

WAJD-AM  
LIST OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

In an ongoing effort to serve the public interest, WAJD-AM offers programming responsive to issues of concern to Gainesville and the surrounding area. The following is a list of the station's most significant programming treatment of those issues for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of **2023**. These issues were each aired regularly at 9AM on Sundays as a part of a 24-30 minute segment.

**ISSUE #1 – Fire Safety**

Duration: 12:30

PROGRAM – The issue of storing a lot of things in their home, and how it is a fire hazard is one of the things we discussed. Homes weren't designed to hold so many things. The storage adds to the risk of starting fires. Extra storage also makes it difficult for fire fighters to navigate through someone's house that needs help in case of fire. We learned that the attic is not a good place to store items. Once a flame reaches the attic, items catch fire, and fall out of the ceiling once it is compromised. Renting a storage facility is a great way to store things one doesn't want to throw out. They are very cost affective. Clutter also makes it hard for rescue efforts if they are unable to get to someone with a medical emergency. The best thing to do, is to always make sure there is a clear pathway through your house..

**ISSUE #2 – Opioid Task Force**

Duration: 7:10

PROGRAM – The issue of opioid abuse and substance abuse in general was discussed in our program. The Alachua County Opioid Task force has been going on for some time, and the city of Newberry has started the program as well. The City of Newberry is putting their focus on children, to help raise awareness while they are young, so that substances don't even touch their lips. Many families are affected by the negative results from addiction, and the Opioid Task force is hoping that this is a big movement to help make a change for the better.

**ISSUE #3 – Community Health Issues.**

Duration: 4:56

PROGRAM – Community Health Issues was a part of our discussion. We learned how to best utilize our health insurance benefits, and the best place to learn about what coverage we have it to ask a local Insurance representative, or you can go to the hospital to find out about your coverage.

**ISSUE #4 – Florida Museum of Natural History**

Duration: 8:34

PROGRAM – The importance of pollinators on our planet is great, and protecting them and conserving them is an ongoing effort. About 80% of flowering plants around the globe depend on pollinators to seed and fruit. Insects are the bulk of that service. Pollinators are a huge reason we are able to eat a lot of our food. All spaces are important. Planting a garden to attract pollinators is very important. Keeping them free of pesticides is important as well. Bees are the most efficient pollinator. The most affective garden to plant to benefit the Gainesville area is to make sure the plants and flowers are native to our area.

#### **ISSUE #5 – St. Francis House**

Duration: 11:23

PROGRAM – Sheltering and feeding those in need is an issue in the Gainesville community. One of their facilities is where they focus on families first. At this facility, they house 35 people every night. 60% of the individuals who are sheltered are under the age of nine. Many people are under the impression that only adults are without shelter. They provide a safe place and hot meals for these families. They also own Arbor House, where they take in single mothers to allow permanent housing for the mothers and their children. They have a third apartment complex where they house over a hundred people. They open from 9-Noon daily to feed anyone who needs a meal. They are always welcome to volunteers that want to help in many ways. From helping feed the hungry, to groups such as Scouts helping paint, repair, maintain, tutor, and many other ways people can help. Their focus is to help those in need transition from this lifestyle.

#### **ISSUE #6 – Habitat for Humanity**

Duration: 11:45

PROGRAM – Helping people build their own house through Habitat for Humanity. Every person or family who are able to build their own house actually buy the houses, they aren't given to the families, the mortgages are more affordable, however. They help build their own house along with members of Habitat for Humanity, as well as other houses for others who buy their homes through the program. In our discussion, we learned how members of the community can get involved to help others who are a part of the program, and how people can volunteer to help build houses.

#### **ISSUE #7 – Gainesville Housing Development**

PROGRAM – The Gainesville Housing Development and Management Corporation builds housing for special needs. During the first quarter of 2019, they held an event to help raise money to build new housing for those with special needs. Leading up to the event, we aired a 30 second commercial promoting the event and inviting the community to join them for the cause.

#### **ISSUE #8 – Career Services**

PROGRAM – Helping people find jobs and careers. We learned about how applying online for a job is pretty much the standard these days, and it is important to apply before going to the company for the job. We discussed the importance of really doing something that you want to do to help you enjoy what you do for a living. The more you can do for yourself, the better off you'll be as far as getting as much experience in the field of your choice as possible. There are plenty of jobs available, but are there many careers? The answer from our discussion was yes, there are several careers available in the Gainesville area today. A great way for someone to explore these careers is to attend career fairs.

Duration: 11:02