

ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WOHZ, WRIE, WXKC, WXKC-H2, WXTA, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 10/01/22 to 12/31/22. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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1. Nikki Carey, Senior Development Manager, American Cancer Society	North Coast Views Sun, Oct 02, 2022 6:00am - 30 min	1. PUBLIC HEALTH/CANCER-Learned the ACS was started in 1913, because there was no organization that would be a central cancer hub for information about cancer. In 1936, a woman put together volunteers to help raise money, as well as educate the general public about cancer. In 1946 is when they started focusing on funding research. They now include advocacy, w/ ACS Cancer Action Network (a non-partisan platform to help get laws enacted to fund federal cancer research – & put fair laws in place to help our community) They also have information online to help not only show precursors to cancer (along with healthy tips for preventive measures) but also info and support for those diagnosed, following up from treatment – and caregiver info. This is for all forms of cancer – but, especially in Oct. We got more details on services offered for Breast Cancer Awareness. Heard about how they are trying to get the word out to the underserved community, to be sure services are available for everyone to get a mammogram and support. Learned that they need volunteer drivers to help get patients to appointments. 30m
1. Ellen Hill, Program Director, YMCA of Greater	North Coast Views Sun, Oct 09, 2022 6:00am - 30 min	1. PUBLIC HEALTH/FREE PROGRAMS-Talked about their Chronic Disease Prevention Program, which involves 5 programs for adults 18 & up. They are free programs and you do not have to be a member of the Y to participate, in fact, the diabetes prevention program gives a free membership. Learned about the criteria for the programs and talked about how the programs are not necessarily because of COVID, but the Y IS trying to reach out to be even more community based – and reach out to especially underserved communities. 30m

<p>1. Erie Mayor Joe Schember</p> <p>2. Patricia Stucke, CEO, Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania & St. Pat's Haven Executive Director, Betsy Wiest</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 16, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. EQUITY/SAFETY- Reviewed where some of the ARP funding has gone, and some of where they plan to use it in the future, including a plan to help the lower east side and reenforce the inner-city sewer infostructure. Reviewed the plan to hire more police to assist with domestic dispute follow ups and help with the homeless downtown. Learned about Tom Lennox being honored from the PAL program assisting with police/community relations. Since this was Hispanic Heritage Month, learned about the new Latino/Hispanic American Advisory Council & learned about hopeful plans for the City to purchase the Miller Brothers property on State St to house police & fire. 13m11s</p> <p>2. MENTAL HEALTH/HOMELESS - Learned that the MHA has been around since 1993 after there was a movement to transfer patients from the Warren State Hospital back to Erie, at the same time that there was a discussion with mental health consumers to find a place they could call their own. The Erie Co Mental Health & ID office supported their idea of having a safe place for a consumer-based peer support place would be offered for, among other things, a place that individuals that are 18yrs and older can get off the streets and feel safe and cared for (some with mental health needs, some with substance abuse needs, some that may have been in a correctional facility. Learned about several of the peer support programs, including help offered to the public at the Blasco library, and all programs will refer consumers to other resources that could help them. Learned they partner with other programs in the area, including NAMI, who has drop-in programs at MHA, and St. Patrick's Haven – an emergency homeless shelter. We then talked with Betsy about how the shelter is a sponsored ministry through the Sisters of St. Joseph, to give men a clean safe place to sleep for homeless men. They had a fire last month and the damage has closed their building – and we learned that they are hoping for support from the community for monetary assistance - with the idea that they will need volunteers when they get back up and running. 16m50s</p>
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<p>1. Lisa Rand, Master Gardener Coordinator, Penn State Extension - Erie County & Jill Varner, Food Families, and Health Educator,</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Oct 23, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION/KINSHIP CARE – Learned that the Extension is through the Penn State College of Ag Sciences & is a leading provider of non-credit education offered to the general public (not meant for students). Some programs are free, and some have a fee that just covers resources for the courses, but they offer financial aid. Learned that the Master Gardener program has many outreach programs, including community gardens, teaching students where their food comes from, with the idea that they are more apt to try foods they’ve grown. Heard they offer a gardening hotline & targeting programming to help the community meet their nutrition needs. Learned that there are actually Extension educators located in all 67 counties in PA to help with any questions you may have in food, family and health, everything from free walking programs, to heart disease information, healthy cooking, adulting for our young adults that may not have basic skills, inner-generational kinship care support, an Alz class in partnership with the Y’s. & mental health programs, including help geared toward farmers. They will also come to your group with free information 30m</p>
<p>1. Brandon Wiley, CEO/Founder, OpenedEyes</p>	<p>814 Together – A Culturally Conscious Conversation Sun, Oct 30, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. DEI – MINDFULNESS AND IMPLICIT BIAS - We talk about the need to find out what works best for each of us to be more mindful about many aspects of our daily lives, how this knowledge can help us identify our implicit biases - and how that knowledge can hopefully deter us from committing microaggressions. 30m</p>

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<p>1. John Kowalczyk, Executive Director & Chuck Turner, Operations Manager, Veterans Miracle Center</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 06, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. VETERAN SERVICES- Learned that the VMC wants to give our Vets respect, hope and dignity – by offering free household items, clothing & essentials at no cost to the Vets and their families. The VMC tries to help Vets that don't qualify for certain things through the govt. Heard about what donations they're asking the community for help with for the winter. Learned a little more about the Tiny Homes project they are partnering with some companies about creating tiny homes on Erie Sports Park property – as well as the plans to build a greenhouse on the property, so that Vets just coming out of service, who don't have a plan for civilian life, can be vetted to live and work on the property – as a pilot program to see how this could help eliminate homelessness and jobs for qualifying vets. 30m</p>
<p>1. Jessica Krugger is an Advancement Coordinator at St. Martin Center 2, Erie Mayor Joe Schember</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 13, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. POVERTY - Reviewed how they help families that have short term immediate needs, with case management and referrals, as well as a food pantry. They also offer long term services, helping to get people to be self-sufficient – including financial counseling homebuying counseling. Learned about their fee for service early learning child services with pre-K education and before and after school care. Talked about the Erie's Best Coffee event coming back in Feb. And learned that the community can get involved with their Shining Stars program, where stars are hanging on public locations, where families can help give gifts to other families in need. 18m 2.COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RELATIONS – Reviewed the LERTA program, which gives those adding to their real estate (residential or commercial) where taxes are delayed for 10yrs. They are up to 200million dollars in new construction that will be adding tax revenue to the city. Got updated on the ARP funding and learned where you can find where monies have been designated, and where they help to continue spending it. Heard about this year's proposed budget for Erie and what changes are involved. Heard that folks can hear more about it online or local TV. Learned that the Mayor's number one priority is to attract more people to come back and live in Erie. 12m</p>

<p>1. Kim Thomas, Director, Infinite Erie</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sun, Nov 20, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. ECONOMIC GROWTH- Learned that the “investment playbook” or “Erie’s Inclusive Growth: A Framework for Action” decided to change their name to more reflect what the group’s goals are. They are not a non-profit, but currently they are within the non-profit partnership, which is part of the Community Foundation. They are not another “plan” but they are trying to help organizations county-wide who already have their own strategic plans put those plans into action – helping them find resources to implement their projects. They do have a “playbook” with 35 transformational opportunities that may or may not be investment ready. They came to this decision because of a study that was put together because of the Erie Community Foundation, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority the JES, Erie Insurance, who felt our area needed to get organized to be ready to take advantage of monies the government has available, so we could be ready to take advantage of the opportunities. Some of the projects - infrastructure, entrepreneurships – as well as place-based projects will be able to take advantage of their help organizing to be more competitive to fund their projects. They do not have money themselves, however, they work with these groups at no charge to help them access funding. (Grants or local loans) They also have groups looking at broader projects like homelessness, etc. 30m.</p>
<p>1. Brandon Wiley, CEO/Founder of OpenedEyes & Dr. Adrienne Dixon, President & CEO of Sarah A. Reed Children’s Center</p>	<p>814 Together – A Culturally Conscious Conversation Sun, Nov 27, 2022 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. DEI- RACIAL TRAUMA - Learned that there are different forms of trauma, & can look different for different people and can have a major impact on someone’s life – influencing how they respond to future situations, because of the possible physical and emotional ripples it can create. Heard how racial trauma can be generational trauma with extended family situations and in the community has a whole. Heard how, for many cultures, black and brown communities specifically, there is a hesitation to reach out for help, because of the racial disparities they, as a culture, have faced over generations. The idea that they have to show they are strong and have things together, because they fear that if they open themselves up, they may be</p>

2,		treated more harshly or institutionalized because their resources were more limited. Talked about how there are some practices, policies and structures in place that create limitations & barriers for certain groups, so it is important for all of us in the community to reach out to other culture communities to learn more about each other, embrace each other's differences and break down those barriers. 30m

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1. Wendy Jacobs, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Erie County	North Coast Views Sun, Dec 04, 2022 6:00am - 30 min	1. MENTAL HEALTH-Welcomed Wendy as new Executive Director. Reviewed that NAMI got started here in Erie in 1980, & is an affiliate of NAMI national. They offer non-clinical support and education for families and individuals who are facing mental health challenges - to be a good support for those that are suffering, & how to learn more about themselves. You do not have to have a formal diagnosis to take part. Heard that they are expanding presentations to law enforcement, detention centers and schools – to custom programs for burn out, resiliency, or any subject that would help break the stigma of reaching out for help for mental health. Heard how they have expanded their evidence-based class curriculums and support groups both virtually, as well as in person. 30m
1. Bishop Dwayne Brock, Founder & CEO of Eagles Nest, as well as President of the East Side Renaissance	North Coast Views Sun, Dec 11, 2022 6:00am - 30 min	1. POVERTY/EQUITY- Reviewed briefly the Eagles Nest programs for youth and young adults. Learned about the newly formed East Side Renaissance that Bishop Brock has teamed up with Matthew Harris and Marcus Atkinson to help revive a portion of Parade Street from 6th to 12th Street in Erie, PA. They are working to restore economically that Parade St corridor, with the help of community business partners. They are helping to facilitate new businesses to the area, they are helping renovate the businesses that are there and they are purchasing properties that will be fixed up and offered to community members (who take a class about home ownership) to purchase. Learned about how to keep up with all of the changes and how to get involved as a community. 30m

1. Brandon Wiley, CEO/Founder, OpenedEyes & Dr Parris Baker,		814 Together – A Culturally Conscious Conversation Sun, Dec 18, 2022 6:00am - 30 min	1. DEI/SPIRITUAL & FAITH DIVERSITY – Talked about how it is important to find the things that bring us together, instead of focusing on our differences. Learned that Spirituality is the pursuit of meaning in your own life – so, you can be spiritual, but not religious. Talked about how important it is to reach out to other cultures and religions to learn more about how we are more alike than different – and got some advice on how to bring up our differences respectfully. 30m

We have also rotated PSA announcements that may have highlighted the following:

Family Services, Big Brothers, Big Sisters – it is easy and takes very little time to be a mentor & impact the life of a child just by being yourself

Erie County Library- not just books –music, movies, language instruction and more – most of it free, online or stop by

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration –Talk – They Listen

SafeNet - Domestic Violence Services

Lucy’s 1st Step – free assistance / counseling for parents who have lost a child

NAMI – group classes and support groups to assist individuals and family members dealing with mental health challenges

Erie VA Medical Center –reminding veterans and their families about services – specific info for women – PTSD and other services

Therapy Dogs United- get your dogs involved with therapy services for children & adults– contact if your business wants a visit from a therapy dog

Safe Harbor/Safe Line- how to get help for sadness or bullying issues – for teens and adults – help info if you are feeling suicidal

SafeNet – with help for domestic violence or victim of any violent act

Parkinson Partners – Support and Information

United Way – Be A Caring Adult – simple suggestions on how to make a difference in a child/youth - United Way – Imagination Library – 2-1-1 / Community Schools

Voices for Independence – Support for those with physical challenges

Cody's Wheels of Hope – contact info to get children with a life threatening illness wheeled toys

Alzheimer's Association – help available to families and care givers

Linked by Pink – Assistance for Breast Cancer patients and their families

American Heart & Stroke Association - Go Red for Women (risk of heart disease)

American Cancer Society – where to reach out for help

EUMA - Erie United Methodist Alliance – Helping homeless families

Crime Victim Center – Help for those affected by violent crimes

Highmark Caring Place – FREE assistance for grieving children, adolescents and their families (you do not have to have Highmark to take advantage)

Kinship Care – Support for people raising someone else's child (grandparents, etc)

Gaudenzia – Help with addiction

Early Connections – helping with education for the little ones

Erie Humane Society – help for stray & neglected animals

A.N.N.A. Shelter – info on how to adopt or help rescued animals

Autism Society – support and resources for families with those on the spectrum

American Cancer Society – variety of programs available to community

Habitat for Humanity – restore for donations or to shop

SOS 4 Kidz – to assist children with needs for school and self esteem

Emma's Footprint – help for those who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss

Veterans Miracle Center – help for homeless & underserved vets/military & their families

Safe Journey – with help for domestic violence

Junior Achievement – how to get involved with working with students for career guidance

American Lung Association – information about lung health

Release the Pressure Coalition – how to control blood pressure

AARP – ideas for saving for retirement

Salvation Army – how to get or give help