

September 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Through surveys of community leaders, newsmakers and from listener input, Cumulus of Chattanooga has found the following key issues facing our area of license:

- 1) Crime & Public Safety
- 2) Race Relations
- 3) Political/Government Issues
- 4) Economic Development
- 5) Health
- 6) Housing
- 7) RECREATION

The following issues were covered during the fourth quarter of 2014 in the locally-produced, weekly public affairs show called "Conversation Piece," hosted/moderated by Cumulus of Chattanooga News Director Kevin West:

CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

11/23 - Documentary producer Joy Krause from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on her new film -- her first film -- "Serial Killer Groupies: A Love Story." It tells the story of women who fall in love with a marry serial killers -- even though they've committed heinous, violent acts and will never get out of prison.

12/7 - Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher on the use of body armor and body cameras by local police forces. Fletcher says both are useful and needed, but he has to balance the need with the cost.

12/21 - Laurie Stevens, PR strategist who specializes in social media and law enforcement. She addressed the case of Chattanooga Police Officer William Puckett, who's under an internal affairs investigation for two Facebook posts suggesting Chattanooga Organized for Action founder Chris Brooks needed to stop commenting on police procedures because he's never been an officer. That violates the CPD's social media policy -- and is similar to cases springing up all over the country.

RACE RELATIONS

12/28 - First responders. Captain Corliss Cooper with the Chattanooga Police

Department and Greg Hawkins, a 34-year veteran EMT who works in Chattooga County. They provided a first-hand account of first-responders and what they face routinely as a deeper look into the Michael Brown and Eric Garner fatalities involving law enforcement.

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES

10/12 - Chattanooga councilman Larry Grohn on the \$1750 fee to apply for a permit to play louder music in the city's new Amplified Music District. Also on the continued effort to figure out EPB billing to the city and how the oversight structure of the city-owned utility works.

10/19 - Hamilton County Election Commissioner Jerry Summers on the four ballot issues to be decided in November 4th voting in Tennessee. Early voting began 10/15 The ballot issues would ammend the Tennessee Constitution to 1) give the legislature more control over abortion procedures in Tennessee 2) empower the governor to appoint judges with approval of the legislature 3) prohibit the legislature from levying an income tax and 4) allow permitting of gambling and/or lotteries for charity.

10/26 - Chattanooga City Auditor Stan Sewell. With audits of EPB, the Police Department and the public library making news headlines over the last few weeks, Stan explained how he performs his job and what happens when he does.

11/2 - Myra Simons with the "Yes On 1" campaign. She argued her case for voting "yes" on the Amendment 1 question on Tennessee ballots Tuesday.

11/2 - Steven Herkowitz with the "No On 1" campaign. He argued his case for voting "no" on the Amendment 1 question on Tennessee ballots Tuesday.

11/9 - 3rd District Tennessee Congressman Chuck Fleischmann on the new congress, Obamacare, and funding the Chickamauga Lock.

11/30 - 3rd District Tennessee Congressman Chuck Fleischmann on his opposition to President Obama's executive order on immigration. Fleischmann argues that the power of the legislative branch has been eroded, that both the president and the Supreme Court have overstepped the authorities created by the Founding Fathers, and he and 434 other elected representatives should have more power.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10/5 - Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke. He focused on the lawsuit filed against EPB by Global Green Lighting entrepreneur Don Lepard on behalf of the city and on the city's move toward technolgy inovation.

12/14 - Chattanooga Councilman Ken Smith on regulating the Uber ride share service in Chattanooga. he and councilman Chris Anderson have competing regulation proposals - Anderson's specifically for Uber, Smith's for all ride services, including taxis, Uber, and

whomever else might do business in the city in the future.

HEALTH

12/14 - State Senator Todd Gardenhire on the bonuses announced for top Erlanger officials just days after announcing the termination of health care benefits for retirees and in the same year when employee vacations were frozen. Gardenhire is miffed that Erlanger CEO Kevin Speigel came to the legislature and told them Erlanger might go away completely if they couldn't secure 20-million dollars in federal funding -- which Gardenhire and his state collegies did. Gardenhire says he wants to remove current board members.

HOUSING

10/26 - Finn Bille, local writer, storyteller, and poet, is now part of a group trying to start a co-housing community for seniors. He calls it The Chattanooga Colaberative Senior Housing, something similar to a "commune" for seniors with all the negative baggage removed. Eight units that all open up to the same common space under one roof.

11/16 - U.S. Army Sergeant Jason Smith, Steps 2 Hope founder Mark Wilson, and project manager Mike Fitzpatrick on the house build for Sergeant Smith. They also explained the entire Steps 2 Hope mission and how Chatanooga can be involved in the project getting underway now for Sergeant Smith.

RECREATION

10/5 - Paul Brock, chairman of the River Rocks board and Dawson Wheeler, owner of Rock Creek Outfitters, on the month-long River Rocks adventure games in Chattanooga. The events include both spectator and participatory opportunities.