

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

WPDH, WPDA, WCZX, WEOK, WKXP, WZAD, WRRV, WRRB

July 1, 2021 through Sept 30, 2021

Section I. Issues

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

- **COVID-19:** People's lives continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people are still waiting to be vaccinated so vaccine information updates are still an issue. The Delta variant has caused concerns in our region. Access to the vaccine remained an important issue this quarter. So many aspects of our lives continue to be a challenge. Tracking the progress of how the Hudson Valley is reacting to the Coronavirus has been highly important.
- **Veterans Assistance:** Veterans continue to be a vulnerable population in our community. Getting them the services they need is a priority for many organizations in the Hudson Valley region. The COVID-19 pandemic is still having a direct effect on our local veterans. It has led to some becoming unemployed which has caused increases in isolation and financial insecurity. Making people aware of help that is available in our community continues to be a necessity.
- **Environmental Awareness:** The Hudson Valley region is an area well used by its resident and visiting population. This year there have been many topics that have become news worthy due to environmental concerns. Wildlife management, weather patterns, use of local open space for tourism plus the Leave No Trace policy along with other concerns have put our local environment front and center.
- **Local Economy:** This quarter the local economy was still being directly affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Unemployment in the Hudson Valley remains an issue. Business closures and people working from home caused spending habits to change resulting in a shift in the local economy. Many people are experiencing personal economic hardships. New York's limited workforce has also had a direct effect on local business and dollars.
- **Local and State Legislation:** Over the last quarter there were many programs and legislations introduced and adopted at both the state and local level in New York. We focused a few shows on some of the policies that had a direct effect on residence of the Hudson Valley region. Shows included updated COVID-19 policies, creation of community safety programs, Kathy Hochel becoming Governor of New York and other policies being developed at our local county levels.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“In Touch” is a locally produced public affairs program that runs on all eight Poughkeepsie stations.

The program airs every Sunday on WPDH and WPDA at 11:30PM, WKXP and WEOK at 6am, WRRV and WRRB at 6:30am, and WCZX and WZAD at 11pm

Date(s) Aired	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration
7/4/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the economic challenges facing communities in Ulster County. The show contained a portion of Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan’s press conference from July 1, 2021 which talked about his plan for a people centered economy.	27:25
7/11/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the official grand opening of LEGOLAND New York. It also contained the audio from the ceremony held on July 9, 2021 with New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and Division Director for LEGOLAND Stephanie Johnson discussing resort leading to the growth of local jobs and tourism.	27:19
7/18/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness, Energy : Paty Quyn hosted the show discussing the extreme heat conditions and severe weather that the Hudson Valley had been experiencing. Information was presented from the Center of Disease Control on how to deal with extreme heat. The discussion also included recommendations for Central Hudson, the area power provider.	27:19
7/25/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation : Paty Quyn hosted the show which focused on the latest information coming out of each county. The show discussed the importance of community awareness. Topics covered included policies for COVID-19, community safety with the creation of the Antiviolence Effort Response Team, Veterans Fresh Food programs and the Arts.	26:38
8/1/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the importance of maintaining and enjoying	27:43

	our linear park system throughout the Hudson Valley. The parks run through multiple counties. Most are old rail road beds that have been refurbished. One is an old tow path for the D & H Canel. Reusing these spaces for tourism has been a focus of the sustainable environmental movement in the area.	
8/8/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19, Vaccines: Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the latest information regarding the Delta Variant of COVID-19 and the push to continue increasing the number of people vaccinated. The show also included an interview from August 4, 2021 with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan regarding county and state efforts to increase the local vaccination rate before the school year starts.	26:41
8/15/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation: Rick Knight hosted the show which focused on the appointment of the new Governor of New York State Kathy Hochel. The discussion focused on her plans once she is in office. The show contained portions of and interview she gave with NBC.	27:37
8/22/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation: Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed at the local county level the latest COVID-19 policies that included school district concerns. The show also discussed the appointment of Kathy Hochel to be the New York State Governor. Prerecorded interviews included Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro.	26:56
8/29/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy, Food Insecurity: Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the effect of the post pandemic economic environment on the local food banks and the people in the community that count on their services. Families are still struggling with Food insecurity in our area and the numbers have increase due to COVID-19. At this point they are still higher than pre-pandemic numbers. The show discussed what these agencies need to keep up with growing demand.	26:09
9/5/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness: Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the importance keeping our landfills managed. The show included Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess Restore Executive Director Maureen Lashlee. Maureen explained how her organization helps keeps millions of pounds of unwanted home goods out of the waste system.	26:43

	She explained how the donations they receive end up being re-used instead of thrown out.	
9/12/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy : Paty Quyn hosted the show that discussed the economic impact on events that had been virtual returning to in person activities. The show focused on the challenges that still exist even though many of these events are held outdoors. The show included Dan Gruner the Founder of Bike for Cancer Care. He discussed what his organization had to do in 2020 and how they have incorporated some of what they learned from the virtual event and applied it to how they plan to manage an in-person event for 2021.	29:49
9/19/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19, Education : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the current COVID-19 policies now that kids had return to in-person learning and riding the school bus system which was struggling to find drivers. The show included two previously recorded interviews with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus.	26:30
9/26/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Veteran's Assistance : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed some current issues for our local veteran population. Vet-Tap Program Director Devin Auriana from Mental Health America of Dutchess County joined the show. He discussed the Project Hope grant extension and what that means for some of the programs that it funds for local veterans. He also touched on the exit from Afghanistan and how it is being received in the veteran community.	26:05