

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

### Section I. Issues

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

- A. **HEALTH** – Still the number one topic in the community. We addressed many areas, vaccinations, vaccinations for children, health care, Medicare plans, Cancer screenings, and Pre-Diabetes.
- B. **HOUSING** – We covered the need for affordable housing and how the city of Grand Rapids is addressing the issue in addition to the homeless issue and the collaborations being created to ease the situation.
- C. **TRANSPORTATION and TRAVEL** – We addressed the distribution of goods problem through the trucking industry. We also addressed the growing need for electric charging stations due to the growth of electric vehicles, both commercially and residential with the electric utility. We also covered traveling safely over the holidays.
- D. **TECHNOLOGY** – We addressed advanced technology to assist seniors, and those with a disability to make communicating with family and others easier. We also covered new products to improve home security.
- E. **COMMUNITY UNREST** – We talked with local leaders of a new effort to address community concerns and unrest.

### 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.

<b>Date Aired</b>	<b>Issue Discussed. Description of Program</b>
10/3/21	<b>Transportation</b> – Louise Howe of the St. Christopher’s Truck Relief Fund discussed the trucking and distribution issues facing the country and what the trucking industry is doing to improve the situation. <b>Pet Care</b> – Katie Blakeley, V.P of MetLife, discussed workers returning to work from at-home working, and how to protect their pet’s health when they leave.
10/10/21	<b>Domestic Violence, Public Safety</b> – Grand Rapids mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the updated report and increase in domestic violence since the pandemic and how the police and city are providing assistance. <b>Home/Fire Safety</b> – Dave White from Home Depot discussed home and fire safety for the upcoming winter with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, proper use and a home safety escape plan.

	<p><b>Health – Cancer</b> – Dr. Stamatia Destounis, Chief of the American College of radiology, discussed Breast Cancer, the importance of mammogram’s and the newest treatments.</p> <p><b>10/17/21 Protecting Children</b> – Robert Kahn, retired deputy sheriff and author of children’s books about safety for children, discussed bullies, child abduction and what children should know to protect themselves.</p> <p><b>Human Potential</b> – Dr. Robert Flower, founder of the Gilchrist Institute, discussed maximizing your potential in the wake of the economic downturn and pandemic and helping people realize their potential for success in the coming year.</p>
10/24/21	<p><b>Child Health/Paid Family Leave</b> – Dr. Avenal Joseph, VP of Policy and Dr. Mona Shah, senior program office, for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, discussed reducing infant mortality, healthy child development and improved mental health for mothers with better paid family leave.</p> <p><b>Health/Cancer Screening</b> – Dr. Robin Zon, Oncologist at Michiana Hematology Oncology discussed how, due to COVID 19, more people have delayed medical appointments that has caused a major decline in cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p><b>Health/Post COVID</b> – Dr. Heather Moore, physical therapist and member of the U.S. Olympic Committee sports medicine team, discussed trying to return to pre-pandemic health and normalcy as many are dealing with post-COVID symptoms.</p>
10/31/21	<p><b>Health/Vaccine for Kids</b> – Dr. Lee Beers, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, discussed the vaccine shot for kids and encouraging parents to get the right information and trust the science.</p> <p><b>Community Unrest</b> – Justin Bean, founder and Director of the Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation, discussed the partnerships the center has built with businesses, churches and social networks to create opportunities for meaningful change and relationships and heal much of the unrest in the community.</p>
11/7/21	<p><b>Health/Vaccination for Kids</b> – Dr. Julie Morita, of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, discussed the latest safety data on vaccines for children ages 5-11.</p> <p><b>Health/Open Enrollment</b> – Brad Chignoli, Senior VP for MetLife, discussed the open enrollment period for health insurance, and what is available.</p>
11/14/21	<p><b>Technology/Accessibility</b> – Laura Allen, Google Accessibility expert, discussed what Google has created to help seniors, those disabled or with short term injury to make navigating the web and communicating with family easier.</p> <p><b>Health/Medicare</b> – Chris Orestis, President of Retirement Genius and retirement issues expert, discussed the Medicare Open Enrollment period and how seniors could find assistance in locating the right plans.</p>
11/21/21	<p><b>Mental Health Over the Holidays</b> – Melissa Santell, cookbook author, offered tips on taking the stress out of preparing the holiday meals and keeping calm.</p>

	<p><b>Home Security</b> – Google technology expert, Justin Burr, discussed the latest Google home security devices, cameras, doorbells, new Google phones and more.</p>
11/28/21	<p><b>Travel for the Holidays</b> – Lauren Fix, the Car Coach, discussed holiday car and road trip safety.</p> <p><b>Health Care Coverage</b> – Jason Resendez, board member of the Consumers for Quality Care, discussed significant changes in health plans, junk insurance plans and COVID coverage.</p> <p><b>Care Givers</b> – Tia Newcomer, CEO of Caring Bridge, discussed the growing number of people finding themselves in the role of family caregiver, tips for self-care, and how to find community support.</p>
12/5/21	<p><b>Community Need Over Holidays</b> – Maribeth Groen from Heart of West Michigan United Way discussed their Giving Guide as a way for people to not only find volunteer opportunities, but what non-profits are in need over the holidays to help those in distress.</p> <p><b>Affordable Housing</b>– Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the increasing need for affordable housing in the community and what the city is doing to facilitate in the building of more apartments and condos.</p> <p><b>Homelessness</b> – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss also discussed the growing homeless population and how the city, in working with shelters and other non-profits, is trying to ease the issue.</p>
12/12/21	<p><b>Electric Vehicles</b> – Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, VP of Customer experience at Consumers Energy, discussed the growing number of electric vehicles, the need for more charging stations both in Michigan and nationally, and their program for both residential and municipal customers.</p> <p><b>Mental Health/Grief</b> – Peg Conway, author of The Art of Reassembly, discussed grief, death, divorce, buried emotions, how to recognize the signs and how to deal with it.</p>
12/19/21	<p><b>Happier, healthier and more delicious Holidays</b> – Writer and editor Daniel Shumski discussed the Sous Vide way of cooking to help make, not only holiday meals, but all meals better.</p> <p>Dr. Julie Gatzka, founder of the Florida Wellness Institute, discussed her tips on not over eating and gaining weight, but still being able to enjoy all the food over the holidays.</p>
12/26/21	<p><b>Health/Pre-Diabetes</b> – Dr. Christopher Holliday, Director of the CDC's Division of Diabetes, and Dr. Gerald Harmon, President of the American Medical Association, discussed the alarming rise in prediabetes among Americans, and focused on how to prevent type 2 diabetes.</p> <p><b>Mentorship</b> – Patty Alper, President of Alper Portfolio Group and an expert on mentorship, discussed helping women re-enter the workforce and move into leadership roles through mentorship.</p>