

JULY 2020 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau began his segment talking about an uptick in vehicle break-ins overnight. He reiterated the need to lock vehicles and remove valuables. He also urged listeners to remain vigilant. Chief Martineau talked about the importance of not leaving pets and children in cars, and instructed listeners to call 911 right away if they encounter a situation. Martineau talked about residential break-ins not increasing when looking at the same time frame in the last year but reminded people to use discretion depending on where they live, and know their situation in terms of leaving windows and doors open during the summer. He talked about an incident where someone was able to infiltrate scanner apps and make vulgar and inappropriate comments making it seem like it was the department, and talked about this happening to other departments as well. A local caller, Walter, called in to ask the chief about fireworks in his neighborhood. Chief Martineau spent time talking about the amount of calls, emails and complaints they are receiving, and adjusting deployment to cut down. Martineau talked about confiscation, enforcement, and penalties. He finished up talking about the recent demonstration following the death of George Floyd. He talked about local conversations and a need to invest in change and not defunding.

8:10-8:20AM

Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy called in and touched on his retirement and the upcoming transition with new chief Anthony Marrama. Roy reflected a bit on his experience, and his extension allowing him to finish the firefighter memorial project. Chief Roy talked about some of the biggest changes during his time with the department being safety changes. He addressed recent fires due to fireworks involving brush and one fence that caught on fire. He talked about the dangers regarding firework usage, not just in terms of injuries, but fires as well. Chief Roy wrapped up talking about what he will most about working in the firehouse each day and gave some advice to firefighters about carrying on the tradition of the department.

THURSDAY JULY 2ND

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Republican City Committee members Mary and Kathy called in for their monthly segment. They began their segment addressing the President's response to COVID-19. Mary did concede that his messaging has been chaotic, and that she says that is going to be expected with such a fluid situation and spikes are expected with increased testing. Kathy addressed the President taking a seemingly opposite stance in terms of Dr. Fauci in terms of reopening and masks. The two of them also addressed Governor Baker's response, saying that more freedom needs to be given to the public and businesses, and that people have the tools and knowledge to

be responsible. The two of them addressed police reform discussions down in Washington DC and said that it is another issue where they will not find common ground; this also morphed into a conversation about the lack of willingness to work or compromise on any issue. The two suggested that police reform be left up to states to decide. Mary and Kathy addressed the voter turnout in the recent Gardner special election and finished up talking about the latest episode of Your Right To Know on FATV.

FRIDAY JULY 3RD

7:40-8:00AM

37th Middlesex District State Representative Danillo Sena called in for his monthly segment. Sena talked about working from home and beginning his term as a new legislator. Sena talked about a recent vote in favor of appropriating funds for roads and bridges, and allowing vote by mail. Sena talked about his hope that the budget will include more funds for his district for education. Sena spent some time talking about vote by mail legislation and his hope that it will increase voter turnout and allow for a safer experience. Sena talked about joining the progressive and latino caucuses. Sena talked about legislating over Zoom, and voting from home. He also reiterated the importance of filling out the 2020 US Census. He wrapped up talking about the historical impact of being the first Brazilian-American elected to the state legislature.

8:10-8:30AM

Gardner's new mayor elect Mike Nicholson called in to speak about winning the recent election. Nicholson gave a timeline for his swearing in and small socially distanced ceremony. He also talked working as both Rutland's Town Administrator and Gardner Mayor and when he expects to wrap up his time in Rutland. Nicholson talked about wrapping up his Rutland duties and prepping the position for the next person. Nicholson spoke to his communication with acting Gardner Mayor Elizabeth Kazinskas and his past working relationship with her in her role as City Council President, and how that will be of a benefit moving forward. Nicholson talked about putting together a budget with so much revenue uncertainty with everything going on with the COVID-19 pandemic. Nicholson talked about the need to review the City Charter and possibly updating it. He wrapped up speaking about the downtown paving project.

TUESDAY JULY 7TH

7:40-8:00AM

Recently retired Fire Chief Kevin Roy joined newly appointed Fitchburg Fire Chief Anthony Marrama. The two talked about working together through the transition from one chief to another. Chief Roy once again reflected on his tenure as chief. Chief Marrama talked about the start of his tenure. He also talked about recent fireworks calls.

WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH

7:10-8:00AM.

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale. Mayor DiNatale talked about kicking off the 4th of July with the firing of the historic cannons on Rollstone Hill and having to postpone the traditional Fitchburg Civic Days activities and fireworks. He talked about the cannons and their connection to the strong military history in the City. Mayor DiNatale spoke about the 1/12 budget for July as opposed to a yearly budget and how it can only be done for 3 months. He talked about the pressures of trying to work out a budget with so many questions about revenues and what will be coming in terms of aid from the State. Mayor DiNatale also spoke about the challenge of looking ahead to planning for the upcoming school year based on guidelines and recommendations handed down by the State. He wrapped up talking about the retirement of Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy and the appointment of Chief Anthony Marrama in his place as selected by the city council and not DiNatale.

THURSDAY JULY 9TH

7:10-8:00AM

State Representative Natalie Higgins talked about handling constituent unemployment claims. Higgins also spent time talking about Leominster's passing of a budget and the school budget, and potential staff cuts. Higgins spent time talking about what the school year may look like in the Fall across the Commonwealth. Higgins also addressed the stabilization fund and what it can or cannot be used for. Higgins also talked about discussions surrounding police reform and said they are expecting to take a bill up in the House in the coming weeks. She talked about the Leominster Police Department and its incorporation of social workers and a holistic approach to domestic violence, drug use, and homelessness. She talked about supporting more social programs and taking those responsibilities off of the plate of police. Higgins also talked about Chapter 90 funds and the bill that passed in the House that did not get agreement from the Senate.

FRIDAY JULY 10TH

8:10-8:20AM

Fitchburg Republican City Committee member Mary Lotze called in to talk about President Trump's rally planned in New Hampshire. Lotze talked about protocols placed into effect for COVID-19 and whether she thought attendance would be affected. Lotze spoke about attending rallies and how seeing a candidate live can really change how you see them. She also talked about making an effort to see candidates in your own party and those of the other party as well. Lotze also talked about how crucial a New Hampshire win will be for the President in November's election.

TUESDAY JULY 14TH

7:40-7:50AM

Envoy Lynnette Valentine from the Fitchburg Salvation Army called in to talk about changes to their food pantry. Valentine talked about changes made to hours of distribution and the process of picking up food from the pantry to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. Valentine talked about drive-thru hours being offered in the afternoons on the second Tuesday of the month to allow more flexibility. She talked about the continued increased need. She also spent time talking about their summer program that has gone virtual for children, and the meals they are continuing to provide the youth during it.

8:10-8:30AM

Jen Benson, President of the Alliance for Business Leadership, and Scott Graves, Executive Director of the Wachusett Business Incubator, called in. Benson talked about the ABL and its mission. Graves talked about the role of the Wachusett Business Incubator in terms of helping implement business plans and its leadership candidate program. The two spent time talking about the biggest issues facing the business community and area residents in terms of work opportunities and healthcare amid COVID-19, transportation, and access to housing close to work. Benson talked about how the ABL seeks to work with policy makers to address these issues and the importance of progressive business leaders who are looking to improve the community at large.

WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH

7:10-8:00AM

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella called in for his monthly segment. Mazzarella talked about the pink slip situation in Leominster and the fact that the education budget and the overall city budget are still not set. He talked about the unknowns in terms of what the financial situation will actually look like while still waiting to hear from the state. He talked about stabilization funds being used for one time use and not supplementing departmental budgets. Mazzarella also talked about progress being made with the new police station project. He talked about the retirement of Police Chief Michael Goldman and the appointment of Lt. Aaron Kennedy as acting chief. He talked about having a permanent chief named by the start of the new year. He also spent time talking about the Futures Collegiate Baseball League's Worcester Bravehearts coming to Doyle Field. He talked about the possibility of working with a team in the future and the feasibility of building a stadium at the former landfill near the highway.

FRIDAY JULY 17TH

8:10-8:30AM

Tom Skwierawski from the Fitchburg Community Development Office talked about their work from home situation. He talked about working right now to connect small businesses to local and federal funds and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. He talked about funding they have been able to provide to over 40 area businesses and the CARES Act funding they are distributing

through the CDBG funding to help with COVID-19 emergency spending. He also talked about efforts to help area businesses weather the COVID-19 closures.

TUESDAY JULY 21ST

7:40-8:00AM

Jeff Murawski, Deputy Wastewater Commissioner for Fitchburg, spent time talking about the major sewer separation project coming to the Water and School Streets area. Murawski talked about the scope and possible timeline of the project. He talked about the project being out to bid and their hope to break ground starting in September. Murawski also talked about funding for the project. Murawski also talked about sewer cleaning happening in the city. He talked about a recent neighborhood meeting for a smaller project on High View Street. He wrapped up talking about the riverbank stabilization project underway near the treatment plant to ensure that the city's pipes in the area are kept safe from damage.

WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND

7:10-7:50AM

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson called in. He began the segment talking about his swearing in and inauguration ceremony. Nicholson talked about working alongside acting mayor and city council president, Elizabeth Kasinzkas, to get up to speed on what is happening in the City. Nicholson talked about his communication with city departments, public health, first responders, and the hospital in navigating the COVID-19 response. He talked about the goal of opening City Hall to the public within the next month, while still allowing the online services that they've started to offer over the past several months. He also spent time talking about updating the city charter to clarify what an acting mayor can and cannot do following the past several months without a permanent leader. Nicholson gave an update on the timeline for the elementary school with the MSBA. He also talked about working on a budget with the unknowns in terms of revenue, local aid, and other state funding. He provided another update for the downtown paving project.

8:10-8:30AM

Congresswoman Lori Trahan talked about being cleared by the House Ethics Committee in regards to allegations surrounding her campaign finances. The Congresswoman spoke about the need for more relief for the District, calling for more direct relief payments to families, extending unemployment, and funding our state and local governments. Trahan talked about the State's response to COVID-19. She also talked about needing to be cautious with the reopening of schools and the need for the federal government to kick in funding to pay for added expenses. The Congresswoman addressed the President's recent briefing calling for the use of masks. Trahan also addressed the use of Federal troops in Portland and the ongoing protests and

demonstrations happening around the Country. Trahan talked about ending the politicising of the pandemic and protests.

THURSDAY JULY 23RD

7:10-7:30AM

Congressman Jim McGovern began addressing the passing of his colleague, Congressman John Lewis. McGovern talked about the legacy of Lewis and how to honor him. McGovern talked about the smaller distribution the Northeast has received in terms of food aid with COVID-19 distributions. He talked about increased hunger during the pandemic and how it will get worse as unemployment rises. He also talked about SNAP benefits. McGovern addressed the use of federal troops in Portland and the country's response to protests. McGovern also talked about a push to limit the President's ability to deploy the military in the US. McGovern talked about an amendment he voted on to remove troops from Afghanistan that ultimately did not pass. He also talked about visiting the Carter School residential development with State Representative Natalie Higgins and NewVue Communities and the importance of affordable housing.

FRIDAY JULY 24TH

8:10-9:00AM

State Senator Dean Tran began his segment talking about being appointed to the joint task force assigned to investigate the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. Tran talked about the deaths of the 76 veterans at the home and what he hopes the task force will accomplish. He talked about needing to find out how and why things were done the way they were and develop measures to avoid a similar situation in the future. Tran talked about his reasoning behind his "no" vote on the Senate's police reform bill and his concerns surrounding changes to qualified immunity. He spent time talking about the aspects he was in favor of like certifications, and removing certain techniques including chokeholds. He also said police should have been more directly involved in the talks surrounding the legislation. He also talked about the likelihood of it making out of conference committee and whether or not they would be extending their legislative session.

FRIDAY JULY 31ST

7:40-8:00AM

Glenn Fossa talked about his background as a lifelong resident of Fitchburg, and as a lieutenant with the Fitchburg Police Department who got his start back in the early '80s as a patrol officer. Fossa talked about his knowledge of policing as a reason for his concerns with how the House and Senate advanced legislation surrounding police reform. Fossa talked about what he believes are some of the biggest challenges facing the State as we head into the election. He talked about using his experience to look at things in a practical and bigger picture sense. He spoke about the needs to adequately fund roads, and being in favor of ballot question 1. He talked about being committed to constituents and being in communication with them in regards to their concerns.

Fossa also talked about how his experience stacks up against his opponent who has more traditional political experience.

AUGUST 2020 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY AUG 4TH

7:40-8:00AM

Fitchburg Fire Chief Anthony Marrama talked about transitioning into his new role. He talked about training with former Chief Roy for the past few weeks. He talked about the biggest adjustments moving to chief from shift deputy. He talked about learning the job in a pandemic client, working on a budget and through financial concerns. Marrama talked about their weekly COVID meetings and emergency management director Rich Liberatore's communication with MEMA and FEMA. Marrama talked about the challenges in battling a fire in the heat and humidity during the Summer. He also talked about dry conditions and precautions that residents should be taking, especially when it comes to smoking materials and recreational activities like ATVing. Chief Marrama talked about storm preparation in advance of the storm moving up the coast and how they prepare and respond during the event.

WEDNESDAY AUG 5TH

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau began talking about the new officers sworn in at the City Hall Offices. He talked about the challenges the officers had while navigating the police academy through the pandemic. Chief talked about how their field training will be conducted in the department under the pandemic challenges. Chief Martineau also talked about a major drug bust that involved Fitchburg, Leominster, and several other cities, and the work that goes into a major coordinated investigation involving federal authorities. Chief gave his thoughts on the police reform legislation in the works on Beacon Hill. He talked about the need to have ongoing conversations and to continue making efforts to improve policing and his support for certification and concerns around current legislation, as well as the need to include officers in the conversation.

THURSDAY AUG 6TH

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Republican City Committee members Mary and Kathy. The two talked about the likelihood of the conventions for Republicans and Democrats being held virtually. They talked about the morphing of conventions into more of a formality and a chance to show off their candidates with pomp and circumstance. They also talked about the platforms becoming less of a focal point in the conventions with both parties pretty set in what they stand for and support.

Mary and Kathy talked about debates, how many we really need, and the need to move them up before the mail in ballots are sent out. They also talked about holding debates during the COVID-19 pandemic. They also reassessed the President's handling of the Pandemic, and whether it will influence the election. They also talked about what they expect in terms of turnout and whether the pandemic will affect it. They finished up with the latest episode of "Your Right To Know."

FRIDAY AUG 7TH

8:10-8:30AM

Democratic candidate for State Representative for Fitchburg and Lunenburg Precinct B, Michael Kushmerek, called in to talk about his campaign. Kushmerek talked about navigating a campaign through the pandemic. He talked about his background in the region. Kushmerek talked about his role as City Council President and how his experience would help him in the role of State Representative. Kushmerek talked about COVID-19 and other issues facing the region and his platform.

THURSDAY AUG 13TH

7:10-8:00AM

Leominster State Representative Natalie Higgins called in and began her segment talking about the budget extension recently passed in the state house. She talked about the level funding for local appropriations for local aid and an increase in chapter 70 funds for Leominster. She talked about navigating the budget while still waiting to see what help will come from the federal level. Higgins also talked about the potential need to look elsewhere in the state to come up with revenue, and talked about the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the Governor's reopening plan on the economy. Higgins talked about a need to continue increasing testing capacity and contact tracing and to reduce delays and turnaround times. Higgins spent time discussing the House bill on police reform and explained the details on how it would impact qualified immunity. She talked about the legislation heading to the conference committee and whether she believes we will see a compromise.

FRIDAY AUG 14TH

7:40-8:00AM

Fitchburg's Health Director, Stephen Curry, called in to provide a COVID-19 update. Curry talked about the recent uptick in the City, and he also talked about what the health department is doing in terms of working with other departments, first responders, and area health professionals. Curry also talked about the recent changes and new limits on some businesses implemented by Governor Charlie Baker. Curry also explained how the new order affecting private properties and gatherings. He talked about enforcement and how to report incidents. Curry talked about the

penalties associated with enforcement. He also spent time talking about the Governor's orders with bars and clarified what a prepared food is and how the orders affect bars serving food.

8:10-8:30AM

United State Air Force Staff Sergeant Marcus Donnell talked about how COVID-19 is affecting recruiting for the armed forces. He talked about holding meetings face to face after having to have them virtually in the early part of the pandemic. Donnell talked about the opportunities and educational opportunities for those who are looking for an education and skill set but do not see college as a viable option for whatever reason. He also spent time talking about the recruitment process, some things people should consider, and how to get started.

WEDNESDAY AUG 19TH

7:10-8:00AM

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzearella called in for his monthly segment and began by discussing online vs hybrid learning and the Governor's recent statements calling for districts with low COVID-19 rates to head back to the classroom. Mazzearella talked about the survey that had gone out to parents and his support for some sort of a return to the classroom and asked, "If not now, then when?" He talked about the additional PPE they have for schools. Mazzearella talked about the recent school committee that was interrupted on Zoom by a person committing an inappropriate act and using inappropriate language. He also talked about navigating the Open Meeting Law and ensuring that meetings are held properly and allow for public input. He also talked about the Chapter 90 funds heading to the City, and talked about a couple projects and roads that need to be paved properly including Merriam Ave, and the Route 12 intersection at Water Tower Plaza. Mazzearella also talked about recent COVID-19 distributions to small businesses in Leominster through CDBG funds. He also talked about the cancelling of the usual festivals and events held throughout the Summer.

THURSDAY AUG 20TH

7:40-8:00AM

Todd Robbins, station play-by-play host, called in to talk about the latest announcements from the MIAA. Robbins talked about the updated start dates for various sports. He also talked about the guidelines from the MIAA in terms of fall sports and how it may affect the ability of some sports to even be played. He also talked about some of the modifications we may see in other sports like field hockey.

FRIDAY AUG 21ST

8:10-8:30AM

Tom Skwierawski from the Fitchburg Community Development office called in for his monthly segment. Skwierawski gave an update on preliminary work being done on the Twin Cities Rail

Trail. He also talked about a new campaign surrounding Reactivate Mill Street and what the future of Mill Street activities may look like under COVID restrictions. Skwierawski also talked about the PACE program and Fitchburg's implementation of the program. He finished up talking about the deadline for the 2020 US Census.

MONDAY AUG 24TH

8:40-9:00AM

US Congressman Joe Kennedy III called in to talk about his candidacy in the upcoming Democratic Primary and his attempt to unseat incumbent US Senator Ed Markey. Kennedy talked about why he wanted to run now. He also talked about his family's divestment of fossil fuel stocks and his stance and Markey's stance on the Green New Deal. He talked about inaction in the Senate and how he would work to overcome it. He also talked about whether legislators are out of touch on issues like healthcare. He also addressed the topic of defunding the police. He wrapped up talking about the tone of the campaign.

TUESDAY AUG 25TH

7:40-8:00AM

State Representative Stephan Hay talked about the moratorium on MCAS testing and using this as an opportunity to look at and reevaluate standardized testing in our state's education system. He also spent time talking about the budget extension and the ongoing budget challenges with COVID-19 and the unknowns in terms of revenue and money from the federal government. HE wrapped up talking about House Bill 4912 and the push to combat climate change in Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY AUG 26TH

7:10-8:00AM

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson called in for his monthly interview. Mayor Nicholson talked about a state grant of over \$340,000 to purchase chromebooks for students for the upcoming school year. He also talked about the city budget of \$69.8 million and putting together a budget as mayor for the first time during a pandemic. He talked about a recent water break in the area of Pleasant and West Broadway Streets. He talked about another water main project. He also talked about the \$40,000 grant for the Ovila Case playground and the planned upgrades. He also talked about federal funding in a FEMA grant for the fire department's new breathing apparatus.

8:10-8:30AM

Third District US Congresswoman Lori Trahan talked about feedback she's gotten from constituents about changes to service since the United State Postal Service implemented new procedures. Trahan talked about concerns regarding medicines for veterans and access to the election with disruptions in service. She also talked about the perception of the USPS as an

expense rather than a service. She talked about the Delivering For America Act. Congresswoman Trahan spoke about the Heroes Act and attempts at COVID-19 relief including the Pandemic Production Act, extending unemployment benefits, incorporating more direct relief payments and providing more SNAP benefits to address food insecurity. Trahan touched on the start of the school year during the pandemic and finished up talking about a Facebook Live discussion she will be having surrounding the topic.

THURSDAY AUG 27TH

7:10-7:30AM

Congressman Jim McGovern talked about the recent testimony from Louis DeJoy and criticized the recent changes implemented at the postal service. McGovern also shed some light on details within the Delivering For America Act. He also called for the need for another stimulus.

McGovern spent time talking about the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and the police shooting of Jacob Blake. McGovern also talked about his farm tour across the district and the uptick in hunger throughout the region.

FRIDAY AUG 28TH

7:40-8:00AM

US Senator Ed Markey called in to talk about his bid for reelection and the upcoming Democratic primary. Markey talked about his record, why he deserves to retain his seat, and responded to arguments that there needs to be new blood in the seat. He talked about what sets his views apart from his opponent. He also talked about the New Green Deal. Markey talked about Medicare for All and whether or not he and his colleagues can garner enough support to make it reality. He talked about needing to continue to try and work through gridlock in Washington DC.

8:10-9:00AM

State Senator Dean Tran called in for his monthly segment. Senator Tran talked about being a part of the conference committees on transportation and healthcare. Tran also talked about school funding and the increase Leominster is receiving. He also talked about several grants coming to the area including \$20,000 for Karing 4 Kidz, \$40,000 for the Oliva Case Playground in Gardner, and \$50,000 for an area homeless shelter. He also talked about the recent announcement of a mandatory flu vaccine for students heading back to school.

SEPTEMBER 2020 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY SEPT 1ST

7:40-8:00AM

Fitchburg Fire Chief Anthony Marrama called in for his monthly segment. Chief Marrama started off talking about how fire drills and inspections of school buildings will be conducted during a virtual start. He talked about needing to stagger drills once students return to school. Chief Marrama talked about the recent fire at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in the organ. He talked about the damage from the fire and how it was limited by their working sprinkler system. Chief Marrama continued talking about sprinkler requirements in the City. He also talked about the annual MDA Fill The Boot Fundraiser and how they are going online this year. He wrapped up talking about the passing of Lt. Eddie Suarez.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 2ND

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau started his segment talking about the plan for resource officers once the school year commences. Martineau talked about how his officers worked during the end of the school year and visits they have made to homes when needed. Chief Martineau talked about International Overdose Awareness Day and about Fitchburg's efforts to combat the opioid crisis. He also talked about recent commendations awarded for heroism. He also talked about his new officers that began their training with the department last month. He talked about a recent convenience store robbery on Mechanic Street and precautions for stores. Martineau also spent time talking about an ongoing detour around the courthouse.

THURSDAY SEPT 3RD

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Republican City Committee members Mary and Kathy called in for their monthly segment. Mary talked about working the early voting polls and voter turnout in her ward. They talked about the contested democratic primary and the Ed Markey win over his challenger Joe Kennedy III, and said they saw the Markey selection as a bid to move the Democratic party in the state further to the left. They also spent time talking about the Republican primary and Kevin O'Connor, the winner. They also talked about divisiveness as we head into the 2020 election and what it may mean for each party when voters head to the polls. They discussed the President's approach to the campaign and his questioning the legitimacy of the election. Mary and Kathy also talked about attending the recent rally for President Trump in New Hampshire. They wrapped up talking about the latest episode of "Your Right To Know" on FATV.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 9TH

7:10-8:00AM

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale began his conversation talking about the \$154 million budget he has unveiled for the new fiscal year. He talked about the impact of COVID-19 and steps that had to be taken in terms of hiring freezes, purchasing freezes, and some personnel cuts. DiNatale also talked about having to tap into free cash to help keep the balanced budget and having to

pretty much deplete what was available for 2020 to help with the COVID response. He talked about businesses opening back up. He talked about the opening of a new cannabis business at the old lego factory, and talked about the marijuana industry and Fitchburg embracing it as a way to increase revenue. Mayor DiNatale also talked about the projects included in the DPW's list of Fall projects including the major paving project on Airport Road/Crawford Street. He also spent time talking about the Water Street Bridges project. DiNatale talked about the city embracing an aggregation process to help with utility rates.

THURSDAY SEPT 10TH

7:10-8:00AM

State Representative Natalie Higgins began her segment talking about lost wages assistance and help for those who are having trouble with unemployment. Higgins also talked about House Bill 4947 and the moratorium on MCAS. She also talked about the need to look at standardized testing in the State. Higgins also talked more about working on the budget and questions regarding finances from the federal government as they approach next month's deadline to finish the budget. Higgins also renewed her call regarding the need for debt free higher education. Higgins talked about the protest at Beacon Hill against the recent police reform legislation and her working relationship with the Leominster Police Department. She finished her segment reminding people about the importance of completing their 2020 US Census.

FRIDAY SEPT 11TH

7:40-7:50AM

Fitchburg Fire Chief Anthony Marrama called in to reflect on September 11th. Marrama spoke about the ceremony being held outside the Department headquarters on North Street. He also talked about the 9-11 monument made from a steel beam, and what it represents to the Department and the public.

8:10-9:00AM

State Representative Danillo Sena talked about participating in a local 9-11 ceremony after his interview. Sena talked about a recent virtual meeting he had to talk about several bills like the Work and Family Mobility Act and the Safe Communities Act. Sena talked about what both acts would entail if they pass. He also said he believes the police reform legislation will make it out of conference committee during the current session. He talked about police reform being a major priority for the black and latino caucus of which he is a member. Sena talked about the need for more stimulus from Washington DC, and said he hopes they can level fund everything from last year in the budget they are currently working on. Sena also talked about the need to ensure that districts west of Route 128 get their fair share of funding from Beacon Hill, especially during tough economic times. He talked about the need to look at relief for bars and restaurants. He finished talking about the recent mandate requiring flu shots for those attending schools.

TUESDAY SEPT 15TH*7:40-8:00AM*

Jeff Murawski, Deputy Wastewater Commissioner in Fitchburg, called in for his monthly segment. Murawski began talking about Governor Baker's announcement about the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program. Murawski talked about the project the grant will fund on John Fitch Highway aimed at improving green infrastructure that will also help to mitigate storm water overflow. Murawski also talked about the start of the sewer separation project on Elm Street. He also provided an update on the major sewer separation project for the Water and South Street area in terms of state approval, and when it can go out to contractors for bid.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 16TH*7:10-8:00AM*

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella called in for his monthly segment. Mazzarella talked about the start of the school system remotely. Mazzarella spoke about the earlier start of in person learning for CTEi and the Center for Excellence. Mayor Mazzarella talked about the Governor's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. He talked about the Monoosnoc Brook area that will be helped with the grant. He also spent time talking about the small business grant program going on in the City and talked about how area small businesses have been weathering the pandemic.

FRIDAY SEPT 17TH*8:10-8:30AM*

Tom Skwierawski from the Fitchburg Community Development office called in and began his segment talking about Fitchburg joining the State's Greening the Gateway's program to get more trees planted in the City. He also talked about programs to help with rental and utility assistance for residents that qualify. He also talked about the ongoing zoning reform. Skwierawski also gave an update on the upcoming public meeting for the Water Street Bridges project.

TUESDAY SEPT 22ND*7:10-8:00AM*

State Representative Stephan Hay started his monthly segment talking about relief for restaurants, especially as we start to deal with the challenges of outdoor dining as the weather begins to turn. He also talked about a cap on charges for meal delivery services. He also spoke about women's health and talked about how Massachusetts is trying to step up in case protections are rolled back in Washington with the state house's Roe Act. Hay spoke about the ongoing need for police reform. He also talked about budget work and the need for more revenues, and how the lottery fits in. He wrapped up talking about voter registration.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 23RD

7:10-8:00AM

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson began his segment talking about the downtown paving project and how it should be done soon. He also talked about a state program aimed at improving sidewalks throughout the area. Nicholson talked about the \$47,999 grant through the Shared Streets Initiative to help with outdoor dining areas for businesses. Nicholson talked about the start of school and how it is being done in the City. He also talked about the upcoming retirement of Chief Richard Ares. He also touched on a clean up event scheduled for October 3rd and where the City stands in terms of trick or treat.

8:10-8:30AM

Congresswoman Lori Trahan called in and started talking about the spending bill aimed at extending funding until December. She reiterated the need for another round of stimulus. Trahan talked about small business week. She talked about the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act that passed in the House. She also talked about her act that would allow for valuable apprenticeships that is heading to committee for a vote. She talked about the legacy and passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Trahan also said that her replacement should not be named until after the election. She also talked about approaching 200,000 COVID-19 deaths in the Country and the Masks For All Act. Trahan wrapped up reminding everyone about the 2020 US Census.

THURSDAY SEPT 24TH

7:10-7:30AM

Congressman Jim McGovern talked about the President's bid for reelection and questioning of votes, legitimacy, and refusal to commit to a peaceful transfer of power. McGovern spoke about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's passing and expressed his opinion that the nominee should not be selected until after the November 3rd election. Congressman McGovern talked about the ongoing response to COVID-19 and the need for more relief as called for in the Heroes Act. He also talked about the Restaurants Act and H.R. 6210 The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act.

FRIDAY SEPT 25TH

8:10-9:00AM

State Senator Dean Tran talked about the Governor's announcement of Municipal Vulnerability Program Grants for projects in Fitchburg, Leominster, and Bolton. Tran reaffirmed his position on why he voted "no" on the Senate version of the police reform bill. Tran talked about a bipartisan effort between his colleagues in the Senate and House that urges the state to purchase Pan Am assets that would allow for the development of a commuter rail train from North Adams to Fitchburg. Tran also expressed the desire for more legislative input into the reopening of the State as opposed to authority resting entirely in the Governor's hand.

MONDAY SEPT 28TH

8:10-8:30AM

Charlene DiCalogero, Green Rainbow Party Candidate for the 12th Worcester District State Representative seat called in to talk about her campaign. DiCalogero talked about her experience in local politics and how it stacks up against her opponents. DiCalogero talked about running as a third party candidate and the need for more involvement in elections and less of an emphasis on party. DiCalogero talked about refusing PAC and corporate money. DiCalogero discussed challenges facing schools and the economy. She also talked about the need for investment in roads and infrastructure, as well as access to mass transit. She also talked about the importance of green investment

TUESDAY SEPT 29TH

7:10-7:30AM

Democratic State Representative Natalie Higgins called in to talk about her reelection campaign. Higgins reflected on her first two terms in office. She talked about the work she has been doing with her fellow legislators during the COVID-19 pandemic, and work she has been doing to help constituents with services they need. Higgins talked about gaps that still exist following the education reform legislation passed before the pandemic and the continued need to address it. Higgins also talked about the need for affordable higher education. Higgins also talked about the need to address healthcare in Massachusetts and bring the cost down, and look at possibly incorporating a single payer option. She also talked about her stance on women's health and addressed an attack ad with a false claim saying that she "supports killing babies born alive." She addressed her stance on police reform as well, and talked about the increase in funding she helped the Leominster Police Department secure to deal with domestic violence and homelessness.

8:10-8:30AM

Democratic candidate for State Senate, John Cronin, came in to talk about his campaign. Cronin talked about his military and combat background. He also addressed the need for reforms in healthcare and policing. Cronin talked about what will be needed to navigate a post COVID-19 economy. He talked about infrastructure legislation, also supported by his opponent, but talked about being able to make it actually happen. Cronin talked about increasing access to early childhood education and creating more vocational training opportunities to help with job creation and filling jobs.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30TH

8:10-8:30AM

Republican candidate for State Representative, Thomas "Frank" Ardinger, came into the studio to discuss his candidacy. Ardinger talked about his background and involvement in local politics.

He talked about the need for more Republican representation on Beacon Hill. He also talked about his past military service. Ardinger talked about the biggest issues facing Leominster that he is hearing about when meeting with constituents. He also talked about his stance on education, healthcare, and police reform.

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BASEBALL AT LAST, July 6th, 12:30 pm

Dave Peterson, General Manager of the Worcester Bravehearts, talked to us about the beginning of the 2020 Futures Collegiate Baseball League season here in New England. He discussed the challenges facing the league as they raised the curtain on their campaign, how their league succeeded where Minor League Baseball chose to scrap this year, how the ability of Massachusetts to handle the Coronavirus pandemic made it possible for the league to take a chance and the numbers of additional players on team rosters. He also talked about search for their team to find a new home field for the summer after The College of the Holy Cross announced their campus would be closed for the summer, how they're handling matters like social distancing and the gameday experience at Doyle Field in Leominster.

"DEMAGOGUE" July 13th, 12 noon

Larry Tye, the author of a new book about former US Senator Joe McCarthy, joined us for the hour to talk about the life of a man who changed from New Deal Democrat to Republican. How he changed from his humble beginnings in Wisconsin to become a hard-line conservative who would be known for his crusade against Communism. He discussed how he convinced reporters to publish his unsubstantiated charges that the State Department, and even the White House, were riddled with spies. And when they learned there was no merit to the allegations he would blame the news media. He also discussed how McCarthy would charge the US Army was infested with Communist moles, and how it would come back to haunt him. He also suggested there was a connection between McCarthy and President Donald Trump in McCarthy's legal counsel Roy Cohn. He also suggested that as quickly as the American people turned their backs on Senator McCarthy, they could turn their backs on President Trump.

PLAY BALL!!! July 20th, 12 noon

Bill Wanless, Senior Vice President of the Pawtucket Red Sox, talked to us about the start of the 2020 Major League Baseball season. He discussed the financial impact Coronavirus has had on the game with the cancellation of Minor League Baseball, the loss of their final season at McCoy Stadium in Rhode Island, and the loss of baseball in Pawtucket after 50 years, future plans for the stadium, financial losses to come for Major League teams with no fans in attendance, challenges of keeping players healthy amid the Coronavirus, an update on construction for their new home at Polar Park in Worcester and their hopes for Opening Day 2021 in Massachusetts.

THE BOY FROM TROY, July 20th, 12:30 pm

We remembered the life of former Georgia Congressman John Lewis who passed away at the age of 80. This segment looked back at his growing up in Alabama, his first meeting with Martin Luther King Jr. when he was 18, his becoming the leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee at the age of 22, his speech during the Poor People's March in Washington in August of 1963 at the age of 23, the March to Selma in 1965 to the Edmund Pettus Bridge which would become "Bloody Sunday," his election to the City Council in Atlanta and his election to Congress. Listeners also heard his message to the graduating Class of 2018 at Harvard University.

"SUBTLE ACTS OF EXPLOSION," July 27th, 12 noon

Co-author Michael Baran says his book is about those that people say to compliment someone which can go very wrong. Baran says those "compliments" or "microaggressions" could at the least lead to bitter feelings, misunderstandings and complications that can cause problems among friends; or make for worse like indicators of racism, sexism ageism, make for problems in the workplace and what can be done once these situation occur.

THE 2020 US CENSUS, July 27th, 12:30 pm

Jeff Behler, Director of the New York Office of the US Census Bureau, updated how Massachusetts and the nation are preparing to begin its push for going door-to-door to have people counted for the Census. He discussed the training that Census Takers are undergoing, what to look for from Census Takers as for identification if residents have questions about those workers and are concerned about their safety, what is and what is not on the forms, how listeners can handle the Census online and to show how it easy it can be the host filled out the form online while talking with Mr. Behler on the air.

CORONAVIRUS -- AN UPDATE, August 3rd, 12:00 noon

Dr. Katherine Gergen Barnett, Vice Chair of Primary Care Innovation and Transformation and the Program Director in the Department of Family Medicine at Boston Medical Center; returned to our airwaves as we have learned more about the Coronavirus. We discussed the growing numbers of people nationally, how the rate of infection has dropped in Massachusetts and the Northeast, complications that could happen as a result of the virus as evidenced by Boston Red Sox pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez who would be hospitalized with a heart condition called Myocarditis, complications to our kidneys, how it can affect younger people and what we can do to help protect ourselves from contracting the virus.

TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS, August 3rd, 12:30 pm

For the second half hour we talked with Kelly Isner from the American Red Cross about their preparations for the state while tracking the process of the storm as it moved closer to Massachusetts. She talked about the need for people to have an emergency supply kit, enough food and water on hand should residents lose power, their efforts to find accommodations for people should the storm reach New England, how those efforts are made more difficult by the Coronavirus, training people to help efforts in Massachusetts and the growing need for blood donors because this is time of year when their supplies are low.

We also talked with Christopher Besse of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency about the path of the storm, the strength of this storm and the type of damage that is caused depending on the tracking of the storm. He also talked about our reaching the peak of Hurricane Season, and that it's the time of year where Massachusetts is at the greatest risk of these storms, the need to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working, the proper use of generators if homeowners choose to use them, having extra food and batteries for flashlights and radios and their preparations in light of the Coronavirus.

"WHY GLOBALIZATION WORKS FOR AMERICA," August 10th, 12 noon

Edward Goldberg says his book makes the case for Globalization. He contends that globalization is the economic and cultural version of evolution, a natural process that pushes people into more efficient behavior influenced by the market and our human need to explore, change, and grow. He suggests globalization can propel cultures and societies forward as one new idea challenges or blends into another. He contends globalization is a process that needs to be celebrated.

"ONE PLUS ONE IS GREATER THAN TWO," August 10th, 12:30 pm

Christiane Hile says her book about aimed at people ages 50 and older who may be starting their lives over after the loss of their spouse or a divorce. She talked about re-starting her life after becoming a widow, her fears and challenges, her finding the courage to re-connect with the world or just re-connect with one person. She talked about the thresholds of beginning the process of connecting with people online, in person and connecting in the days of the Coronavirus. She discussed whether to use a free or paid dating site to connect with people and how many dates should you have with a person to determine if they're the right person for you.

2020 ELECTIONS -- THE CONVENTIONS, August 17th, 12 noon

Robert Boatright, Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Clark University, looked ahead to the next checkpoint in this Presidential Election year, the party conventions. He talked about how the Coronavirus has forced the parties to change their plans for their get togethers. He talked about how the parties will discuss their platforms while communicating from a distance, how the parties will nominate their candidates, whether Democrats have learned from the mistakes they made four years ago when supporters of Bernie Sanders chose to stay home in November. How do Democrats and Republicans get people from the opposing party to speak at their convention in support of their candidates, how do the parties get the American people excited to watch their presentations and what needs to be done before the candidates have their first debate.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, August 17th, 12:30 pm

WestwoodOne News Correspondent Jim Roof talked to us from the Democratic Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He ran down the schedule of events for the week, the Coronavirus reducing an event where 50,000 were expected to be there to just 500, how will this be produced, will there be crowd noise, what Democrats have to do Monday night to keep the American people watching the following night, what Republicans will be looking for while trying to put their convention plans together for the following week and wondering what former Ohio Governor John Kasich will say about Donald Trump.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, August 24th, 12 noon

WestwoodOne News Correspondent Clayton Neville joined us from Charlotte, North Carolina, the site of the Republican National Convention. He talked about holding the convention during the time of the Coronavirus, the losses suffered by Milwaukee with the Democrats last week, and what Charlotte will lose financially, the plans of Republicans to change from just one location to different cities and more live events, what they have learned after seeing the

Democrats make their presentation, the decision to have Donald Trump in attendance every night, the differences between their policies and the Democrats and whether the people they've chosen to speak could hurt Donald Trump's chances for re-election.

THE 2020 ELECTIONS -- THE NEXT CHECKPOINT, August 31st, 12 noon

Robert Boatright, Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Clark University, recapped what was presented at the Democratic and Republican Conventions. He discussed how the parties presented their messages to the American people, how they succeeded and where they could have done better, citing the lack of a Latino presence with the Democrats, the lack of discussion about the down-ballot races and the importance of winning the majority in the US Senate, whether the parties want their presidential candidate to campaign in their respective states as we get closer to November and whether Donald Trump understands that there is a difference between Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden. He also discussed the upcoming primary election between US Senator Edward Markey and his Democratic challenger, Congressman Joe Kennedy and whether the risk of giving up his Congressional seat was worth it for Kennedy.

THE SUMMER DRIVING SEASON CONTINUES, August 31st, 12:30 pm

John Paul, "The Car Doctor" from AAA Northeast, talked to us about the summer driving season, how the Coronavirus has affected travel and tourism during the Summer of 2020, how summer businesses were forced to shut down because of lack of help not lack of business, how some businesses like Cottage Rentals have been helped because of the pandemic and how the later start of the school year will extend the season beyond Labor Day, which could help tourism as we make the transition to fall.

RETAILERS AND THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2020, September 14th, 12:30 pm

Jon Hurst, President of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, looked back at the struggles retailers have faced this year as the result of the Coronavirus. He felt that the Sales Tax Holiday helped his members, but the struggles caused by the pandemic has meant some members have closed their doors for good. He expressed frustration with the federal government and Congressional lawmakers for their inability to help the small business and their employees. He shared his thoughts about how businesses have worked their way through the recovery in here in Massachusetts, problems with restaurants handling important revenue makers like functions, bars being required to serve food to remain open, the loss of major retailers like Lord and Taylor, the struggles of Macy's and JC Penney and their impact on small businesses. He called consumers creatures of habit, and expressed the hope that as we get closer to the holiday

shopping season, those creatures will continue to shop at stores, and not just online or shop by phone.

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, September 21st, 12 noon

Marissa McBride, a member of the Board of the Center for Voter Information, talked to us about the organization and their efforts to encourage people to register to vote, the importance of voting regardless of your political persuasion, how the process varies from state to state, but the most important requirement is being an American citizen. She talked about the possible ways of registering...be it renewing your driver's license or going to the Post Office. She also talked about the importance of staying involved, by voting in elections in your city or town, the loss of your ability to vote if you don't take part every election. She disputed the contention that voting by mail leads to voter fraud, and she reminded listeners that you see government working at its best on the local level, and it is important to be involved in those discussions. And with October 22nd being Voter Registration Day, it is the perfect time to become involved.

THE WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN) PROGRAM, September 21st, 12:30 pm

Breanna Buckley WIC Director of the Montachusett Opportunity Council, told our listeners about a program that provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-to-moderate income mothers, pregnant mothers, infants and children up to age five. Buckley also talked about the free classes they provide on infant feeding, nutrition and encourage and support breastfeeding by connecting breastfeeding moms to peer counselors. She told our listeners about the locations that participate in the program and the foods that are approved. She told us the program has been with us for more than 40 years, but fears few people know about their program and its benefits.

THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, September 28th, 12 noon,

Robert Boatright, Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Clark University, looked ahead to the first debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden. He talked about the choice of Chris Wallace of Fox News Channel as the moderator, the numbers who will be watch the debate in person at Case Western Reserve and could they affect the forum, the issues to be discussed, the time given to the subjects, whether these subjects will benefit one candidate or the other, the potential strategies of the candidates, whether this will change the minds of the voters, the importance of maintaining their composure and which candidate needs to make the better presentation to the voters.

"THE PATH TO SELF-LOVE AND WORLD DOMINATION," September 28th, 12:30 pm

Dr. Heidi Green says her book is about breaking free from things that you feel like you're worthy of being loved, what she means by "self-love," helping you let go of toxic relationships, learn to forgive others as well as yourself, break away from beliefs that limit your growth and ways to help you change the way you respond to yourself and the world.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Johnny Appleseed Visitors Center on Route 2 West in needs volunteers. They're looking for volunteers to greet people from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You'll provide information on regional attractions, services and of course all things Apple!!! To find out more call this number...978-534-2829.

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Ginny's Helping Hand and Food Pantry, located at 52 Mechanic Street in Leominster, says that because of the outbreak of COVID-19 the Thrift Store is closed for the present time. But the Food Pantry is open. The Pantry is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For information about the Food Pantry call 978-537-1387.

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The Finnish Center at Saima Park invites you to their Annual Mini-Tour and Nordic Marketplace on Sunday, September 20th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Proceeds from the Flea Market will benefit their Scholarship Fund. COVID-19 restrictions will be followed, and admission and parking are free. The Park is located at 67 Scott Road in Fitchburg, and to find out more log on to Saima-Park.org.

(expired September 19th)

If you've haven't done so time is running out to take part in the 2020 US Census. Your being counted ensures that Massachusetts and your community gets its fair share of federal funding and maintains its representation in Congress for the next 10 years. Complete the form on line at 2020 Census-dot-gov. Or call this toll free number weekdays from 7:00 am to 2:00 Eastern time. The number is 844-330-2020.

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2-1-1 is the number to call if you have questions or concerns about the Coronavirus outbreak in Massachusetts. Call this number for information about essential community services, where to find a food bank, government benefits and services, and operators are there 24 hours a day, 7

days a week and if necessary they can direct you to services to help you. Keep this number by your side in times of crisis. That number to call again, is 2-1-1.
(remains in rotation)

Community Legal Aid of Central and Western Mass provides free civil legal services to low-income and elder residents. They can help if you're dealing with matters related to COVID-19, government benefits, family and other concerns. They're located at 515 Main Street in Fitchburg, and their telephone number is 508-752-3218. That number again is 508-752-3218.
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(Voter Registration)

Massachusetts, we're moving closer to Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 3rd. To take part in the election you need to be a registered voter. And the last day to register to vote for the November election is Saturday, October 24th. You can register to vote in your city or town hall, through the Secretary of State's Office, or by calling this toll-free number. The number is 1-800-462-VOTE.
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The City of Fitchburg says it's time to stand up and be counted. The 2020 US Census is underway, and your participation ensures that the city and Massachusetts gets their fair share of federal funding and maintains its representation on Capitol Hill. You can fill out the form by mail, by phone or online by logging onto 2020 Census-dot-gov.
(expired August 31st)