

The following is a summary of Issues/Programs as presented on WHXR, Scarborough, ME

The following topics/issues were addressed via the weekly “Community Connections” program in the fourth quarter of 2022.

“Community Connections” is a weekly, 30 minute community affairs program spotlighting organizations and individuals in Maine who address issues affecting citizens, work to improve the quality of life in Maine, and deal with human interest topics across many disciplines. Here is a rundown of the program contents for Q4:

Show: Community Connections Airdate 10/2/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): David Barnwell, President/Executive Director, The Iris Network

Topic: We discuss the mission of the Portland-based Iris Network, a long running organization that offers community support and advocacy for individuals with visual impairments.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 10/9/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Donna Dwyer, President/CEO, My Place Teen Center

Topic: We explore the work of Westbrook-based My Place Teen Center, an organization that opens its doors to teens and young adults, providing a safe place to gather after school, and providing support in healthy meals, life skills education and academic support. We discuss their work helping a large sector of the community during the height of the pandemic, and their recent expansion in the Saco/Biddeford area.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 10/16/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Jeremy Moreau and Sherry Charland, local residents (on behalf of American Red Cross)

Topic: We discuss the upcoming Out For Blood Blood Drive sponsored by the Binnie

Media Radio Stations, happening at three locations throughout Maine. Jeremy is a Scarborough firefighter organizer of blood drives who has worked closely with the Red Cross, inspired by his niece Madison who required blood and platelet donations as she was treated for leukemia (Sherry is Madison's mom and discusses the personal impact of blood donations).

Show: Community Connections Airdate 10/23/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: We discuss a number of topics that fall under the umbrella of Maine Housing, Maine's independent state housing authority as created by the Maine Legislature. With the upcoming heating season and high fuel costs, we discuss federal home heating assistance, which Maine Housing administers. We also discuss the Maine Housing rental relief program, winterization programs, and first-time buyer home programs and incentives offered by Maine Housing.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 10/30/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: We discuss a number of topics that fall under the umbrella of Maine Housing, Maine's independent state housing authority as created by the Maine Legislature. With the upcoming heating season and high fuel costs, we discuss federal home heating assistance, which Maine Housing administers. We also discuss the Maine Housing rental relief program, winterization programs, and first-time buyer home programs and incentives offered by Maine Housing.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 11/6/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Donna Dwyer, President/CEO, My Place Teen Center

Topic: We explore the work of Westbrook-based My Place Teen Center, an organization that opens its doors to teens and young adults, providing a safe place to gather after school, and providing support in healthy meals, life skills education and academic support. We discuss their work helping a large sector of the community during the height of the pandemic, and their recent expansion in the Saco/Biddeford area.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 11/13/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Tom Judge, Executive Director, Life Flight of Maine

Topic: We get to know the inner workings of Maine's medical flight organization, Life Flight of Maine. We discuss basic operations, how operations are funded, how Life Flight has adapted in the COVID years, and how landowners play a key role in Life Flight response ability in some of Maine's most rural sections.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 11/20/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Josh Harrington, Family Programs/Outreach Manager, Winterkids

Topic: We catch up with Winterkids, a non profit organization that encourages youth and family participation in winter sports, from skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, tubing, hiking and more. Winterkids has education offerings through Maine classrooms, and offers a Passport program that offers significant discounts at local ski areas.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 11/27/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: We discuss a number of topics that fall under the umbrella of Maine Housing, Maine's independent state housing authority as created by the Maine Legislature. With the upcoming heating season and high fuel costs, we discuss federal home heating assistance, which Maine Housing administers. We also discuss the Maine Housing rental relief program, winterization programs, and first-time buyer home programs and incentives offered by Maine Housing.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 12/4/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Josh Harrington, Family Programs/Outreach Manager, Winterkids

Topic: We catch up with Winterkids, a non profit organization that encourages youth and family participation in winter sports, from skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, tubing, hiking and more. Winterkids has education offerings through Maine classrooms, and offers a Passport program that offers significant discounts at local ski areas.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 12/11/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Tom Judge, Executive Director, Life Flight of Maine

Topic: We get to know the inner workings of Maine's medical flight organization, Life Flight of Maine. We discuss basic operations, how operations are funded, how Life Flight has

adapted in the COVID years, and how landowners play a key role in Life Flight response ability in some of Maine's most rural sections

Show: Community Connections

Airdate 12/18/22

Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Josh Harrington, Family Programs/Outreach Manager, Winterkids

Topic: We catch up with Winterkids, a non profit organization that encourages youth and family participation in winter sports, from skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, tubing, hiking and more. Winterkids has education offerings through Maine classrooms, and offers a Passport program that offers significant discounts at local ski areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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