

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Section I. Issues

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

- A. **HEALTH** – This was our most talked about topic. We covered childhood obesity, prostate cancer, vaping, flu vaccinations, cystic fibrosis, food safety, and the rising cases of whooping cough.
- B. **MENTAL HEALTH** – This was our second most discussed topic. We addressed poor body image and how to help, decluttering our lives, better ways for families to connect, and better support for veterans.
- C. **HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS** – We discussed the growing homeless and housing crisis, programs such as EP (Empowerment Plan) and the city’s plans to assist low income citizens in finding housing.
- D. **SENIOR NEEDS** – We covered senior health issues such as respiratory diseases, vaccinations, and election issues that seniors most cared about.
- E. **CHILDREN** – We addressed the growing number of children left behind, especially over the holidays, and how local non-profits are assisting to make sure children are provided for over the holidays.

“Sunday Morning Townsquare” is a locally produced **30-minute program that airs every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.** on all five Grand Rapids stations. The program log for this show is set forth below.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
10/2/22	<p>Homelessness, Poverty – Veronika Scott, founder of the Empowerment Plan (EP) discussed her teaming up with Chevrolet and Mel Trotter Ministries to hand out 150 coats made from upcycled materials to homeless people, that were made the homeless, hoping to help them achieve financial stability. The coats transform into sleeping bags.</p> <p>Health, Education – Laura Bonnell discussed her Bonnell Foundation that assists families with Cystic Fibrosis bills, lung transplant grants and college scholarships.</p>
10/9/22	<p>Mental Health, Body Issues – Therapist Hilary Kinavey and Dietician Dana Sturtevant, authors of Reclaiming Body Trust, discussed how weight stigma, racism and body-based oppressions are determinants to our health and how to break free.</p> <p>Energy – Katherine Blunt, author of California Burning: The Fall of Pacific Gas and Electric and what it means for America’s Power Grid, discussed the decline of California’s largest utility company that led to countless wildfires, and how their mistakes could affect America’s power grid in the future.</p>

10/16/22	<p>Health/Childhood Obesity – Dr. Shalene McNeill, Nutrition Scientist and Registered Dietitian, discussed America’s childhood obesity epidemic, how children today are falling far short on key nutrients and vitamins, and how to address the issue.</p> <p>Health/Prostate Cancer – Dr. Neal Shore, Medical Director, Carolina Urologic Research Center, discussed prostate cancer advanced treatments for metastatic hormone sensitive prostate cancer, and new therapies approved by the FDA.</p>
10/23/22	<p>Mental Health – Tracy McCubbin, Decluttering Expert, and author of Make Space for Happiness, offered easy ways to declutter your life and home and the 5-areas in your home you can declutter in 5-minutes that will make your life easier.</p> <p>Health/Smoking/Vaping – Dr. Christy Sadreameli, Pediatric Pulmonologist at John Hopkins Hospital, discussed the rise of Vaping among young people, how it is affecting their health, and how parents can address the problem.</p> <p>Health/Baby Food – Ali Maffucci, co-author of Feeding Littles and Beyond, discussed 100 baby led weaning recipes and ways to make mealtimes easier for the infant and family.</p>
10/30/22	<p>Hunger – Mike Busley, owner and founder of Grand Traverse Pie Company, discussed his company’s fund raising campaign through the selling of pies, to ensure kids in Michigan and Indiana were hunger free in the summer when regular food support programs are not operating.</p> <p>Policing/Domestic Violence – Grand Rapids Mayor, Rosalynn Bliss, discussed the Grand Rapids Police and city’s program of creating co-response teams with social workers to better defuse domestic problems.</p>
11/6/22	<p>Children in Need – Maribeth Groen of Heart of West Michigan United Way discussed the Stuff the Sled program to provide 1,000 children in the Kent County Head Start Program have a Christmas gift bag with toys and other personal care items.</p> <p>Senior Voting in Election– Melissa Seifert of AARP discussed issues most important to seniors, and key voting changes for Tuesday’s election.</p> <p>Health/Respiratory Diseases for Older Adults – Katrin Werner-Perez, Health Programs Manager for the Alliance for Aging Research, discussed the coming cold and flu season and respiratory diseases surge, RSV, and how older adults protect themselves.</p> <p>Health – Dr. MeiLan K. Han, pulmonary and critical care specialist, discussed the rise in cases of Whooping Cough and the need to get the DPT vaccination.</p>
11/13/22	<p>Mental Health/Disabled Veterans – Naomi Mathis, a combat-disabled Air Force veteran, and DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Associate National Legislative Director, discussed the need for more and better support for women veterans, caregivers and survivors, and the ways DAV is taking action to help them get the benefits they need.</p>
11/20/22	<p>Health/Flu Vaccination – Dr. Ernest Grant, President, American Nurses Association, discussed their program to encourage all people, especially Black, Latinx and Indigenous Americans to get the flu vaccine.</p>

	<p>Food Safety – Dr. Julie Gatzka, health educator and founder of the Florida Wellness Institute, discussed food safety tips and ways to prevent foodborne illness.</p>
11/27/22	<p>Housing – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the city’s housing plans and the new development projects to assist lower income citizens find housing.</p> <p>Food Illnesses – with Thanksgiving concluded, Archie Magoulas from the United States Department of Agriculture discussed Thanksgiving leftovers, proper storage and how long they will last.</p>
12/6/22	<p>Holiday Shopping – Shanisty Ireland, a lifestyle influencer, offered some fun and easy shopping tips to take the stress off holiday gift giving, and surprising places to find fun and exciting gifts.</p> <p>Employee Benefits – Kevin Crain, head of Retirement and Research and Insights, Bank of America, discussed the deadlines for signing up for company benefits, ways to contribute enough to their 401k, Social Security benefits for those approaching retirement, and the need to save for health care for those without an HSA.</p>
12/11/22	<p>Volunteering – Maribeth Groen from Heart of West Michigan United Way discussed their Holiday Volunteering Guide for those looking to help non-profits over the holidays.</p> <p>Holiday Travel Help – Marley McAilley, Google Technology Expert, offered travel tips and explained the added changes to Google Maps to help travelers.</p>
12/18/22	<p>Family Mental Health – Kari Schulte, Clinical Supervisor, Wedgwood Christian Services Substance Use Disorder Program in Kent County, discussed ways parents can better connect with their children over the Christmas holiday.</p> <p>Pet Safety – Joel Silverman, dog trainer and former host of Animal Planet’s “Good Dog U”, discussed pet safety over the holidays, especially when a new pet is added to the family.</p>
12/25/22	<p>The Best of – for the Christmas Day program we replayed two fun interviews from a couple of years back. Harry Connick Jr. talked about his career, family and new projects.</p> <p>Johnny Mathis – Johnny was promoting his latest Christmas album, and talked about his over 60-year career.</p>