

**Issues Programs List**  
**Quarterly Issues Programs List**  
**WEZQ-FM, WQCB-FM, WBZN-FM, WWMJ-FM, WDEA-AM**  
**October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**

**Section I. Issues**

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

- A. **Crime-** Maine Concerns covers stories we think are important to Maine residents from drug trafficking to scams and security related issues. We cover human crime stories, as well as environmental crimes, with information from the Maine Warden Service, U.S. Coast Guard, and Maine Marine Patrol. In addition, we discuss resources available to victims of crime, like domestic assault.
- B. **Health-** Maine Concerns covers a wide variety of health-related stories and works with regional hospitals, the Maine CDC, and other organizations to get the word out about conferences, medical developments, viruses, and seasonal concerns like Lyme disease or flu. Many of our stories dealing with public safety can be considered health related as well, citing our warnings about CO poisoning during power outages as one example. The pandemic has dominated this quarter, with stories about available resources and how to access them.
- C. **Economy-** Maine Concerns covers job fair activities, training and development opportunities, and available resources for educational financial aid. We have also reported on economic initiatives to help in times of crisis, like CARES ACT funding.
- D. **Environment-** Our environmental coverage spans a wide variety of stories including promoting public hearings, campaigns to protect Maine's wildlife, to getting the word out about water contamination. In addition, we cover stories about local efforts to clean up communities, and add more green space to urban areas.
- E. **Education -** Maine Concerns covers stories in Maine from school budgets to school safety initiatives. Stories about innovative college studies and research are also covered, and how to learn more about financial aid.
- F. **Public Safety-** Maine Concerns covers stories that impact the public safety of the community which can run the gamut from natural disasters to police emergencies. We also cover local police force initiatives to connect with the community, like Coffee with a Cop, or drug takeback events.

## Section II. Responsive Programs

**Our community issues program, Maine Concerns, airs each Sunday on WBZN and WQCB at 6:00 a.m., WEZQ at 6:12 a.m., WWMJ at 6:20 a.m., and on WDEA at 11:10 a.m.**

### **October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Health, Economy (Length – 24:52)**

**Northern Light EMMC Volunteers** – Cindy Campbell talks with Sarah Coventry, Director of Volunteer and Community Development Services for Northern Light Health, about the need for volunteers at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Coventry outlines the many options available to volunteers, including the flexibility of hours, and the rewards that come from helping others. She also discusses the safety protocols practiced in the hospital, to reassure possible volunteers that they can be safe from COVID-19, while still working in a healthcare setting.

**Salvation Army Christmas and Heat Assistance** – Cindy Campbell talks with Captain Rebecca Kirk of the Salvation Army Bangor Citadel Corps about its winter programs and how residents in need can benefit from them. Captain Kirk explains the details of signing up for the Christmas gift program known as the Angel Tree, and for heat assistance, which helps residents keep oil in their tanks. In addition, she encourages people outside of Greater Bangor to contact the Salvation Army for information about assistance programs in their area.

### **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Economy, Education (Length: 24:49)**

**Habitat for Humanity of Bangor** – Cindy Campbell talks with Habitat for Humanity of Bangor's Board President Dustin Smiley about the latest project in Old Town and how potential homeowners can apply to the program. In addition, Smiley discusses the financial challenges involved in making these homes become a reality and how businesses can get involved through financial sponsorships. The upcoming project in Bangor will include students from Eastern Maine Community College, who will be learning, even as they volunteer.

**Dirigo Reads** – Co-founder Dan Cashman called in with an update on how this year's Dirigo Reads project is shaping up, with its newly expanded roster of schools, and students either in school part-time or learning remotely. The organization is finding some financial challenges, in making this year's goal of bringing new books every month to 1<sup>st</sup> graders in 22 schools, and he's asking for businesses to offer up some financial sponsorships.

### **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Economy, Environment, Public Safety, Health (Length: 24:51)**

**Serve a Neighbor Campaign** – Co-founder Cheryl Garland Crabtree talks with Cindy Campbell about the Serve a Neighbor campaign, that's encouraging residents to do random acts of kindness for neighbors during the pandemic. The goal is to help spread hope and cooperation by doing things like shoveling driveways, raking leaves, or buying

groceries for people who may be at risk if they go to the store. She explains that the initiative has been picked up by other states and even some foreign countries.

**Partners for Peace** – Cindy Campbell chats with Casey Faulkingham of Partners for Peace about Domestic Violence Activism Month. Faulkingham discusses the warning signs that a partner may potentially be abusive, what to do if you're in an abusive relationship, and the services offered by the organization. In addition, she talks about informational and fundraising events coming up throughout the month of October.

**Scams Targeting the Elderly** – Cindy Campbell talks with Sergeant Wade Betters of the Bangor Police Department about several phone scams that have been targeting the elderly. Sergeant Betters discusses how to recognize a scam, and what families can do to help protect their loved ones from falling victim.

### **October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Health, Economy, Public Safety (Length: 24:42)**

**Maine CDC Halloween Guidelines** – Cindy Campbell chats with Bangor's Public Health Director, Patty Hamilton about the Halloween guidelines put forth by the Maine CDC. Hamilton talks about the dangers of trick or treating, haunted houses, and any public gathering, and the importance of wearing an approved face covering instead of a costume mask. In addition, she offers suggestions about safer Halloween celebrations like pumpkin carving, watching movies, and having outdoor costume contests in your neighborhood.

**Salvation Army Christmas** – Captain Rebecca Kirk of the Salvation Army Bangor Citadel Corps called us with an update and to talk about income guidelines for the Angel Tree Program, which is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance. Kirk says the response has been, surprisingly, a little slow and so she wanted to encourage everyone in need to apply, and not to feel they won't qualify. The application period runs into mid-November.

### **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Education, Health, Environment (Length – 24:32)**

**Challenger Learning Center** – Cindy Campbell talks with Kirsten Hibbard, Executive Director of the Challenger Learning Center, about how the very hands-on STEM educational program has adapted to the pandemic. She explains that they regularly create 'kits' for kids to use at home, during virtual STEM learning sessions like electrical safety, plus occasional fundraisers that are socially distanced, like the pumpkin catapult.

**Bangor Festival of Lights** – Cindy Campbell chats with Rebecca Kirk, President of the Bangor Rotary Breakfast about how the city is adapting to the cancellation of the Festival of Lights parade. She explains how businesses, residents, and non-profits are invited to put up light displays on their property, which will be compiled on a map. That way, residents can drive by the lights, rather than gathering in crowds to watch them drive by in a parade format, putting everyone at risk of COVID-19.

## **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Economy, Education, Health (Length - 24:56)**

**Downeast Community Partners** – Cindy Campbell talks with Lee Hardison about Downeast Community Partners, an organization that deals with everything from affordable childcare to elder care, rental assistance in the pandemic, and the THAW fund. Hardison explains that the THAW fund is not heat assistance, but is an emergency fund for people who need heat immediately but don't have the money to buy it. She says donations are needed to keep the program running.

**Wreaths Across America** – In advance of Veterans' Day, Cindy Campbell talks with Sean Sullivan, Media Liaison for Wreaths Across America, about how the pandemic is affecting the annual pilgrimage to Arlington. He explains that the caravan is still going, but without the stops in communities, at schools, and Veterans' Homes. He says people can still donate, volunteer (with safety guidelines in place), and follow the journey on Facebook.

## **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Education, Public Safety, Crime, Health (Length – 24:53)**

**Literacy Volunteers** – Cindy Campbell talks with Executive Director Mary Marin Taylor about how Literacy Volunteers is dealing with the pandemic, and remote tutoring. She explains the many ways that LV Bangor can help people, with reading and comprehension, including internet comprehension. Donations are needed to keep the organization operating, since their primary fundraisers had to be cancelled.

**Safe Shopping Tips** – Cindy Campbell talks with Chief Chris Greeley about some safe shopping tips. He discusses things like keeping packages hidden away in the trunk and never leaving your vehicle unlocked, even in your own driveway. In addition, Moody encourages residents to park in well-lit, public areas to discourage car burglars.

**Anah Shrine Tree Auction** – Cindy Campbell chats with Dave Gulya of the Anah Shrine in Bangor about its tree auction. As a replacement to the usual Festival of Trees, the organization is raffling off a single tree, including a huge number of prizes like generators, tools, getaways, and more. All the money raised by the raffle will benefit Shriners Children's Hospitals and the local chapter's screening clinics.

## **November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Economy, Education, Health (Length - 24:59)**

**Camp Capella Holiday Auction** – Cindy Campbell chats with Camp Capella's Facilities Director Harvey Chesley about an upcoming auction that aims to replace some of the economic burden at the camp, created by the pandemic. Donations are needed to be put up for bid at the auction and, Chesley said, would be tax-deductible. He also talks about the fun and educational virtual programs the camp's been engaged in all summer, as a way to help their campers still feel connected.

**Northern Light EMMC Surgical Robotics Program** – Dr. Michelle Toder of Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center talks with Cindy Campbell about the use of surgical robots in a variety of surgeries, including how they reduce the risk of infection, make the

procedures less taxing on the patient, and greatly minimize recovery times. She outlines how the robots are used, under the direction of a surgeon.

**11-29-20 No program due to holiday weekend**

**12-6-20 Health, Community, Education, Environment, Economy, Crime (Length – 24:38)**

**The Together Place** – Cindy Campbell talks with Sean Faircloth of the Together Place in Bangor about the many programs it offers including: peer-support recovery programs that are the organization's focus; employment resources to help their community find jobs; improvement of the Union Street neighborhood which has a high concentration of crime, drug use, and overdose deaths; and a diner which serves up meals that are eligible to be purchased with EBT benefits. Faircloth also discusses a book full of pictures he took, depicting the city of Bangor during the COVID pandemic, which is on sale as a fundraising tool for the group.

**12-13-20 Health, Public Safety, Community, Environment (Length – 24:52)**

**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning** – After a storm that left thousands in Maine relying on generators, Cindy Campbell chatted with Toxicologist Andrew Smith about the ways to become poisoned with Carbon Monoxide and how to prevent it. Smith discusses generators, but also the importance of getting furnaces cleaned, keeping vents outside the house and vehicle exhaust pipes clear of snow. He also explains the symptoms of CO poisoning.

**Holiday Fire Safety** – Cindy Campbell talks with the Bangor Fire Department's Education Officer about holiday fire safety, and also how to avoid fires in the winter. Johnson discusses holiday lights and keeping trees watered, and also how to safely thaw frozen pipes and dispose of fireplace and woodstove ashes. Johnson finishes by talking about the importance of smoke detectors and escape plans.

**Wreaths Across America Part 2** – Cindy Campbell once again talks with Media Liaison Sean Sullivan about Wreaths Across America, after their trek to Arlington was first canceled, and then reinstated. He explains the motivation behind the quest to lay wreaths on the graves of soldiers, and the importance of community support through financial donations. In addition, he explains how the mission will be fulfilled, under even stricter COVID-19 safety protocols.

**12-20-20 No program**

**12-27-20 Health, Community, Education (Length – 24:36)**

**Kids' Mental Health in the Pandemic** – Cindy Campbell talks with Chris McLaughlin of Northern Light Acadia Hospital's Pediatric Services about how the pandemic is affecting the mental health of families, specifically kids. He talks about increased depression, anxiety, substance use, and even self-harm they've been seeing since the onset of the pandemic, especially with the lack of social interaction caused by remote learning.

McLaughlin explains some coping mechanisms for young people and their caregivers, including a number system to help parents monitor their teen's moods and online support groups for parents.

**Keep It Maine Campaign** – Cindy Campbell talks with Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew about the current state of the pandemic, how Maine compares to other states, and what can be done to improve the numbers. Lambrew explains the Keep it Maine campaign, which encourages residents to keep those Maine numbers low by wearing face coverings, social distancing, and avoiding gathering over the holidays.