

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

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

April 1, 2021 through June 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 out of their pre-pandemic routines. Also access to the vaccine became 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 and the ability to get vaccines 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, restatement of the Bring Your Own Bag Act 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 restricted opening has 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 affordable internet, having blood available with Air Paramedics and LGBTQ rights.

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 5am, 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
4/4/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which contained two previously recorded press conferences and a press release from area County Executives in Ulster, Dutchess and Orange Counties. The Deputy Executive for Ulster County, Marc Rider updated the vaccine site information and announced new opportunities to access the COVID 19 vaccine. Dutchess County announced that their veteran's sites were now open to veterans' spouses and caregivers regardless of age. Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus covered the vaccine updates in Orange County and how the process was still moving too slow.	26:25
4/11/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which aired two separate updates on COVID 19 and access to the COVID 19 vaccine. The program aired a press conference from April 8, 2021 where Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan discussed the progress in Ulster County. It also contained an update on COVID 19 from Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus which had been given on April 9, 2021. Both reports focused on the increasing accessibility on the vaccine and the decreasing number of COVID cases.	28:30
4/18/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation : Rick Knight hosted the show which aired Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's press conference announcing programs that would require internet service providers to offer affordable \$15 per month high speed internet plan for low-income households. Remote learning has made this a necessity in New York and the Hudson Valley. The show cover eligibility and what would be made available to people who qualified.	29:27
4/25/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID-19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which included an around the counties overview presented by the host which included updated COVID 19 information from each county in	27:52

	the region. The show also aired two previously recorded press conferences from County Executives Pat Ryan and Steven Neuhaus. COVID 19 restriction were starting to lift and update were coming in regularly on what people should expect.	
5/2/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which included a prerecorded press conferences from Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. More Vaccine site and more age groups are eligible for the vaccine. They also discussed changes in policies regarding occupancy and social distancing now that some areas close to our region were lifting restrictions.	27:34
5/9/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which included prerecorded press conferences from Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus. The focus this week was guidelines for get together with family on Mother's Day. Many folks would be gathering with family for the first time since COVID 19 hit the region in March of 2020 and there were still regulations in place regarding gatherings and social distancing	27:57
5/16/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness : Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed local hiking tips. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hike Smart Guide. The show also covered the Leave No Trace policy and how to hike Tick Free. With Spring outdoor activities in full swing it was a perfect time to focus on best practices for getting back outdoors.	27:03
5/23/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation : Paty Quyn hosted the show which included a previously recorded interview with New York State Senator Michelle Hincly discussing a new bill she supports that would make blood available on Air Paramedic flights. The show also covered National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and how to support and join local EMS organizations.	27:45
5/30/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Veterans Affairs : Paty Quyn hosted the show which put a spotlight on Memorial Day in the Hudson Valley and how many members of our community are connected to someone who served. The show covered programs for veteran's families and various observances that were planned for the region to honor the veterans who gave all in service to our	26:30

	country.	
6/6/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy : Paty Quyn hosted the show which covered various programs around the region that were coming online to help local residence with expenses due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Topics including the State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and the Federal Governments American Rescue Plan (ARP) were included. The possible return of local County Fairs was also discussed as a sign of things coming back online hopefully to support more for the economy moving forward into the summer.	28:00
6/13/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy : Paty Quyn hosted the show which contain a prerecorded interview with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan speaking with one of the local morning shows about the progress the county had made fighting COVID 19 and he also announced that the Ulster County Fair would be held in August. The host covered the announcement that other county fairs had confirmed their dates for opening. This included the Orange County Fair and the Dutchess County Fair. The focus was on how having these fairs back for the summer would help bring back visitors to the area and hopefully continue the upturn in the local economy.	27:50
6/20/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed COVID 19 : Paty Quyn hosted the show which included a previously recorded (June 15, 2021) press conference from New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announcing the re-opening of New York. In the press conference the Governor discussed how moving forward we could look towards the economy continuing to improve and how he wants us to "Re-Imagine" our future. He also spoke to how well New York was doing with vaccinations and lower the spread of COVID-19	27:49
6/27/2021	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation : Paty Quyn hosted the show that ran the Governor of New York's press conference from June 24th where he announced the signing of the Gender Recognition Act with Kristen Browde the Co-Chair of the Trans National Bar Association. It was done on the 10th anniversary of Governor Cuomo signing the Marriage Equality Act. The LGBTQ community has a strong base in our region. Sharing this announcement was important to many in our listening area.	30:15