

JANUARY 2016 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY JAN 5TH

7:10-7:20am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzeella called up to talk about his swearing in ceremony the night before. Dean spoke about his tenure as the longest Mayor in the Commonwealth. He talked about some upcoming projects for 2016 including working towards a new police station for the City. He wrapped up talking about his appearance coming up at night on the Howie Carr Show.

8:10-8:20am

Newly elected Fitchburg Mayor Stephen Dinatale spoke about his swearing in ceremony yesterday morning. Dinatale spoke about his experiences going to school in Fitchburg and raising a family in Fitchburg. He spoke about his experience as a State Representative and how it can help in managing the City and how the relationships he has built will help Fitchburg. Dinatale spoke about the current Governor and his administration's commitment to improving Central Massachusetts. He wrapped things up talking about his excitement in being able to have a more direct impact on Fitchburg's future.

WEDNESDAY JAN 6TH

7:10-8:00am

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau spoke about his first year as Chief in Fitchburg. Martineau spoke about some of his goals the past year including instituting a program involving reserve police officers. He also spoke about his commitment to community policing and getting more officers out on the beat. He spoke about the importance of increasing interactions with officers and the public and ending the barrier of the police car door. Martineau spoke about his effort to increase relations and communications between the department and the public in 2016. He spoke about his department's ongoing battle against heroin. Martineau also spoke about how the department addresses homelessness and services that are offered. He wrapped things up talking about the ATV accident and spoke about safety regarding ATVs and snowmobiles and winter driving.

FRIDAY JAN 15TH

7:00-8:00am

State Representative Jen Benson was in studio for the second hour of the program. State Rep Benson spoke about the brand new opioid legislation that the house passed this week. Benson spoke about the details of the bill and how they were able to build on the proposals from the Senate and Governor Charlie Baker to craft their version. Benson also spoke about working on last year's budget and copper theft bill. She also spoke about working on the budget for 2016 and the challenges ahead.

7:40-7:50am

Beth Robbins, Administrative Assistant for the Fitchburg Recreation Department, spoke about Volunteerfest happening at Riverfront Park. Robbins talked about the different volunteer groups from the City of Fitchburg that will be represented at the event and

ways that the public can get involved in these groups. She also spoke about the importance of volunteering in Fitchburg and how it is a great way to get involved and give back to the community.

WEDNESDAY JAN 20TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella sat in for the hour. The first topic covered was the most recent election and his being selected as Mayor of Leominster again this year. Mazzarella spoke about several projects over the past year they have been working on in the city including the Whitney Street Bridge before moving onto the start of the Mechanic Street project that has begun. He spoke about taking parts of property by eminent domain being needed to fix things properly and make the conditions better for residents. He went onto talk about the project slated for Central Street improvements that will cost more than nine million dollars in upgrades. Mazzarella spoke about the Leominster Crime Stoppers tip organization and about the police department's decision to begin posting a top five most wanted list on their Facebook page. We spoke about community policing and "see something, say something" Mazzarella also provided an update on working towards a new police station and the city council's progress. The city is still deciding on using the former plastics museum or buying a new piece of property and building a new station. He spoke about the potential impact on taxes for residents and let them know that it is the time to speak to the city and voice their opinion on either side of the matter.

THURSDAY JAN 21ST

7:40-8:00am

Democratic candidate for State Representative of the 3rd Worcester District, Joseph D. Byrne, sat in the studio to talk about his campaign leading up to the primary on february 2nd. Byrne spoke about his platform and the fact that he would be a full time state representative, having retired from his insurance business. Byrne gave the listeners insight into his insurance business background and how his experience as a business owner and veteran would help him in the position. Byrne spoke of a need to attract new business to the area He also talked about need to repurpose old buildings in the city so they don't sit vacant and decaying. Byrne talked about a need to work across party lines and advocate for Central MA. He also talked about his desire to work to end the opioid epidemic in the area and the need to have more resources available for addicts.

WEDNESDAY JAN 27TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella dropped in to talk about beginning his newest term as mayor. Mazzarella spoke about the last year and what he had been working on in his last mayoral term. He spoke about the Centennial celebration, the ocmpletion of the Whitney Street bridge. He also spoke about the upcoming Mechanic Street improvement project, all the steps needed before the project could even begin, as well as the overall plan for the area. Mazzarella spoke about improvements to sidewalks throughout the area. He also talked about Leominster Police posting a most wanted list on social media and its implications for the department and those on the list, and he also went on to talk about

community policing and its benefits. He wrapped up with an update on a potential new police station. He talked about the options on the table and let the public know that now is the time for their voices to be heard on both sides of the situation; they are looking for all feedback.

8:00-8:30am

City Councilor and Executive Director at Ginny's Helping Hand and Food Pantry, Sue Chalifoux Zephir, came in to talk about the pantry. She spoke about Ginny's motto of offering a hand up, not a hand out. She talked about the items that are needed for donations in terms of food and items for the cold weather. She talked about the different services offered by the organization and the new partnership with the Spanish American Center to provide meals for those who are in need throughout the week.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

7:40-8:00am

Candidate for State Representative in the Worcester Third District, Joe Byrne, dropped in to talk about his campaign and platform. Byrne spoke about his business background and how it sets him apart from the competition. He also spoke about being able to work in the position in a full time capacity. Byrne spoke about the opioid epidemic in Central MA and what we need to do to curb it. He also spoke about his position on medical marijuana and the need to bring more business to the Fitchburg and Lunenburg area.

FEBRUARY 2016 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY FEB 3RD

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Police Chief, Ernie Martineau, was in the studio. He started off talking about the coordination between local and state authorities in attempting to capture the suspect in a Virginia slaying who fled to Fitchburg. Martineau also spoke about the money the District Attorney's Office received in a grant to purchase Narcan for local departments. Martineau spoke about how this will help better equip his officers and the fire department. He spoke about a pilot program with AdCare in Worcester for intervention for those in an overdose situation to get them treatment following their revival. Martineau also spoke about the Face to Face program to bring drug education to the schools. Chief Martineau also talked about the clean up of the River Street homeless camp that the Department and the City broke up following a death and a fire. He talked about their partnership with Our Father's House. The hour wrapped up with a quick chat on people needing to slow down and be cautious of students and people walking in the City.

THURSDAY FEB 4TH

7:00-8:00am

Mary and Kathy Goguen dropped in to represent the Fitchburg Republican City Committee. They started off talking about the results of the State Primary Election for the Special Election for State Representative of the Worcester 3rd District. They also touched on the Iowa Caucus. Mary and Kathy talked about their plans to see several of the

Republican candidates in New Hampshire. They wrapped up their segment talking about their upcoming FATV show and their guest feature with Dean Tran.

FRIDAY FEB 5TH

7:00-7:30am

State Representative Jen Benson called in for a half hour of the program. Representative Benson talked about the budget process and how everything must be wrapped up by July. She talked about what goes into putting the budget together and how formal sessions will work..

WEDNESDAY FEB 10TH

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale was in studio for the hour. DiNatale spoke about his recent election and his plans for the city moving forward. He spoke about his campaign and how he plans to implement ideas he discussed with voters. He also talked about his desire to become Mayor as opposed to remaining as a State Representative. DiNatale talked about how his experience as a State Representative will help him in leading the city and wrapped up by speaking about upcoming events in the City.

TUESDAY FEB 16TH

8:40-8:50am

Melissa Tasca, Leominster's Business Development Coordinator stopped into the morning show to talk about the upcoming Restaurant Week happening citywide. Tasca talked about the restaurants involved in this year's week. She talked about some of the different breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Tasca talked about the history and expansion of the Restaurant Week. She talked about the different price points and where to find more information.

WEDNESDAY FEB 17TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella sat in for an hour for his monthly visit. He spoke about the upcoming Restaurant Week. He talked about how it first came together and how it has expanded each year since. He talked about the importance of supporting local restaurants and small businesses in the area. Mazzarella talked about the recent announcement of the reverse commute train that will be headed west to Fitchburg each morning from Boston. He talked about how important this is for not just Leominster, but the surrounding areas and how it gives a competitive edge for news businesses. Mazzarella wrapped up by talking about additional events happening in Leominster.

WEDNESDAY FEB 24TH

7:00-7:30am

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke called into the studio instead of coming in. He talked about the school delay and how they change their approach when it comes to dealing with weather depending on the storm. Hawke talked about the recent allocation of 300,000 dollars for school repairs. He talked about some of the smaller projects, things like clocks, bells, etc. that have ripple effects and need to be fixed. He talked about some of

the bigger issues like boilers needing to be fixed. Hawke also spoke about attending the recent MBTA transportation meeting and the announcement of the reverse commute train. He spoke about wanting to bring the lines out to the Gardner and Westminster area along the Route 2 corridor. He spoke about his understanding that the existing lines need to be fixed before this expansion can happen.

MARCH 2016 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY MAR 2ND

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Police Chief, Ernie Martineau, sat in for the hour. He started off talking about how the department teamed up with Our Father's House to provide shelter for local residents who needed to escape the cold. The Department set up a temporary shelter. He spoke about the opportunity to foster a connection with the residents who came in out of the cold and how it give his officers a whole new perspective into the struggles of homeless individuals. Martineau talked about ongoing Narcan training at the community health center, and talked about the department's ongoing battle against the opioid epidemic. The department will be teaming up with the DA's office and a local organization to provide more treatment helps for overdose patients, and the department will have an official announcement coming up. Martineau also spoke about the recent development in a cold case where a Fitchburg woman was identified by remains discovered years ago in Boston.

THURSDAY MAR 3RD

7:00-8:00am

Mary and Kathy from the Fitchburg Republican City Committee sat in for the hour. They started off discussing the results of the Super Tuesday elections here in the Commonwealth and in other states. They talked about the discourse in the current Presidential election and how a lot of it has been resorting to name calling as opposed to proposing ideas on how to move the nation forward. They talked about how heated the election has become not just among candidates but among voters and within both parties. The women also talked about the amount of people enrolling in the Republican Party and how this could affect elections. They wrapped up talking about the latest episode of "Something You Should Know" on FATV.

FRIDAY MAR 4TH

7:00-8:00am

State Representative Jen Benson was in for the hour during the K-Zone Morning Kommute. She talked with Travis and Bill about the results of the Super Tuesday Primary results in the Commonwealth and across the country. They spoke about the hostile language and opinions that are being openly presented at Donald Trump rallies. Benson spoke about illegal immigration and the President's track record when it comes to illegal immigration. She talked about the partisan politics on the national level and how it does not work in Massachusetts. She talked about her and her colleagues' need to work on both sides of the aisle and the respect that they have for each other here in the commonwealth. Benson cited examples of how they all work together to team up for

events and bills in order to move things forward and govern the commonwealth. She also spoke about raising the solar cap in Lunenburg and what this means for solar projects moving forward.

TUESDAY MAR 8TH

7:40-8:00am

Lauren Mountain from the United Way Youth Venture Program administered by Mount Wachusett Community College. Mountain talked about how the program started up in 2002. She talked about the over 6500 students actively involved in the program throughout Central MA. She talked about their partnerships with local schools and how the students get involved in teams and develop projects to better their community. She brought along two students to talk about their community projects. Mountain talked about their Open House event happening this week.

WEDNESDAY MAR 9TH

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale sat in for the hour. He talked about his participation in Read Across America at several Fitchburg schools including one in Pepperell he has been attending since his tenure as State Representative. He talked about the Winterfest at Cogshall Park. DiNatale spoke about the importance of Cogshall and other local parks in Fitchburg. He talked about drawing businesses to downtown Fitchburg to revitalize the City. He spoke about the need to improve services like high speed internet and other services to make the downtown area viable for businesses they are looking to attract. He talked about working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, along with city cleanup efforts.

WEDNESDAY MAR 16TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella was in for the hour. He began talking about Daylight Savings Time. He also talked about a recent report on unemployment rate within the Central MA area. He spoke about the need to continue to work towards creating new jobs for those who are still unemployed or underemployed. Mazzarella talked about the political rhetoric surrounding the election and how it divides the public and distracts us from the inaction of our politicians. Mazzarella also spoke about winter funds leftover and how they will be used for sidewalk, road, and equipment repairs. He also talked about a recent analysis of downtown Leominster. He talked about some ideas they are consider implementing, others they will not do. He wrapped up with a discussion about Devens and an RFP into its affects on Fitchburg, Gardner and Leominster. He also talked about the upcoming Taste of Leominster event and the free tree planting program in the City.

WEDNESDAY MAR 23RD

7:00-8:00am

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke was in studio. He talked about demolishing the old cinema. He spoke about the cost to remove old buildings, explaining costs for remediation, tearing it down and disposing of everything. He explained how what citizens may think is

an easy project can actually cost the taxpayers a great deal of money and explained why it is more advantageous to sell off the properties and let the private sector take care of it. Hawke spoke about the Massworks grant awarded to Gardner and how some funds are being used to tear down the LaRoche building. He also spoke about the Garbose building in Gardner. He talked about absentee building owners that let buildings fall into states of disrepair but refuse to sell back to the city.