffHealth is doing to help relieve the shortage.

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**Issues:
EDUCATION
LAW ENFORCEMENT
CRIME
HEALTH CARE**

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we speak with Michelle Franklin, the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser. TRIM notices went out to all County residents a few weeks ago, that's your property tax notice. TRIM stands for "Truth in Millage". In 1980, the Florida Legislature passed the TRIM Act. The law was designed to inform taxpayers which governmental entity is responsible for the taxes levied and the amount of tax liability taxpayers owe to each taxing authority. Michelle will help us understand those TRIM notices and explain what you can and cannot do to challenge the amount you owe. Then we hear from Gary Porter, the Director of Community Relations for the Treasure Coast. September is Hunger Action Month nationwide. Gary tells us about all the events the Food Bank has lined up for this month to raise funds to help feed the need throughout the Treasure Coast, and the need remains great.

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**Issues:
PROPERTY TAXES
HUNGER**

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we welcome Sean Reif, the Co-Founder and Director of Leap Lab Florida. Leap Lab builds thriving communities through a network of science centers that teach self-reliance by engaging like-minded people in challenging projects. One of those projects is a Paleo Lab in the high plains of Wyoming. Reif is working with Indian River State College on a plan to recruit a small group of IRSC students and take them up to a ranch on the Lance Formation outside Lusk Wyoming to dig for dinosaurs, and bring some of them back to IRSC for display. Then we'll talk with Jimmy Lee Jackson, a veteran of the War on Terror whose been through some tough times since returning from the battlefield. As a result, he founded an organization to help veterans, as well as the growing homeless and impoverished community, many of whom are also veterans. The name of his organization is "Do You Give a Ruck?" Jimmy will explain how he came up with that name and what their goals are.

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VETERANS/MILITARY**

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<p>This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media we begin with COSA, the Council of Social Agencies of St. Lucie County. We spoke with Stefanie Myers, one of COSA's Directors, and Yvette Cruz, COSA's Community Relations person. It's a unique non-profit formed to improve the collaboration between the County's social service agencies. There are 71 members of COSA, each one a different health and human service agency in the County. What makes them special is a key communication tool they call a 'list serve'. When one member service agency has a need, COSA can send out an email to all members seeking help and invariably someone can provide the help that is needed. Then we speak with two St. Lucie County Fire District firefighters who are members of the Ladies Firefighter Challenge Team. Lt. Alexia French and Dana Oliver, an EMT Firefighter. They are both members of the team and this year the National Firefighter Challenge Championship takes place here in Fort Pierce from Thursday September 22, through Saturday September 24. What's special about the event this year is that it is the first time there will be two women's relay teams competing from the St. Lucie County Fire District, and there will also be three individual SLC District female firefighters in the contest as well.</p>	9/16/2022	9/17/2022	9/17/2022
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		<p>Issues: SOCIAL SERVICES HEALTH/MEDICINE PUBLIC SAFETY</p>	
<p>This week, the powerful story of Fort Pierce native Lee Rhyant who rose from hard-scrabble beginnings to become the Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Lockheed-Martin-Marietta. He's now written a book in collaboration with Dr. Catherine Lewis who'll also join us. The book is called Soaring – Eleven Guiding Principles He'll tell us about that book and the guiding principles he's learned on his life's journey. Then we spoke with Sheri Anker, the President of the Conservation Alliance of St. Lucie County. The Alliance is celebrating its 50th year and a record of preserving thousands of acres of land throughout the County.</p>	9/23/2022	9/24/2022	9/24/2022
	9/25/2022	9/26/2022	9/26/2022
		<p>Issues: BUSINESS/INDUSTRY EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT</p>	