

JANUARY 2017 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS WPKZ 105.3 FM & AM 1280

TUESDAY JAN 3RD

7:40-8:00am

Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy dropped in to talk with Travis and Sherman about a couple recent fires that the city responded to. He also spent time talking using alternative heating sources during the Winter. He talked tips about safe placement of generators to avoid issues with carbon monoxide and he also talked about the importance of fire and carbon monoxide detectors and why the city requires them to be hardwired. He also talked about responding to calls during Winter conditions.

WEDNESDAY JAN 4TH

7:10-8:00am

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau sat in with Travis and Sherman for the hour. Chief Martineau talked about winter driving tips and reminders. He also spoke about the need to continue battling the city's opioid crisis in 2017. Chief Martineau talked about the new report showing where OUI offenders had their last drinks in the state, and how to combat drinking behind the wheel.

THURSDAY JAN 5TH

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Republican City Committee members Mary and Kathy sat in with Travis and Sherman for the hour. They talked about the latest updates to President Elect Donald Trump's cabinet. They also spoke about President Obama's comments about winning a third term and why they believe Trump was able to win. They also talked about the controversy surrounding Trump's tweets. Mary and Kathy talked about the budget deficit we are facing here in MA and finished up talking up the latest episode of their FATV show, "Your Right To Know"

FRIDAY JAN 6TH

7:00-8:00am

State Representative Jen Benson sat in with Travis, Sherman and Billy Thomas to talk about her fourth term, and pieces of legislation she was able to pass and pieces she was not able to get passed. Benson also spent time talking about the budget deficit, marijuana legislation, and her work with diabetes and healthcare legislation here in MA.

THURSDAY JAN 12TH

7:00-8:00am

Newly elected State Representative of the 4th Worcester District Leominster, Natalie Higgins, sits down with Travis and Sherman to talk about being sworn in and her first pieces of legislation. Natalie Higgins also spends time talking about the state budget, marijuana, healthcare and more issues facing the current legislative session.

WEDNESDAY JAN 18TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzeella joined Travis, Sherman and Jack to talk about what is happening in the City. With the overnight snowstorm, Mazzeella talked about the City's proactive efforts, cleaning snow on sidewalks and the City's current parking ban structure. He also talked about bringing back Neighborhood Grants to the five city wards, and money for improvements to Doyle Field. He also spent time talking about water/sewer rates and property taxes, and upcoming city events.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

8:00-9:00am

State Senator Jen Flanagan joined Travis and Sherman to talk about being elected to another term in the State Senate. Jen reflected on her previous term, and spent time talking about legislation she will be working on in the upcoming session as well as issues facing the state as a whole. She also talked about the new domestic violence and substance abuse toolkit that her and other members of WomenIn Government have made available online.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

7:00-7:30am

State Representative Stephan Hay spoke about his first partial term in the House and now the start of his full term and having more time to file bills, more time to be prepared for the upcoming session. Hay talked about the bills that he submitted for the current session including banning hidden compartments in vehicles to ensure officer safety, another bill requiring funeral directors to make veterans benefits clear to families of the deceased, as well as co-sponsoring a bill to raise pay for early childhood educators. Hay also spoke about closing a gap that allows for "double dipping" with worker's comp in Fitchburg. Hay also spoke about Baker's upcoming State of the Commonwealth Address.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

7:00-8:00am

Garnder Mayor Mark Hawke talked about attending the State of the Commonwealth Address by Governor Charlie Baker. Hawke spoke about Baker's address and his thoughts on Baker's performance and commitment to Central MA. He also spoke about Baker's actions and their direct impact to Central MA versus former Governor Deval Patrick. Hawke spoke about proposition 2 ½ as well as his own State of the City Address.

FEBRUARY 2017 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS WPKZ 105.3 FM & AM 1280

WEDNESDAY FEB 1ST

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Police Chief, Ernie Martineau, was in the studio. He started off talking about the winter weather and how the department changes their approach and concerns when dealing with emergency situations. Martineau also spoke about enforcement of the winter parking ban and how only instituting it during storms has been much more beneficial to both the city and residents. Martineau spoke about partnering with the Worcester DA's office and working with AdCare to help opiate addicts who are in crisis thanks to a pilot

grant program. Martineau also spoke about the legalization of marijuana and how the department is having to navigate and change its approach.

FRIDAY FEB 5TH

7:00-8:00am

State Representative Jen Benson spoke to Travis, Billy, and Sherman about voting in favor of pay raises for top legislative leaders. She spoke about the House decision to support the bill that Baker was opposed to. Benson explained their reasoning for the vote in favor of the raises despite talk of cuts to other areas.

TUESDAY FEB 7TH

7:30-8:00am

Fitchburg Fire Lieutenant Phil Jordan came in to talk about fire prevention with Travis and Sherman. Jordan spoke about efforts to reach out and educate the community about fire prevention. He also spent time talking about the requirement for hardwired detectors in homes as well as precautions to take during the heating season.

WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH

7:00-8:00am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale spoke about the City's response to the recent winter weather. DiNatale also spoke about the upcoming State of the City Address. DiNatale spoke about addressing blight in the City. He also spoke about working to revitalize and reshape downtown Fitchburg and bring business back to the city. DiNatale also spoke about the need to bring high speed internet to downtown and other businesses that still do not have access.

THURSDAY FEB 9TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster State Representative Natalie Higgins came in and spoke about voting in favor of pay raises for top legislative leaders. She spoke about the House decision to support the bill. Higgins spoke at length about several bills she was able to submit and co-sponsor for the deadline. Higgins talked about the bills she worked on regarding domestic violence and higher education. She also talked about her availability for constituents.

WEDNESDAY FEB 15TH

7:00-8:00am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella started off talking about the DPW's response to the recent winter storms. Mazzarella also spoke about using a flamingo in Leominster to predict Spring. He also talked about the City getting recognized for its efforts to make the city more autism friendly. Mazzarella also spoke about the upcoming Restaurant Week, and proposed changes to the hotel tax.

TUESDAY FEB 21ST*8:10-8:20am*

Furqan Mehmud from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Wil Darcangelo from the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church came in to talk about the community meeting event they are having.

WEDNESDAY FEB 22ND*7:00-8:00am*

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke came in the studio to bring listeners up to speed with the latest Gardner news. He started off talking about recently getting approval for funding for a new elementary school. Hawke also spoke about the benefits of investing in schools in the City. Hawke spoke about the demolition of the old Gardner Movie Theatre, as well as working to remove other blighted buildings in the City. Hawke also spent time talking about entries for the snow sculpture contest in the City.

THURSDAY FEB 23RD*7:40-8:00am*

US Representative Niki Tsongas talked about her visit to Fitchburg to meet with Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale, as well as her visit to Heywood Hospital to talk about the ramifications of the pending repeal of the Affordable Care Act as well as meeting with Daniel Asquino, retiring President of MWCC, and a meeting with a family that started a program after losing a family member to opioid addiction. Tsongas also talked about the questions and conversations they have been having in DC regarding health care. Tsongas indicated there has been no talk across the aisles. Tsongas also talked about Trump's recent announcements on immigration.

MARCH 2017 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS WPKZ 105.3 FM & AM 1280**WEDNESDAY MAR 1ST***7:00-8:00am*

Fitchburg Police Chief, Ernie Martineau, sat in for the hour. Martineau started off talking about the city's concentrated effort to combat opioid abuse. He also spoke about an upcoming partnership with Fitchburg State University. Martineau spoke again about the enforcement of winter parking bans and how the Department's approach to responding to situations changes when dealing with Winter weather.

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 recent decision by Beacon Hill to approve raises for top legislative leaders. They also spoke about President Donald Trump's use of social media and whether or not he should alter his approach. They also talked about his recent announcements regarding immigration and health care. They spent the remainder of the show talking about their FATV show, "Your Right To Know" and how it will cover the opioid epidemic in Central MA.

FRIDAY MAR 4TH*7:00-8:30am*

State Representative Jen Benson was in for the hour. She spent time talking about the pieces of legislation she filed in this current session. Benson also spoke about working on the supplemental budget and starting to look at the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Benson also spoke about her most recent committee appointments as well as some events she recently attended in her district.

TUESDAY MAR 7TH*7:00-8:00am*

Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy talked about some recent fires that the city worked on, and how important it is for hydrants as well as paths to houses to be dug out. Chief Roy talked about some unique challenges presented by icy and snowy conditions when responding to blazes. He also talked about the additional concern about carbon monoxide when it comes to alternative heating sources.

WEDNESDAY MAR 8TH*7:00-8:00am*

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale sat in for the hour. The first thing DiNatale addressed was the recent court ruling against the City in a lawsuit from a former candidate for police chief in the City, saying they were weighing their options and planning on the next course of action. DiNatale talked about the new community breakfast being put on by the New Life Spanish Christian Church and his relationship with different ethnic and religious communities in the City. DiNatale also talked about the recent announcement of money being awarded for STEM projects in the City. DiNatale also talked about crime being down in the city.

THURSDAY MAR 9TH*7:00-8:00am*

Leominster State Representative Natalie Higgins talked about the Spanish American Center and getting to pair up with neighboring colleagues and communities through the new community breakfast in Fitchburg. Higgins talked about her committee assignments in higher education, mental health, and community development/small business. Higgins talked about how her experience will help her in these new roles. She also spoke about how the repeal of the Affordable Care Act will affect the State in terms of subsidies and grants. Higgins also talked about UMass Memorial in Worcester toying with cutting psychiatric beds and an upcoming forum the city council is having in Worcester. Higgins spoke about her availability and efforts to reach out and make appointments at senior places of living to be more accessible to the older population.

TUESDAY MAR 14TH*7:40-8:00am*

Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy called into the K-Zone Morning Commute to speak with Travis and Sherman about today's Winter Storm Stella. Chief Roy also talked about important precautions with downed power lines, broken pipes, clearing vents, and using generators. He also talked about the Department's response during winter storms.

TUESDAY MAR 21ST*7:40-8:00am*

United States Air Force Recruiters T. Sgt. Chignola, T. Sgt. Scott, and Lt. Sgt. Navarez talked about their experiences in the Air Force. They also spent time talking about their individuals careers in the Air Force prior to serving as recruiters and they also spoke about some of the educational and other benefits available to those who serve.

WEDNESDAY MAR 22ND*7:00-8:00am*

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke spend time talking about continued demolition in Gardner on Parker Street. Hawke spoke about the process of demolition with removal of hazardous material, work with utility companies, dealing with surrounding buildings, weather delays and the actual demolition. Hawke also talked about the urban renewal plan in Gardner and where residents can go online to view it. He also spent time talking about being at the ceremony celebrating new US citizens at Mount Wachusett Community College. Hawke also talked about new business coming to the downtown area and the ongoing partnership with MWCC.

FRIDAY MAR 24TH*7:00-8:00am*

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella spoke about the City's new See Click Fix App. Mazzarella talked about how the app is helping to streamline the process of fixing potholes and other issues. Mazzarella also spoke about interest from companies wanting to open medical marijuana dispensaries in the City as well as whether or not it is worth it to open recreational marijuana stores in the area. Mazzarella also talked about the City Council passing a new noise ordinance.

TUESDAY MAR 27TH*7:00-8:00am*

State Representative Stephan Hay spoke about his committee appointments and work on the marijuana policy committee. He spoke about the meetings already held and the ones planned coming up throughout the State to hear input from local officials and residents regarding recreational marijuana. Hay spoke about his other committee appointments and how they can help put him in a great position to advocate for Fitchburg, and he also talked about working with legislators in North Central MA regardless of party to advocate for the needs of Northern Worcester County.