

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

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

- A. **MENTAL HEALTH** – This seemed to be the leading topic in the community. We covered suicide, suicide prevention and its effect on families, and we talked about SADD, an organization assisting teens with mental health issues. We discussed how housing stability and home environment has a major impact in mental health, how to have a healthy relationship with your significant other, and also addressed divorce and its associated mental health issues.
- B. **HEALTH** – We discussed kidney disease and transplant programs, hearing issues, the benefit of milk for proper health, family housing and financial assistance available during a health crisis while at local hospitals, and discussed birth defects and new corrective surgical options before birth.
- C. **FINANCE & PERSONAL FINANCE** – We discussed benefits of a financial advisor for an individual and family, and addressed income disparity among many jobs and how there may be a way to improve the issue.
- D. **TRANSPORTATION** – We addressed the transportation needs of the community and the local transportation system reducing their carbon footprint with busses running on renewable natural gas. We also discussed EV's, electric vehicles and their growing use and latest trends.
- E. **EDUCATION**– We featured a local university and their creative and diverse curriculum and how it reaches the underserved as well as the mainstream student.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“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
4/2/23	Technology – Tech expert Ingrid Berkley discussed smart technology, smart homes, AI, robots, Alexa, Siri, and more, and how our lives are affected. Health/Birth Defects – Dr. Scott Adzick, Surgeon-in-Chief at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, discussed birth defects and a remarkable new surgery that is able to repair birth defects in the womb.
4/9/23	Financial Health –Scott Thoma, Principal at Edward Jones, discussed financial wellness and how having a trusted financial advisor plays a role in one’s financial health. Health/Organ Donation – Oliver Hale, local chef, and kidney transplant survivor, discussed organ donations and registering as an organ donor.

4/16/23	<p>Mental Health/Suicide – Vonnie Woodrick, founder of I Understand, a non-profit advocating for mental health understanding and suicide prevention, spoke about her journey after her husband’s suicide and her mission to help others.</p> <p>Local Recreation – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the on-going improvements of all of the city parks and positive influence the new facilities are having on neighborhoods.</p>
4/23/23	<p>Medical/Family Needs – Hanna Visser, Development Director of the Ronald McDonald House of Grand Rapids, discussed their need for expansion with the growing number of families coming to Grand Rapids for medical treatment and their need for housing.</p> <p>Mental Health – Rick Birt, CEO/President of SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, discussed his organizations work to empower young people to make positive decisions, teen dating and violence.</p>
4/30/23	<p>Transportation/Electric Cars –James Bell, Director of Corporate Communication of KIA America, discussed the growth of EV’s, the latest advancements and trends, and what buyers need to know when making a decision to buy or not to buy.</p> <p>Pets/Allergies – Dr. Dana Liska, veterinary dermatology specialist at Zoetis, discussed the fact that dogs suffer seasonal allergies just as humans do, causes, signs owners should look for, and treatments.</p>
5/7/23	<p>Medical/Hearing – Martin Grieder, Vice President Consumer Hearing for Sonova, discussed hearing loss affecting one in five Americans and new technology that will help those with hearing loss.</p> <p>Medical/Family Needs, Mental Health - Julie Nemeth, New Day Foundation, discussed their expanding into West Michigan. They are a non-profit that provides financial assistance and emotional support to families impacted by a cancer diagnosis.</p>
5/14/23	<p>Education – Davenport University, a local university with campuses around the state of Michigan, was featured in conversations with President Rick Pappas, Carlos Sanchez, Dean, Casa Latina, and Amy Mansfield, Dean, College of Business & Technology, and how Davenport is providing innovating education to those of West Michigan.</p>
5/21/23	<p>Economy – Jamal Hagler, Vice President of Research, American Investment Council, discussed private equity and how, since COVID, more companies are turning to PE financing to help them grow.</p> <p>Health – Dr. Tanya Altmann, Pediatrician, discussed dairy milk and its benefits compared to soy, oat, and almond milk.</p> <p>Transportation, Energy – Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed public transportation and the Grand Rapids bus system, The Rapid, and how they are converting most of their busses to use renewable natural gas produced by the Grand Rapids Bio Digester Plant.</p>
5/28/23	<p>Health/Stroke – Dr. Mahesh Jayaraman, neurointerventionalist specializing in interventional neuroradiology at Rhode Island Hospital and associate professor at the Warren Alpert Medial School of Brown University, discussed stroke, causes, how quick action can save a life, and a new minimally invasive procedure, mechanical thrombectomy that has the potential to get severe stroke patients back on their feet.</p>

	<p>Personal Finance – Stephanie Hoopes, national director of United For Alice, and Michigan president, Hassan Hammod, discussed ALICE, (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), and the income disparity among American workers in retail, seniors, and people of color.</p>
6/4/23	<p>Volunteering – Maribeth Groen of Heart of West Michigan United Way discussed summer volunteering opportunities for people from teens to seniors.</p> <p>Mental Health – Linda and Charlie Bloom, authors of An End to Arguing: 101 Valuable Lessons for all Relationships, discussed a healthy relationship between couples, arguing, listening, trust and the three words never to use in an argument.</p>
6/11/23	<p>Health Care – Jennifer FitzPatrick, author of Reimagining Customer Service in Healthcare, discussed the importance of having a connection with your doctor without a disconnection so that you get proper health care.</p>
6/18/23	<p>Mental Health – Mental Health America President & CEO Schroeder Stribling, discussed mental health in America and why housing stability and home environment play a large role in our mental health.</p> <p>Mental Health/Divorce – Attorney Jeffrey Stephens, collaborator on the book The Road to Splitsville: How to Navigate the Road to Divorce without Making Yourself Crazy, discussed how to deal with divorce and not make your children miserable and your lawyer rich.</p>
6/25/23	<p>Due to technical difficulties we were unable to produce a new show or replay a best-of program of the past. In order that the program was on the air, we were able to replay the past program of May 28 featuring Health/Stroke and Personal Finance.</p>