

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH** – A hot topic in West Michigan as we covered Autism, heart disease, health care for the underserved, job burnout, remote working, overcoming stress from the pandemic and ways to improve sleep.
- B. **COVID19** – We addressed the new variants, vaccinations, and vaccinations for children.
- C. **JOBS** – With the economy recovering, we addressed what companies are doing to attract employees, and the jobs available.
- D. **ECONOMY/FINANCE** – We addressed how the economy and pandemic has affected local non-profits and how a local company is assisting the non-profit sector. We discussed women having a better understanding and control of their finances.
- E. **CRIME** – Neighborhood policing, violence reduction and Asian hate were addressed, along with Capital Punishment, fake news and its effect on public perception of committed crimes and policing.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“Sunday Morning Townsquare” is a locally produced **30-minute program that airs every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.** on all five Grand Rapids stations. The program log for this show is set forth below.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
4/4/21	Building Strong Families – Kenneth Braswell, founder of Fathers Incorporated, and a father, Howard Young, discussed how fathers need to be involved and engaged in the family for health and well-being of their children. Crime & Violence – Grand Rapids Mayor, in her monthly Mayor’s Report, discussed new neighborhood policing policies, a city violence reduction plan, and the issue of Asian Hate.
4/11/21	Health & Autism – Dr. Pamela Dison, Director of Clinical Services at Autism Speaks, spoke about the need for early screening and diagnosis, early signs of Autism parents can look for, and the resources and support available. Misinformation – David Dozier, professor emeritus in School of Journalism & Media Studies at San Diego State University, discussed how the fake news phenomenon has grown, affected political campaigns and tactics used to influence voters. He also discussed the growth of QAnon.

4/18/21	<p>Health/Anxiety – Dr. Judson Brewer, psychiatrist and neuroscientist from Brown University, and author of book Unwinding Anxiety, discussed how the pandemic has caused so much anxiety and how to stop letting it run our lives.</p> <p>Mental Health – Stuart Tomc of CV Sciences discussed burnout, and offered his seven tips to beat it.</p>
4/25/21	<p>Marriage – Nate & Kaley Kemp, authors of the book 80/80 Marriage, discussed their ideas for a successful marriage and how the old formula of 50/50 doesn't work.</p> <p>Finances – Jayne Ellegard, a wealth coach for women, and former wealth manager for Cargill and MacMillan families, offered a wakeup call to women to take control of their finances and know where the money is and is going.</p>
5/2/21	<p>Health, Covid-19 Variants – Dr. Janis Orlowski, Chief Health Care Officer at Association of American Medical Colleges, spoke about the COVID Variants, their numbers, how they occur and how the current vaccines are very successful against them.</p> <p>Health, Heart Disease – Cathy Cooper, Chair of American Heart Association board of directors in West Michigan discussed heart disease still being the number one killer of both men and women and how fundraising in West Michigan was helping in research.</p>
5/9/21	<p>Worker Mental Health – Rod Robertson, managing partner of Briggs Capital, discussed remote working and how it may be detrimental to a worker's mental health and job security. He says staying "out of sight" too long is not a good thing.</p> <p>Energy Conservation – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed renewable energy and the city's new Biodigester, turning sewage into natural gas. She also discussed the use of solar power at the water supply plant at Lake Michigan.</p>
5/16/21	<p>Politics/Political Divide – Dave Isay, founder of Story Corps, discussed the conversations American's must have to bring us together. He is recording conversations and stories of American of all backgrounds and beliefs to encourage meaningful conversations.</p> <p>Health Care – Karen Kaashoek, CEO of Catherine's Health Center discussed the center as a safety net of health care for the underserved.</p>
5/23/21	<p>Technology – Molly VandenBerg of Google, discussed their latest mobile and innovative technologies, apps and products.</p> <p>Health Care – Dr. Ross McKinney, Chief Scientific Officer at Association of American medical Colleges, discussed the safety, side effects, of the COVID vaccine for children 12-15 years of age and how successful it is.</p> <p>Health - Sleep – Dr.'s Sujay Kansagra and Chris Winter, discussed sleep and the health benefits of quality sleep. The spoke about how to get better and long enough sleep.</p>
5/30/21	<p>Business – We featured a local business, Kennari Consulting and its founder and CEO, Sandy Frost Steensma. She discussed the founding of her business and the community need she identified in consulting local non-profits and assisting in fund raising and helping solve their operational model.</p>

	Environment – Andrea Faber of the West Michigan Clean Air Coalition discussed air pollution in West Michigan and ways to reduce ozone levels.
6/6/21	Mental Health – Dr. Harley Rotbart, Infectious disease specialist and pediatrician, discussed the pandemic and the mental stress on everyone. He addressed ways to relieve the stress and be more positive for the future.
6/13/21	Crime/Capital Punishment – David Dozier, author of The California Killing Field, discussed the rising crime rate and how some states, including Michigan, are looking at the death penalty. Education – Grand Rapids Mayor, Rosalynn Bliss, discussed the Grand Rapids Promise Zone, offering every Grand Rapids graduating high school senior, a free 2-year education at Grand Rapids Community College.
6/20/21	Public Concerts – Cathy Holbrook, Executive Director of St. Cecilia Music Center discussed the return of concerts after the pandemic and the value to people having been isolated for so long. She addressed their Jazz, Folk and Classical series.
6/27/21	Jobs – Bradd Chignoli, Senior VP of MetLife, discussed employee benefits trends in the U.S. and Michigan, and what companies are doing to attract employees as we emerge from the pandemic. Child safety – Amy Bailey of Arbor Circle, discussed the agency's programs including foster care and adoption of children, and advocated for more people to consider becoming a foster parent with more than 12,000 children in foster care in Michigan.