

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

Section I. Issues

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

- A. **HEALTH** – We covered the health topic thoroughly in discussing a wide range of topics including COVID19 and the Variants, Epilepsy, AIDS, Cystic Fibrosis, Autoimmune Pandemic, Home Health Care availability, and more.
- B. **COVID19 VACCINATION** – We covered information regarding the Vaccination Clinics opening up, vaccine safety and efficacy, and outreach especially to the African American/Black and Latino communities to dispel skepticism and encourage vaccination.
- C. **HOMELESSNESS** – This topic continues to resonate in the community. Mayor Bliss discussed the city’s response and collaboration with community partners, and safety precautions during the pandemic. We also covered special-needs adults housing,
- D. **ECONOMY** – We addressed how the economy has been ravaged by the pandemic, the local economy beginning turnaround, and help and strategies for small businesses, and the importance of re-opening the economy.
- E. **CLIMATE CHANGE** – The West Michigan region is beginning to see an economic impact due to climate change, and we discussed local, state and national preparedness and ideas on managing the issue.

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
1/3/21	Health Care, Elder Community – Renee Parham, Life Enrichment & Dementia Manager at Clark Retirement Community discussed their music therapy and Montessori programs. She addressed safety precautions for the residents. Homelessness, COVID - Mayor Rosalynn Bliss in her Mayor’s report also discussed the city’s COVID precautions, especially for the homeless, and talked about their collaboration with Mel Trotter and Guiding Light Mission addressing the homeless problem.
1/10/21	Energy Assistance - Cheryl Stafford of DTE Energy and Rev. Deidric Tupper of New Faith Temple discussed the DTE Energy Assistance program helping those unable to pay their heating bills.

	<p>Health – Epilepsy is a more serious problem than people realize, and Dr. Gregory Krauss, professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins, and his patient, Matt, discussed new, successful treatments</p>
1/17/21	<p>Climate, Weather, Health – Matt McKillop, senior researcher at Trust for America’s Health, discussed the Johns Hopkins University report on states preparedness with climate change and how it is affecting our health.</p> <p>Homelessness, Non-Profits – Mayor Rosalynn Bliss updated the City’s and non-profits collaboration helping the homeless.</p> <p>Domestic Violence, Crime – Mayor Bliss discussed the increasing homicide rate in our community and the strategic plan to address it.</p>
1/24/21	<p>Health, AIDS, COVID – Chip Lyons, president and CEO of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation discussed how COVID 19 has affected those with AIDS, in addition to the progress made in addressing Pediatric AIDS.</p> <p>Economy – Andi Gray President of Strategy Leaders, a small business consulting firm, discussed the damage thus far to small businesses during the pandemic and what steps need to be taken to support small business.</p>
1/31/21	<p>Health, Self Help, Covid-19, Mental Health – Troy Nix, motivational speaker, discussed how COVID 19 has affected our mental and physical health, and suggested ways to find a purpose and hope in difficult times.</p> <p>Health, COVID 19, Vaccines – Brian Brassler of Spectrum Health discussed the new vaccines and the vaccination clinics opening up. He addressed the hospitals ability to treat COVID patients and that they are in excellent shape.</p>
2/7/21	<p>Health, Food Safety – Meredith Carothers of the USDA discussed keeping you safe from foodborne illness, especially during the Super Bowl. She addressed proper ways to clean, cook and store food.</p> <p>Health, Home Health Care, COVID – Kelly Wierenga, Administrator of Atrio Home Health, discussed telehealth services, and delivering health care during a pandemic.</p>
2/14/21	<p>Mental Health, COVID, Social Unrest – Nick Nicholas, author of Reclaiming My Life, discussed the rise of fear and anxiety during the pandemic and social unrest. He addressed ways to help your mental state and eliminate negativity.</p>
2/21/21	<p>Economy, Political – Dr. Anita Chandra Vice President and Director of RAND Social and Economic Well Being group, discussed their survey about the importance of re-opening the economy. She addressed the public’s mistrust of government findings in their survey.</p> <p>Health – Dr. HJelen Boucher, Chief of Division of Geographic Medicine at Tufts Medical Center, discussed confidence in the vaccines, their safety and possible side effects.</p> <p>Housing Special Needs Adults – Sara Boven, founder of Homes Giving Hope, a local organization, explained the creation of their independent living community for special needs adults.</p>
2/28/21	<p>Health Care – Jeff Margolis, Chairman of WellTok Health Organization discussed their focus on improving health care in the U.S. and creating health care rather than sick care.</p>

	<p>Health, COVID 19, Vaccinations – Dr. Ernest Grant, American Nurses Association President discussed the associations teaming with the Ad Council to encourage everyone to get vaccinated through a new Ad campaign.</p>
3/7/21	<p>Homelessness – Veronika Scott, founder of Michigan’s Empowerment Plan, teamed up with Chevrolet and the local Mel Trotter Ministries to hand out 150 coats to the homeless that transform into sleeping bags. She discussed their drive to empower people out of homelessness.</p> <p>Health/Cystic Fibrosis – Laura Bonnell of the Bonnell Foundation, discussed the foundations ability to assist families living with Cystic Fibrosis and connect them with available resources.</p>
3/14/21	<p>Economy – Rod Robertson, Managing Partner of Briggs Capital, discussed the damage COVID has done to the economy and opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses if they adapt.</p> <p>Technology, Teen Safety – Titania Jordan, author of Parenting in a Tech World, discussed the online behavior of a teen, how parents can monitor a child, yet keep their privacy intact.</p> <p>Health/COVID Variants – Dr. Carlos Del Rio, Professor of Medicine/Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine, discussed the vaccine’s, their safety and efficacy, especially against the new variants.</p>
3/21/21	<p>Economy/Real Estate – Walter Perschbacher of Greenridge Realty, discussed the rebounding economy in West Michigan and how real estate is helping.</p> <p>Finance – John Smallwood, President of Smallwood Wealth Management, discussed how families are losing their wealth after a generation or two, the mistakes they make, and how to correct them.</p>
3/28/21	<p>Nutrition, Health – Dr. John La Puma, co-founder of ChefMD, discussed ways to eat healthier during the Pandemic to bolster the immune system.</p> <p>Health/Autoimmune Pandemic – Dr. Steven Phillips, specializing in management of complex vector-borne infections, and his patient, Dana Parish, discussed autoimmune disorders seen during the pandemic and people called “long-haulers” and proper management of their recovery.</p> <p>Health/Vaccinations – Dr. Cedric Rutland from the American Lung Association, discussed the COVID Vaccination, the skepticism within the Black community and what the Lung Association is offering to provide those who remain skeptical encouragement to get vaccinated.</p>