

COMMUNITY CARES – 1ST Q 2024

WWWW 102.9 – Sunday 5:00am WQKL 107.1 – Sunday 6:00am

WTKA 1050 – Sunday 6:30am WLBY 1290 – Saturday & Sunday 11:30am

Host

Lucy Ann Lance

January 7, 2024

TOPIC – **Celebrating Where We Live** - It's great to love where you live. A vibrant community offers a welcoming environment for all. A place that offers attractions and entertainment, educational and economic opportunities, and an inviting landscape where everyone can enjoy the place they call home. As Ann Arbor launches its Bicentennial year, we explore what's ahead. And for those of you who'd like to start a business here, we'll introduce you to an organization that can help you begin.

Guests

- **Celebrating Ann Arbor's Bicentennial - Amy Karbo, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Destination Ann Arbor** - Ann Arbor will kickoff its 200th anniversary year with a major event at the Michigan Theater on January 19th to help fund the city's Legacy Projects in honor of the Bicentennial.
- **SCORE - Steve Feinman, SCORE Ann Arbor Mentor** - SCORE Ann Arbor mentors are experienced entrepreneurs, corporate managers, and executives with diverse background and specialties. SCORE gives you free access, virtually or in person, to the expertise you need to reach your business goals.

PSAs aired during program

House by the Side of the Road

Jewish Family Services

Alpha House

New 2 You Again

January 14, 2023

Homeowner Help - Owning a home can be a costly endeavor and sometimes it's hard to make ends meet, especially when a household emergency or unexpected expense occurs. In Washtenaw County and many other counties, there is help through government agencies. Everything from paying your heating bill to implementing weatherization improvements and even replacing your roof may all be covered through these programs.

Guests

- **Free Homeowner Resources - Aaron Kraft, Housing Program Supervisor, Washtenaw Office of Community & Economic Development** - Increased funding for Washtenaw County's Weatherization Program means more residents will be able to take advantage of free services to improve their home and save money.
- **United Way: Michigan Energy Assistance Program - Sean Scane, Director, Utility Services • Utility Assistance** - Energy assistance ranks in the top three requested needs among people calling 2-1-1 for help, along with housing and food. Those seeking support have long relied on the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), which provides utility payment support to struggling low-income households. Unfortunately, many of those in need are not eligible for assistance.

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House by the Side of the Road

Food Gatherers

New 2 You Again

NAMI Washtenaw County

The Creature Conservancy

January 21, 2024

TOPIC – **When You Can't Pay the Bills** - Groceries, rent, utilities - prices for everyday items just to live are skyrocketing, making it difficult for many to pay the bills. You don't have to go through these hard times alone. We are profiling two organizations that are ready to help you with making ends meet and getting back on your feet.

Guests

- **2-1-1, A Lifeline in Times of Crisis - Tasha Ball, 2-1-1 Director of Operations, United Way for Southeastern Michigan** - The 2-1-1 helpline provides referrals to programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, utility assistance and more. Help is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from anywhere in the state of Michigan.

- **HouseN2Home - Ruth Ann Logue, Co-Founder** - This group of volunteers helps to provide furnishings for people who are moving out of homeless shelters and into rental housing. They have grown to more than 100 volunteers who provide more than 200 furnished homes a year.

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The Arts Alliance

Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Jewish Family Services

Mentor 2 Youth

January 28, 2024

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February 4, 2024

TOPIC – **Early Voting** - All Washtenaw County voters now have the option to vote early in-person prior to every major election, starting with the upcoming February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary. In 2022, Michigan voters overwhelmingly passed Proposal 2 to require at least 9 days of early voting before Election Day in federal and statewide elections. So, we thought we'd take a look at how it will work and find out what you need to know to vote early in-person.

Guests

- **Ed Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk / Register & Director of Elections, Washtenaw County** - Michigan voters now have the right to vote early in-person during nine (9) full days prior to every major election. Early Voting sites will be operating across Washtenaw County to accommodate those voters who wish to cast their ballot in-person before Election Day.
- **Groundcover News - Lindsay Calka, Director/ Publisher** - Known as Ann Arbor's street paper, the mission of Groundcover News is to create an opportunity a voice for low-income people.

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Peace Neighborhood Center

February 11, 2024

TOPIC – Stories of Our Time - As Ann Arbor celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, many tales of the town will be shared. You can learn about these stories of Ann Arbor through the new SmartTours offered online, details coming up. Sometimes the best stories are love stories. Big Hearts for Seniors is looking for community members to share their love stories. We'll explain why in the Stories of Our Time.

Guests

- **Ann Arbor's 200th Anniversary with SmartTours - Norm Tyler, Chair, SmartTours Subcommittee of the Ann Arbor Bicentennial History Committee** - Take the new A2 SmartTours and watch Ann Arbor's 200 year-old history come to life. Your smartphone will give you access to fifteen self-guided online tours, each with its own theme celebrating Ann Arbor's Bicentennial in 2024.
- **Big Hearts for Seniors - Shannon Etcheverry, Director- Silver Club Programs | Director- Turner Senior Wellness Program | Assistant Director-Geriatrics Community Programs at Michigan Medicine** - Do you have a story to tell? Big Hearts for Seniors (BHS) is searching for storytellers to tell their true stories using the theme, "Love Stories" for the 2024 event. The Big Hearts for Seniors annual fundraiser event benefits six community senior programs.

February 18, 2024

Topic - **Energizing Education** - Programs in our community that support our schools and and overall learning are invaluable. Museums, like the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, have long been a great learning resource for school groups and families. Budget-strapped school districts also are able to provide an enhanced experience for their students thanks to groups like the Foundation for the Saline Area Schools.

Guests

- **Play, A Scientific Soiree - Charlie Reischl, Development Manager, Ann Arbor Hands On Museum; Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director** - Adults who have taken kids to this hands-on interactive museum know its educational value. Now, science is also the life of the party at this event at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum for adults only.
- **Foundation for Saline Area Schools - Stacey Rumpsa, Executive Director, Foundation for Saline Area Schools; Michelle Dugan, Executive Director, Saline Area Chamber of Commerce** - Business communities and their chambers of commerce have long been great supporters of our schools. In return, Healthy, thriving schools help drive the economy which bolsters business. In Saline, students and teachers are benefitting from the work being done jointly by area businesses with the Foundation for Saline Area Schools.

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United Way of Southeastern Michigan

February 25, 2024

Topic - **Children, Our Legacy** - Children are society's greatest responsibility, and ultimately our most wonderful reward as they become our legacy. But what happens when you desperately want a child but are unable? There are options from IVF to surrogacy and adoption, but they can be expensive. Chosen Infertility Group is helping couples by funding grants to pay for fertility procedures; and the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange is helping find forever homes for foster children.

Guests

- **Chosen Infertility Group - Lauren Clements, Founder / President, Chosen Infertility Group** - When a couple who wants a baby experiences infertility, it can be an excruciating and expensive journey. This non-profit is on a mission to support, educate, and build a safe community for those navigating this journey.
- **Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, Judson Center - Michelle Parra, Director** - There are more than 11,000 children in foster care in Michigan, and many are waiting for permanent, loving homes.

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Dexter Community Players

The Creature Conservancy

March 3, 2024

Topic - **Feeding the Hungry** - Whether you are buying at the grocery store or eating out, the cost of feeding your family can be astronomical. When money is tight, we are grateful for organizations in our community that literally step up to plate. Organizations like Saline Area Social Services and programs like the Breakfast at Ann Arbor's St. Andrew's ensure no one goes without sustenance in our community, because food sustains life.

Guests

- **Meijer Match Helps Saline Agency - Jamal Aikens, Executive Director, Saline Area Social Service** - Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Road is teaming up with SASS to help stretch those food dollars even further for those in need.
- **Free Breakfast for All - Susan Nishi, Director, The Breakfast Program at St. Andrew's** - Since 1982, every day, 365 days a year, the wonderful volunteers at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor have served a free, hot breakfast for anyone in need.

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Alpha House

Avalon Housing

Mentor 2 Youth

March 10, 2024

Topic: **Living with Parkinson's** - Parkinson's disease affects approximately 1.5 million people in the United States, 1,700 diagnosed here in Washtenaw County. Parkinson's can occur as early as age 20. At the start, the symptoms are often vague, a hand tremor or occasional stumbling. But as it progresses Parkinson's can become very debilitating. A great resource through the Michigan Parkinson Foundation is the Ann Arbor Parkinson Support Group, and something new in the fight against Parkinson's - boxing and the Rock Steady Boxing Program.

Guests

- **Rock Steady Boxing Program - Michigan Medicine Occupational Therapist Mikaela Lowe and Registered Nurse Kathryn Bennett; and Dave Lewan, Owner, TITLE Boxing Club in Ann Arbor - Rock Steady Boxing is a non-profit**

organization that uses non-contact boxing training to combat symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, a degenerative movement disorder that can cause issues with speech, balance, gait and other motor skills.

- **Ann Arbor Parkinson Support Group - Helen Martin, Volunteer** - Who knows more about Parkinson's Disease than the people who live with it and their partners who help with the struggle? A support group can bring together people with a common bond, validating people's concerns and looking after their emotional needs. The Michigan Parkinson Foundation has affiliated support groups across the state of Michigan, including here in Ann Arbor.

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Jewish Family Services

New to You Again

Greenpath

March of Dimes

Avalon Housing

Washtenaw Housing Alliance

March 17, 2024

TOPIC – **Building Bridges toward Meaningful Lives** - Offering a helping hand can go a long way to making a difference in someone's life. Whether it's a person challenged with a disability, someone who has been marginalized, or even formerly incarcerated, it can be a steep hill to build a meaningful life. That's where the organizations we're shining the spotlight on today come into play.

Guests

- **Nu2U Lands Second Location - Nu2U Again's Daniel Bradley, President; Allison Bradley, Vice President - Nu2U Again** retail shop celebrates abilities, creating employment opportunities for individuals with differing abilities. Located off Michigan Avenue in Saline, the non-profit is now expanding.
- **A Brighter Way - Adam Grant, Executive Director** - A Brighter Way empowers formerly incarcerated individuals returning to our community to achieve purpose-filled lives with the guidance of a supportive, experienced team.

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Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Jewish Family Services

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Saline Community Education

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March 24, 2024

TOPIC – Grants Help Youth to Seniors - The news this week was exhilarating for two area non-profits. Peace Neighborhood Center which helps youth and their families become self-sufficient, learned it was receiving \$2 million dollars from a billionaire giving away her money; and the Saline Rec Center's mission to attract more senior citizens got a boost from a Washtenaw County grant it was awarded. Two worthwhile organizations can now expand the good work and services they provide to our community. I'm LAL and their stories are coming up next on CC.

Guests

- **\$2 Million for Peace Neighborhood Center - Bonnie Billups, Executive Director; Nicole Banks, Board President**
- MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving has selected Peace Neighborhood Center as one of the Yield Giving Open Call's awardees—nonprofits who are working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States. Peace Neighborhood Center in Ann Arbor received \$2 million.
- **County Grant to Attract Seniors to Saline Rec Center - Laura Rutkowski, Recreation Manager, Saline Recreation Center** - There's a new fitness opportunity for seniors in the Saline Area School District, thanks to a Washtenaw County grant awarded go the Saline Rec Center to support senior's health and wellness goals.

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Mentor 2 Youth

March 31, 2024

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1/16/2024	8:30	Matther Van Biesen	President	UMS	10:00	UMS Events
1/17/2024	8:30	Corene Ford	Instructor	Whatabout Theater	5:00	Theater Events
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1/26/2024	7:30	Amy Karbo	Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Destination Ann Arbor	5:00	Local Events
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2/7/2024	7:30	Jen Spitler	Big Brothers Big Sisters SE MI	President and CEO	5:00	Match of the Month
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