



**WGBJ/WAJI-HD2**

**ISSUES/ASCERTAINMENT REPORT  
1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2021**

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**The following is a list of ascertained issues for the 1st quarter of 2021:**

**Political Unrest**

**Covid 19**

**Financial Insecurities Brought on by Covid 19**

# **WGBJ, Alt 102.3 Public Affairs Programming, 1st quarter of 2021**

## **Community Service**

1/10/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of the Buddy Bench Project, a nationally recognized program which was created by a Fort Wayne student. She's been collecting benches to put in schoolyards and in local parks. When a child sits on that bench, he or she is indicating that they would like to have a friend to play with and would like to meet some new friends.

Guest: Sammie Vance, Creator and Founder of the Buddy Bench Project  
Sunday Side Up

1/24/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed Meters with a Mission, a new program that's part of Greater Fort Wayne.

Guest: Brenda Gerber Vincent, Vice President of Community and Corporate Impact, Greater Fort Wayne

Sunday Side Up

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## **Community Service cont.**

2/21/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

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Sunday Side Up

2/28/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed Bring It Push It Own It, which includes programs for boys and women.

Guest: Tisha Marie Stalter, Founder, Bring It Push It Own It  
Sunday Side Up

3/21/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the Fort Wayne History Center and how they are working to preserve the cultural and historical significance of the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement as they pertain to Northeast Indiana. They've obtained the actual vial which contained the first COVID vaccine administered in Indiana (which was here in Fort Wayne). They've also collected artifacts from the Black Lives Matter protests in Fort Wayne over the summer.

Guest: Todd Pelfry, Executive Director, Fort Wayne History Center.  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **Community Service cont.**

3/28/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Fort Wayne Ronald McDonald House, its services for families with children in our local hospital and its new program called Care Mobile which is a mobile pediatric office that provides on-site medical and wellness checks for families that might not otherwise have access to the proper medical care.

Guest: Jen Veach, CEO, Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana;  
Teresa White, Director of Development and Communication, Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **COVID 19**

1/3/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion about the impact that COVID has had on Fort Wayne tourism and how they hope to bring leisure and business travel back.

Guest: Kristen Guthrie, Communications Director, Visit Fort Wayne;  
Emily Stuck, Community Affairs, Visit Fort Wayne  
Sunday Side Up

1/17/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

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Guest: Kristen Guthrie, Communications Director, Visit Fort Wayne;  
Emily Stuck, Community Affairs, Visit Fort Wayne  
Sunday Side Up

## **COVID 19 cont.**

1/31/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control and the ways in which they've had to adapt over the last year to maintain pet adoptions. They've launched a new program that helps owners keep pets rather than having to surrender them. Also discussed cold weather tips for your animals, the benefits of microchipping and low cost spay and neutering.

Guest: Holly Pasquinelli, Community Relations and Education Specialist,  
Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control  
Fort Wayne Feedback

2/7/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed how church services are evolving to deal with the pandemic. Also discussed some of the outreach programs available through First Presbyterian Church.

Guest: Pastor Annie Epling, First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Side Up

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## **Domestic Violence**

2/21/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the continuing movement to empower women across the country and how to recognize the signs of domestic violence. Plus discussed a program to prevent teen dating violence and how the stress of the continuing pandemic has led to an increase in calls and case reports. Talked about the city's shelter for men, women and children and the special domestic violence hotline.

Guest: Jennifer Rohlf, Director of Empowerment, YWCA of Northeast Indiana

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## **Financial Insecurity from COVID 19**

3/14/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of the Fort Wayne Pet Food pantry which provides free pet food to families in need, something that has been particularly difficult during the pandemic. Also discussed volunteer opportunities.

Guest: Rochele Watson, Director, Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry

Sunday Side Up

## **Education**

2/7/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Early Childhood Alliance which promotes learning through play, early education, character building and parental support.

Guest: Madeleine Baker, CEO, Early Childhood Alliance

Fort Wayne Feedback

## **Healthcare**

1/3/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of Healthier Moms and Babies which works with mothers-to-be to ensure healthier pregnancies and births.

Guest: Guest: Amber Coughlin, Chair of Women's Philanthropy Group, Healthier Moms and Babies; Paige Wilkins, Executive Director, Healthier Moms and Babies

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1/17/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed Healthier Moms and Babies and their mission to prevent premature births by working one-on-one with women and their families during pregnancy and for 2 years after. They also recently launched a fatherhood program to help fathers navigate pregnancy and infancy.

Guest: Paige Wilkins, Executive Director, Healthier Moms and Babies; Amber Coughlin, Chair of Women's Philanthropy Group, Healthier Moms and Babies

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3/14/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of new medical research in the area of dementia, particularly a medication that would help fight plaque in the brain which can lead to Alzheimer's Disease. Also discussed the impact of social isolation on not only Alzheimer's patients but their caregivers.

Guest: Abby Gehaw, Fort Wayne Walk to End Alzheimer's Manager for Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana; Maggie Cattelle, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association of Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **Infrastructure**

1/24/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed new construction and terminal upgrades at Fort Wayne International Airport which will hopefully boost business commuters. Also discussed the affect that COVID has had on air travel and its effects on the local business climate.

Guest: Scott Hinderman, Executive Director of Airports, Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority.  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **Political Unrest/Black Lives Matter**

2/14/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of local author, DJ Eclyps' book, "Voices" which documents the Black Lives Matter movement and last summer's protests.

Guest: DJ Eclyps, Author, "Voices"  
Sunday Side Up

## **Political Unrest/Black Lives Matter cont.**

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Fort Wayne Feedback

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Discussion of a local book called "Voices." The author, DJ Eclyps, discusses the Black Lives Matter protests.

Guest: DJ Eclyps, Author, "Voices"

Sunday Side Up

## **Workforce and Workforce Development**

1/10/21 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of Northeast Indiana works, and i's initiative to promote workforce development across NE Indiana. They have a new skills training program which hopes to develop new talent, based on the needs of area businesses and non-profit organizations.

Guest: Rick Farrant, Director of Communications, Northeast Indiana Works

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3/21/21 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the various programs and service available through the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Indiana

Guest: Nicole Thomas, Communications Director of Northeast Indiana

Better Business Bureau

Sunday Side Up



**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
STAFF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**JANUARY – MARCH 2021**

The following is a list of recorded public service announcements aired on WGBJ, Alt 102.3 during the first quarter of 2021:

**Crimestoppers**

**Women's Care Center**

**St. Paul Evangelization**

**National Association of Broadcasters: Covid-19**

**The Lutheran Foundation**

**Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control**

**City of Fort Wayne: Homeowner Repair**

**Indiana Broadcasters Association First Amendment Rights**

**Indiana Broadcasters Association Scholarship Program**

**COVID Awareness Campaign: Defend the Fort**

**COVID Awareness Campaign: Wear a Mask**

The following is a list of community activities in which WAJI, WAJI HD2, WAJI HD3 and WLDE staff members participated during the 1st quarter of 2021:

Lisa Thompson-Marketing Committee Member, WOWnet;  
Food Tasting Committee member, Tapestry

John Parker-Usher and Lector, St. Jude Catholic Church;  
Council Member and Fish Fry Volunteer, Knights of  
Columbus; Participant, Northeast Indiana Right to Life  
Rally; Volunteer Appraiser, Destination Imagination

Leslie Robbins-Gettys-Board of Directors, Crossroads  
Crisis Center

Angie Nash-Chaperone and Guide, Northside High School  
Jazz Band

Andy Beckman-Community Outreach Board Member,  
Children's Autism Center

Carrie Wellman-Volunteer, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

WLDE Staff-Pack the Pantry, Franciscan Center