

## **WPKZ PROGRAMS LIST Q2 2022**

WPKZ Radio has over 25 hours of live local programming per non-holiday week addressing significant local and communities issues. In the past quarter that has included Covid-19 Impacts, Community Leaders, elected and non-elected, Business and financial New, Education related Community information, Tips and Updates on the local real estate market, non-Profit Initiatives, Mental and Personal Health, State and Federal Legislative Updates, Local and Regional Sports Stories and Updates. Most of our community program interviews and topics are also uploaded to our SoundCloud on-demand site for on demand listening at [www.kzonereplay.com](http://www.kzonereplay.com)  
Submitted by John Morrison.

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The following is recap of the issues covered during our morning program the K-Zone Morning Kommute from April 1 to June 30, 2022. Conversations with our guests covered at least ten minutes in length, unless otherwise indicated. The program is hosted by Sherman Whitman and Noah Hatton.

### HEALTH AND MEDICINE – ULTRASOUND, April 5<sup>th</sup> , 7:40 am

Doctors Tim Gallagher and Michael Marciello from Maragal Medical talked with us about the use of Ultrasound as a diagnostic tool in medical treatment of joint pains in the body, They talked about the type of injections that are used with Ultrasound for treating joint pains like arthritis, repairing damage caused by arthritis, plasma injections for repairing muscular tears and the benefits of these procedures as compared to using radiation therapy.

### POLITICS/GOVERNMENT April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

State Senator John Cronin paid tribute to Leominster native and Marine Captain Ross Reynolds who was killed in a NATO training exercise in Norway. He shared the accomplishments of Capt. Reynolds during his life, how he helped to bring people together and the need for people to fill void caused by his passing. He also talked about the work being done to prepare the Massachusetts state budget for fiscal year 2023, work on a supplemental budget to help families make ends meet, how the rising of fuel affects gasoline, heating oil and energy bills, and the need for Massachusetts residents to do their part to emerge from the Coronavirus.

### PUBLIC SAFETY – BURNING SEASON April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 am

Fitchburg Fire Chief Dante Suarez and Captain T. J. Roy talk to our listeners about the arrival of Spring and the beginning of the burning season. They talked about the requirements needed for a burning permit for their properties, what you are allowed to burn, the space needed to burn those materials and hours you are allowed to burn those materials, their concern about the dry air conditions that lead to brush fires and possibly structural fires, the importance of Mutual Aid

where neighboring communities help cities and towns battle fires when the need arises and a checklist to write off before you start the grilling season outdoors.

HEALTH, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 am

Dr. John Walker from Walker Orthodontics talked about the change of seasons and the adjustments our bodies make from Winter to Spring, the importance of breathing fresh air through our noses, the difficulty of breathing during our noses at night and the complications it can cause. He also expressed his concerns about some brands of CPAPs, the need to make sure they are cleaned on a regular basis and the recall of some machines because of the risk of cancer.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale looked back at the last two years of the city dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic, his frustration with those who have chosen not to be vaccinated, the people who have been lost to the virus, what can be done to get people to be more trusting of government and other things can be done to protect the public. He talked about a settlement between the state and pharmaceuticals dealing with the state's opioid crisis, and looked ahead to work on the city budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:10 am

State Representative Natalie Higgins shared her thoughts about why it's taken so long for people to emerge from the Coronavirus, about members of the Legislature going back to work on Beacon Hill, the beginning of work on the 2023 state budget and items in the budget that benefit North Central Massachusetts, the additional funding for education, and how her presence as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee gives a voice to the region.

SHOLAN FARMS, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:35 am

Joanne DiNardo and Kat Deal of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce told our listeners about the history of Sholan Farms. They looked back at the early days of the farm which is owned by the city of Leominster, how it has expanded from being an apple orchard to a community-supported volunteer-run organization and they looked ahead to their Apple Blossom Festival in May.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 15h, 7:40 am

Congresswoman Lori Trahan talked about her conversation with Dr. William Hubbard about his daughter's struggles to return home from Ukraine, she talked about her visit to Ukraine to meet with people who have been affected by Russia's invasion, debate over whether the US and other allies should take further steps to assist Ukraine and she talked about rising cost of oil and what can be done to help bring down the rising cost of gasoline.

THE BOSTON MARATHON, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Former Hopkinton Selectman Brian Herr talked about preparations for 2022 version of the race. He talked about Hopkinton's role as the starting point in the race, it's history, the changes that taken place, like prize money being awarded, to earlier starting times, to the making of the Marathon Village for the athletes, the return of the Marathon in the spring after being postponed because of the Coronavirus and what's in the for the Marathon.

FITCHBURG ACCESS TELEVISION, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Executive Director Nathan Glenn talked to us about the local cable community television outlet, how it began and its service to Fitchburg, the events they have covered over the years from City Council and School Committee meetings, to high school sports, to training people to work with their equipment and air their own television programs, the equipment that enables people to digitize their recordings and looked ahead to plans for marking 35 years of service to Fitchburg.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazarella talked about a series of construction and repaving projects along Route 12 and 13 now that Spring has arrived, he updated work on the Rail Trail that connects Leominster and Fitchburg, he discussed the need of expanding Route 2 and how our driving habits can complicate travel, the prospects of completing the 2023 state budget, extra funding for education, and the need for state lawmakers to approve a relief package taxpayers.

GINNY'S HELPING HAND, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:40 am

Brandon Robbins talked to us about his named as the new Executive Director of the Food Pantry and Thrift Store, told the story of how it all began when Ginny White first opened the food pantry, what they've learned about the pantry during the Coronavirus pandemic, how the effort of pulling yourself up by the "bootstraps" is more difficult than people are willing to admit, the importance of people not being ashamed or embarrassed to ask for help and talked his hope that someday they will have to close pantry because they would have witnessed the end of hunger and poverty.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson told our listeners about the numerous road projects that are beginning in his city, steps that are being taken to help the city live “within its means,” as work begins on the 2023, budget hopes that a potential surplus in state spend spending could the coffers of the city, his thoughts of developing rail service linking Boston to Springfield and whether Gardner could be linked to that service and the how the growth in population has led to a growth of business in the city of Gardner.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:10 am

Congressman Jim McGovern talked about his upcoming message to the graduating class of 2002 of Umass-Amherst. He said his message will be about working together to solve the nation's problems, to encourage young people not to be cynical and give up hope. He also shared his thoughts about what he called the targeting of Ukrainian citizens by Russian President Vladimir Putin, and the need for the world support the people of Ukraine in their effort to rebuild their lives.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:10 am

State Senator John Cronin shared his thoughts on a report from Politico on a draft option from the US Supreme Court that called for the overturning of Roe V. Wade, and the protections for Massachusetts residents concerning abortion.. He looked ahead to hjs fellow Senators beginning work on their version of the 2022 state budget, his hopes for additional funding for education and job training for North Central Massachusetts, the jobs that are now available in Massachusetts and the need to fill those positions and his thoughts on lawmaker passing legislation that legalizes sports betting and the potential dollars that could reach the state's coffers.

HEALTH/MEDICINE, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:40 am

Doctors Tim Gallagher and Michael Marciello from Maragal Medical talked to about Regenerative Medicines. They described how the types of medicines they use in their practice, how they repair damage to body tissue or joints, the time needed for these injections to work and their longevity, and the willingness of medical providers to cover the cost of these procedures,

CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau talked to us about the department adding members to their ranks, the challenges of recruiting and keeping officers and providing the support they need to succeed,. He talked about the commitment that's needed to be an officer, what determines whether the candidate is able to meet those challenges, the activities they're involved in like

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and the importance of connecting with young people and letting them know you are there to help them, and they see as more than just someone who is enforcing the law.

CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 am

Fitchburg Fire Chief Dante Suarez and Fire Captain Patrick Havity talked to us about the city's Emergency Management Department, the work that goes into the department, the work that goes into training members for this department, the need for this department to handle potential disasters within the community, the change in weather conditions and the extremely dry air that leads to brush and forest fires, precautions that should be taken as people begin to cook outdoors and the importance of making sure homes have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Dorothy Stover, a seventh-generation Nantucket resident, talked to us about a voter referendum in Nantucket that called for men and women to be allowed to go topless at their beaches. She reacted to the voters approving the question, what led to voters approving the question, the history of bathing suits and the fact that men and women covered their entire bodies until the 1930's when men were allowed to bear their upper bodies, and how long will it take before Attorney General Maura Healey approves a waiver to allow the new regulations to take effect

ROTARY CLUB OF FITCHBURG, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 am

Paul Gauvin of the the Rotary Club of Fitchburg talked to us about the organization and their connection to the people of Ukraine, and their efforts to supply humanitarian relief to the people affected by the war with Russia. He talked about the type of medical supplies needed to help the Ukrainian people, how they will be distributed, the work being done by fellow Rotarians in Ukraine and the fear that there is no end in sight to the fighting.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale talked about presenting his 2023 budget to the City Council, how he expects the Council to respond, his concern about Local Aid from the state to help with the city's infrastructure, the process of changing the traffic patterns on Main Street and Boulder Drive from one-way back to two-way with the goal of bring more housing and more walking traffic to the downtown area.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 am

State Representative Natalie Higgins talked about the House version of the 2023 state budget, the extra funding for education in North Central Massachusetts, the additional funding to support the work done by human service organizations, the importance of the North Central delegation working together to make sure the region is getting its fair share of funding, and working to make sure there is enough development to meet the needs of the growing population in this region. She also talked about efforts to extend abortion protections in Massachusetts following the report that said the US Supreme Court was preparing to overturn Roe V. Wade,

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazarella looked ahead to the long-awaited opening of the Rail Trail that links Leominster and Fitchburg, his response to the series of mass shootings across the nation, the rights and responsibilities of people who own guns and keeping them in a safe place and his concern that people are being numbed or resigned to this being our reality in America.

CIVIC DAYS, DUCK DAYS, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Diane Burnette of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce talked about efforts to bring Civic Days this summer in Fitchburg. She talked about the disappointment of the events being called off for the last two years because of the Coronavirus. She talked about plans for the Fourth of July celebration in the city and the return of the Amazing Duck Race which has been an important fundraiser that supports events within the city.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson expressed his concerns about the shooting in Uvalde, Texas that killed 19 children and two teachers, wondering if that could happen to his city, he updated work on the 2023 city budget and its contents and his satisfaction that there will be no layoffs in spending for the new year, changes that will be coming to the downtown area and the potential of more commercial and rental spaces being developed in the downtown area.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:10 am

Congressman Jim McGovern expressed his frustration about the shooting of children and teachers in Uvalde, Texas and the fact these shootings continue and no action is taken to pass what he calls common sense gun laws, his anger over people arguing about the second amendment rights when he says people have no clue about the constitution, his visit to Ukraine for a look at what has been happening in the war with Russia that is entering its third month and when does the global community look at Ukraine and say enough is enough.

## THE SUMMER DRIVING SEASON, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:35 am

John Paul, The Car Doctor from AAA Northeast looked ahead to the start of the season, and the fact that more people are planning travel during the Memorial Day Weekend even though the cost of gasoline was averaging \$4.75, and \$6.29 for diesel fuel in Massachusetts, how crude oil prices are driving these costs, whether there should a suspension of the state gasoline tax to, lower the cost at the pump and concern that these costs could affect summer travel and the tourism industry

## LEADERS FOR EQUITABLE LOCAL ECONOMIES, May 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am

Beth Robbins talked their program called The LELE Initiative, the teams across Massachusetts that are involved, the programs they are creating to serve their communities, the work that is needed to run their respective businesses, the challenges of running those businesses, the resources that are being made available to help these start-up businesses, meeting their goal of opening 15 new businesses in Fitchburg, and the plans to establishing more businesses among members of the spanish-speaking community.

## CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau talked to us about the challenges they face with the arrival of June – from quality of life crimes, emerging from the Coronavirus, the reluctance of elder residents to call the Police for help, keeping kids out of trouble as we get closer to Summer, the role of School Resource Officers once the school year comes to an end and his outrage over the continuing acts of violence across the nation, including the what he called the unacceptable response by law enforcement to the killing of 19 school children and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas.

## POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale told our listeners that city government is prepared for fiscal year 2023 with the approval of the budget by the City Council. He talked about the obligations that come with the city living within its means, prospects for what to expect in Local Aid from the state, preparations for the return of the city's Block Party and what it means to see thousands of people come to the city, the opening of new businesses in the city and concerns about companies like Raytheon and Smith and Wesson moving their corporate operations out of Massachusetts,

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 9<sup>th</sup> 7:20 am

State Representative Natalie Higgins updated the work being done on the 2023 state budget. She talked about the policy differences between the House and Senate that are now before a Joint Conference Committee, her thoughts on whether there should be a state gasoline tax moratorium that could lower the price of gasoline, the need to improving public transportation and making it more affordable, her thoughts on legislation that would allow illegal or undocumented immigrants to get a driver's license in Massachusetts and what protections are available for people whose personal data has been hacked.

HEALTH/MEDICINE, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 am

Doctors Tim Gallagher and Michael Marciello from Maragal Medical talked to us about maintaining our balance, and foot pain as a potential cause of complications within the human body. They say our feet are the foundation of our movement, and complications with feet can affect our posture, other parts of our body and what techniques and procedures are used to improve our posture.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Leominster Mayor Dean Mazarella looked back the city's Summer Stroll, looked ahead to start of the summer season, the end of the school year, discussed programs and events that are designed to keep young people occupied for the season including summer jobs, updated the progress on projects along Routes 12 and 13, plans for developing a Paramedic service in the city and his concern about how rising gasoline prices have affected the cost of living and the cost of doing business.

PLASTIC CITY COMIC CON, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Comic Convention Creator-Founder Keith Gleason talked to us about the return of the Comic Book convention to North Central Massachusetts. He looked back at the history of Comic Books, what has made them so popular over the years, how they have changed in content and subject matter, what has made girls and women participate in this industry, how these books have become the first thing that kids begin to read, the skills needed to create and develop these publications and how movies have helped expand the popularity of these works.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:20 pm

Gardner Mayor Mike Nicholson expressed his satisfaction with City Council approved the budget for the new fiscal year, he explained what local officials refer to "free cash" in local spending, talked plans for the city celebrating its 237<sup>th</sup> birthday, his thoughts on adding Gardner and Greenfield to plans to expand rail service between Boston and Springfield, whether

companies are looking to expand their operations to North Central Massachusetts, and he updated plans to establish a vacant storefront district that could attract more businesses to his city.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:10 am

Congressman Jim McGovern shared his thoughts on whether he would support President Biden's call for suspending the federal gasoline tax as a way of lowering prices at the pump, he suggested things that oil producers could and should be doing to lower their prices, he asked when is the time to begin moving away from fossil fuels, his reaction to a compromise Gun Control measure that was approved by the US Senate, his thoughts on the work by the House Committee investigating the attack on the Capitol January 6<sup>th</sup>, the testimony presented by Republicans, and the hope that the American have been watching the hearings.

FITCHBURG HISTORY TRIVIA QUIZ SHOW, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 am

Susan Navarre, and Jessie Olsen of the Fitchburg Historical Society told our listeners about a program where people come together to match their wits and knowledge about the city's history. They say their goal of the inaugural quiz show is to bring and identity to the city and pride in Fitchburg's history.

CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:20 am

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernie Martineau looked ahead to the summer of 2022. He talked about the changes downtown where traffic on Main Street and Boulder Drive is back to two lanes in both directions and who would be first to get a better handle on negotiating traffic, challenges in keeping young occupied in positive activities, and preparations for the Civic Days celebration for the Fourth of July.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:20 am

State Representative Mike Kushmerek updated the work being done on the 2023 state budget, the temporary plan approved to keep the state in business, negotiations to complete the spending plan that will reach the desk of Governor Charlie Baker, funding for programs that he has sought including meals during school, whether there should be a gasoline tax suspension in hopes of reducing the price at the pump, and whether Massachusetts residents could see tax relief with the State Treasurer announcing the commonwealth has \$16 billion in its coffers.

This report covers the topics and issues discussed on the WPKZ Community Affairs show Friday afternoons at 1:00. The interviews are 20 minutes in length unless otherwise mentioned. The Friday program is hosted by Sherman Whitman.

ADDICTION April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm

Tara Rivera, Treatment Advocate for Recovery Centers of America and host of the Recovery Centers of America Recovery Radio Hour on WPKZ; talked to us about addiction and its role in American life. She discussed how and where the conversations have changed over the years. She observed that where people that this was only a problem facing poorer communities to addiction affects all walks of life, the types of substances that people have become addicted to, the impact the Coronavirus has had on those who are addicted, the toll addiction has taken on families and what families are now doing to help one another.

RETAILERS AND COVID, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 pm

Jon Hurst, President of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts; talked to us about the challenges retailers have faced over the last two years and how the Coronavirus has forced retailers to change how they serve consumers. He discussed how retailers have begun doing more of their business online, sharing notes about what has helped them survive and the struggles they have faced, what retailers have learned about themselves, how they have survived challenges from Wal-Mart, Amazon and others and importance of customers supporting the local business as if their survival depends on it, because it does.

THE US ECONOMY. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Wayne Gray, Professor of Economics at Clark University; talked about the US Economy, how it works and explained what goes into it.. He described the elements or ingredients that go into making the US Economy function, how a higher demand for travel can lead higher prices for gasoline, how the Coronavirus has changed how we shop, we work, and products that are made. He also discussed how the job market and the willingness of people to change their job outlook can affect the economy,. And he also looked at possible factors that could affect the US economic outlook like global warming and the need to look at other forms of cleaner energy.

“THE FIRST KENNEDYS,” April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Author Neal Kennedy's book looks at the first members of the Kennedy family who crossed the Atlantic from Ireland to America. He talked about the voyages of Patrick and Bridget Kennedy, the potato famine and other struggles in Ireland, how the Irish were not welcome in America part because of their Catholic faith, how they overcame these obstacles to establish themselves in Massachusetts and how they family began the process of becoming a prominent political family.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm

Dr. Nadia Ward, Director of the Mosakowski Institute for Public Health at Clark University; talked to us about young people, their mental health and well-being and the challenges they're facing today. She expressed her pleasure with the fact that young people are discussing mental health. She added there are role models who are also talking about those concerns, which helps. She said parents are willing to, and have supported their sons and daughters in talking about their mental health and well-being. She also talked Behavioral Health, how that differs from Mental Health and how they go hand-in-hand when it comes to the well being of a person and what can be done to make that possible.

#### EARTH MONTH, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 pm

Jennifer Madson, Regional Director of Mass Audubon; talked to us about April being declared not just Earth Day but Earth Month. She looked back at concerns like our air quality and other issues that led to first Earth Day back in 1970, the forming of the Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations that focused on the health of our landscape, what is Global Warming and what is causing this to happen, how those who denying this are affecting what our future holds, and the potential steps that we can take to preserve this planet as we know it.

#### FITCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Sharon Bernard, Director of the Fitchburg Public Library, talked about how the public library has changed as compared to the library of the 1960's and 70's. She said where there were books, newspapers and magazines and some records and tape recordings, you'll find CD's, DVD's computers and in some locations materials we can use for gardening and other chores at home. She explained what has made the library one of the cooler places to visit in a city or town, the programs they have that encourage kids to read and to make reading fun and what makes the library a place that people from all walks of life love to visit.

#### THE SUPREME COURT, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Jack Ross, Facilitator of Supreme Court discussions and a Professor at Assumption University, talked to us about the federal court system, and specifically the reported leak about a potential US Supreme Court decision that could lead to justices overturning Roe vs. Wade which lead to legalization of Abortion in the United States. He looked at the 6-3 conservative majority and their potential to overturn landmark decisions. He also looked at decisions where Roe vs Wade was changed to a degree, to Chief Justice John Roberts being the justice that would cast the deciding vote in major cases, and wondered how the last three justices who expressed general support for Roe vs Wade could decide to overturn the decision.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Doctors. Cory Noll and Jonathan Marcinkewicz of Heywood Healthcare's Partial Hospitalization Program joined us for a discussion about Mental Health. The conversation focused on what makes up our mental health and well-being, what is needed to maintain our mental health, factors and circumstances that can affect our mental health, why facilities don't have the resources needed to handle a crisis and how their program can help those in need.

COMICS FOR A CURE, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Comedian Jerry Caruso talked us about the work that is done by local comedians who help support community efforts...among those fundraisers to help people and families that are facing life-threatening illnesses and organizations that are helping that are struggling with challenges like substance abuse.

Caruso expressed his pleasure that he and his colleagues have been able to continue their involvement in these efforts during the Coronavirus pandemic. He also talked his work teaching public speaking to people, and the importance of people being able to address public gatherings and how these skills can help them in everyday life.

“BEFORE EVIL”. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Author Brandon Gauthier says his book is a look at the lives of Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Benito Mussolini and other world leaders when they were young, the lives they lived, the loving support they received from family members and their communities and whether there were situations that could have changed them from being the people that would destroy millions of lives during their time in power leading their respective nations.

SUMMER CAMPS, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Mike from MassCamps.com told our listeners about a service that tells parents and their children about summer camps and other programs that are available for children. He says he has a listing of the types of camps that are operating, be they for education, athletics, music, science and nature, with listings based by cities and town in Massachusetts, or New England, New York State and the Canadian province of Quebec.

#### PETS AND SUMMER, May 27th 1:00 PM

Sally Craigin, Founder of BePawsitive; told our listeners about what to the forming the organization, the resources they provide to help families with their pets, how conversations with children have helped families do a better job of taking care of pets, how going to a pet clinic can make a difference in taking care of animals, how the Coronavirus has had an impact on animals, whether the return to work by adults could affect whether animals can be taken care of and the finances to consider when it comes to taking care on animals.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY AND SUMMER, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Envoy Lynnette Valentine-Warren told our listeners about their summer programs for kids, how these programs have been missed because of the Coronavirus, what can be done to encourage kids to read, what happens when kids start to read, arts and crafts music programs, and their preparations for a block party during the month of August.

#### POLITICS AND THE MEDIA June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm

Author Jane Hall says her books takes a critical look at how the news media does its job of news reporting. She cites the phrase “Breaking News” among her primary concerns when what is called “Breaking” is a repeat of news mentioned 90 minutes ago. She suggested news organizations lose their credibility when hiring political party figures as host of news and public affairs programs. And her book explores how media technologies, practices, and formats shape political decision-making; how political forces influence media institutions; and how public opinion and media audiences are formed.

#### THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 pm

Chris Besse of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency talked about his agency is preparing for the summer of 2022. He explained how long the hurricane season is in progress, the time of the season Massachusetts is most likely to deal with a hurricane or tropical storm, the types of damage that are caused by these storms, the likelihood of other weather systems like tornadoes reaching Massachusetts, and how our listeners can best prepare for those weather situations.

#### COST OF GASOLINE, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Mark Scheildrop of AAA Northeast talked to us about the rising cost of gasoline in Massachusetts.. He discussed the pain of filling up the tank when gas is moving closer \$5.00 a gallon, and diesel is over \$6.00 a gallon. He talked about the factors that have led to the price hike, how the war between Russia and Ukraine has affected the price at the pump, the lack of global oil inventories and he wondered how much longer we're looking at these prices.

## JANUARY 6TH CONGRESIONAL HEARINGS, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Rob Boatright, Professor of Political Science at Clark University; shared his thoughts on what has been revealed during the hearings into the attack on the steps of the US Capitol. He discussed how the panel has presented its witnesses, the evidence that has been presented, the credibility of the witnesses who have testified, how some networks have covered and how some have chosen not to cover the proceedings, whether the American public is paying attention to the hearings in an election year and what could be presented in the future.

## ASTHMA, ALLERGIES AND SUMMER, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Jan Hanson, President of the New England Chapter of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America talked to us about the health concerns. She explained how the health concerns are connected to one another, the allergens that can cause asthma, the types of asthma there are, the fact there is no cure for asthma, what are the symptoms of asthma, how it is treated, the potential foods to be avoid, how exercise can help improve the quality of life of those living with asthma and the support groups that are help to people living with allergies and asthma.

## FITCHBURG CIVIC DAYS, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Diane Burnette of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce helped our listeners look ahead to the return of Civic Days after a two-year absence because of the Coronavirus. She talked about the preparations for the Third of July in the Downtown area, why this event has seen thousands come to the city to participate, the activities to be enjoyed by young and old alike, the Fourth of July Parade, and the return of the Amazing Duck Race at Riverfront Park and what has made these events so special to the people of Fitchburg.

## FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Christian Lopez, Marketing Manager for the Museum; talked to us about their Summer Season, aand the exhibits that will be on display. He previewed the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft, the works contributed by young artists from around our listening and the their efforts making their pieces. He talked about their display “Big Pages for Peace” and the hopes of this work. He expressed his pleasure with the public's response to a work titled “Hypnagogia.” And he looked to their plans for the fall season.

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Better Business Bureau Ukraine Relief

If you wondering how to help with relief efforts in the Ukraine, the Better Business Bureau has a website called Give.org. The website has tips for donors and a listing of 20 accredited charities that are active in relief efforts. To find out more, log on to Give-dot-org.  
(ended rotation May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### The Finnish Center at Saima Park

The Finnish Center at Saima Park invites you to a Pannukakku Breakfast on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 to 10:00 am. They're serving Finnish oven pancake, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, Finnish coffee bread, coffee, /tea, and hot cocoa. A Covid vaccination is required. The Finnish Center at Saima Park is located at 67 Scott Road in Fitchburg. To find out more, log on to saima-park.org.  
(ended rotation April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Fitchburg Public Schools

The Fitchburg Public Schools wants you to know that Kindergarten Registration has begun for the 2022-23 school year. And they'll be holding Kindergarten Enrollment and Family Fun Fair. On Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the Enrollment Office, located at 37 South Street. For information on registration package and/or required documents, call 978-345-3200.  
(began April 4<sup>th</sup>, ended rotation April 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### Bank Hometown

On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> Bank Hometown in Leominster is offering a free Shred Day from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon for customers and local residents. Reduce the risk of identity theft b having old records and documents shredded safely and securely for free. Theis service can handle up to two boxes of documents per person. Stop by any branch of Bank Hometown in Leominster for more information.  
(began May 1<sup>st</sup>, ended rotation May 6<sup>th</sup>)

#### Mount Wachusett Community College

Theatre At The Mount at Mount Wachusett Community College is holding auditions for “Escape To Margaritaville” on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The production will cast of 30 adults and teenagers ages 16 and up. The show is scheduled to run in August. And for more information call 978-630-9162.  
(began May 16<sup>th</sup>, ended rotation May 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## Spanish American Center

The Spanish American Center is holding a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located at 83 Sheridan Street in Fitchburg. They'll have doses of the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson for people ages 5 and up. The vaccines are free, you're asked to wear a mask and bring your vaccination card. For information call 978-534-3145.

(began June 1st, ended rotation June 14<sup>th</sup>)

## Fitchburg Historical Society

The Fitchburg Historical Society invites you to attend their Fitchburg History Trivia Quiz. It's a chance to learn about the city's history while local celebrities match wits and test their knowledge. The Quiz Show will be held Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Fitchburg Historical Society is located at 781 Main Street, and you must be at least 21 years of age to attend. For more information call 978-345-1157.

(began June 20<sup>th</sup>, ended rotation June 30<sup>th</sup>)

## City of Fitchburg

The City of Fitchburg invites you to celebrate the Fourth of July and Summer with Civic Days. It's back for 2022 with a giant block party and fireworks on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Amazing Race on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>. To be a part of the festivities or for more information log on to [fitchburg.ma.gov](http://fitchburg.ma.gov)

(began June 20<sup>th</sup>, ended rotation June 30<sup>th</sup>)