

**Issues/Programs Report**  
**Q3'21**  
**Radio 1300 WKQK**  
**Cocoa Beach, FL**

**ISSUES:**

WKQK has identified the following as significant issues of interest to our community during this quarter; as noted below, some issues listed were addressed by more than one special weekly feature:

1. Supporting Technology in Education: Important ways students and teachers in Brevard can acquire critical high technology equipment.
2. Contributions to Culture in Our Community: The importance of local organizations that ensure a high quality of cultural life in Brevard County.
3. Veterans Support Organizations: How organizations in Brevard provide support and services to veterans of our armed forces.
4. Wildlife Conservation: Resources in our community that help ensure that wildlife in Brevard County survive and thrive.
5. Emergency Preparations: Important information during the midst of the hurricane season, plus other ways citizens can prepare for emergencies.
6. Community Economic Development: Important progress and issues in the development of our county's largest planned community, Viera.

**ISSUES DISCUSSION AND PROGRAMMING:**

WKQK specifically addressed the issues listed above and delineated below via its weekly *Brevard at Large* community affairs program:

**1. Supporting Technology in Education**

Computers Advancing Education. Fremont Bassett, Founder  
Broadcast September 26, 2021, 7:08:44-8:08:56  
Broadcast September 5, 2021, 7:01:23-8:01:35  
Broadcast August 29, 2021, 7:01:42-8:01:44

Mr. Bassett explained the vision and mission of Computers Advancing Education, which is to receive non-functioning computer hardware and repair it to working condition so it can then be donated to students and educational facilities who could not otherwise afford it.

## **2. Contributions to Culture in Our Community**

Henegar Center for the Arts. Dominic Del Brocco, Executive Artistic Director  
Broadcast September 19, 2021, 7:05:39-8:06:24  
Broadcast September 12, 2021, 7:00:52-8:01:26

Mr. Del Brocco is newly appointed as Executive Director of the Henegar Center. He discussed his goals as leader of the Center and also plans going forward in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eau Gallie Arts District: Keenun Barley, Executive Director  
Broadcast August 8, 2021, 7:00:59-8:00:34

Mr. Barley explained the genesis of the Eau Gallie Arts District in Melbourne. When the City of Eau Gallie was annexed into Melbourne, the former downtown area was transformed into an historic arts district which today is frequented by thousands of visitors each year.

## **3. Veterans Support Organizations**

Brevard Veterans Resource Network. Scott Robinson, Executive Director  
Broadcast July 18, 2021, 7:01:05-8:01:15

Brevard Veterans Resource Network is a coalition of numerous organizations that provide support and services to military veterans. Mr. Robinson explained how the BVRN facilitates access to information and other resources for the many veterans who call Brevard County home.

## **4. Wildlife Conservation**

Florida Wildlife Hospital: Tracy Frampton, Executive Director  
Broadcast August 15, 2021, 7:01:24-8:02:21

The plethora of wildlife in Brevard County means that often wildlife are in need of care and rehabilitation. Ms. Frampton discussed the services of Florida Wildlife Hospital and how residents can deliver injured, native wildlife to its facility.

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Kimberly King-Wrenn, Visitor Services Manager  
Broadcast July 4, 2021, 7:02:05-8:00:09

A positive byproduct of NASA's development of the Kennedy Space Center in our county is the 140,000-acre Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Ms. King-Wrenn discussed the many features and attractions of the refuge. She also said that the refuge provides a wide variety of habitats: coastal dunes, saltwater marshes, freshwater impoundments, scrub, pine flatwoods, and hardwood hammocks that provide habitat for more than 1,500 species of plants and animals and 15 federally listed species. This truly is a treasure located in our county.

## **5. Emergency Preparations**

Brevard County Emergency Management: John Scott, Director  
Broadcast August 22, 2021, 7:02:36-8:03:58  
Broadcast August 1, 2021, 7:01:20-8:02:41  
Broadcast July 11, 2021, 7:02:17-8:03:21

John Scott, Director of Brevard County Emergency Management, reviewed the office's responsibilities in regard to its preparation and response to emergencies in our county. These involve not only dealing with hurricanes and other inclement weather, wildfires, and other natural phenomena, but also in the event of a space launch emergency at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and other "man-made" catastrophes. He also provided information to the public about how they can best prepare for and respond to emergencies, such as the 5-Step Preparedness Plan.

## **6. Community Economic Development**

The Viera Company. Eva Rey, Director, Community Management, Amenities, and Communications  
Broadcast July 25, 2021, 7:04:55-8:07:12

Viera is a 43,000-acre planned community in Brevard County that began development over 25 years ago. Ms. Rey shared the history and progress of Viera to date, as well as plans to continue into the future.

NOTES:

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