

Issues/Programs Report October – December

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The following are significant problems and needs in the WMXJ service area as identified by listeners and show guests. Under each, described are illustrative programs addressing these problems and needs. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but is representative of the responsive programming broadcast by WMXJ.

The issues were discussed on the WMXJ program *The Magic of South Florida* on the dates and times indicated. Each program is one-half-hour in length (unless otherwise indicated), and is locally originated and is hosted by the station's Public Affairs Correspondents.

1. Unemployment / Job Creation

October 13, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Alan Sokol, Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant

In advance of Disabled Awareness Day, Sokol provides information about ongoing job training for people with disabilities. The mission is to help people with 'obtaining, maintaining & retaining employment'.

<http://www.rehabworks.org>

October 27, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Feeding South Florida

Paco Valez, President / CEO

Valez talks about the urgent need for donations as unemployment forces more families to seek assistance with basic needs. Feeding South Florida provides food & healthy meal planning services to those in need. Valez discusses the change in the composition of those seeking help, as formerly middle class families are impacted by job losses and no longer able to remain self-sufficient.

<http://www.feedingsouthflorida.org>

2. Education / Funding

November 3, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

ARC Broward (Achievement Rehabilitation Centers)

Dennis Haas, President / CEO

Haas talks about the misperceptions that continue with regard to people with developmental disabilities, and how ARC works to change those perceptions both with community outreach, and most importantly, by providing a multitude of services to people with developmental disabilities. Education targeting the specific disability or placement on the spectrum has proven the key to helping people achieve much greater levels of comprehension and function than was previously believed possible.

<http://www.arcbroward.com>

December 1, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Virginia Key Beach Trust

Guy Forchion, Executive Director

Forchion discusses the importance of teaching the history of Virginia Key Beach, the first all-black beach in Miami, and its legacy as a pre-cursor to the civil rights movement. He touches on the value of continuing to fund the Trust to keep the Beach open and restore many of its landmarks as a way of keeping the history alive.

<http://www.virginiakeybeachpark.net/>

December 29, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

American Association of Caregiving Youth

Connie Siskowski, President, AACY

Luene Torner, Assistant Principal, Omni Middle School

This program, recorded on-site, included interviews with Siskowski & Torner, as well as several students at Omni Middle School that participate in the Caregiving Youth Program, and their parents. The discussion focuses on the challenges faced by youngsters that are responsible for caregiving duties in their homes, and how it impacts their schoolwork and social development. AACY provides counseling for children identified as Youth Caregivers, and seeks to expand the program to schools in the tri-county area.

<http://www.aacy.org>

3. Traffic / Bad Drivers

October 6, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Sleep Deprivation

Pete Bils, National Sleep Foundation

Bils discusses the many health issues related to sleep deprivation, including new research showing a correlation between lack of sleep and certain types of cancers. Additionally Bils talks about the increasing incidence of traffic accidents caused by lack of sleep. 'Driving while tired' is now considered to be as dangerous as driving drunk, and with more shift workers and people working multiple jobs, sleep-deprived drivers are an increasing risk on the roads.

<http://www.sleepfoundation.org>

December 15, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Drunk Driving

David Koch, Author 'One Mistake, Relentless Pain'

Koch shares his experience as a person whose life was dramatically changed when he was arrested on a DUI charge. He has made it his mission to impart the serious risks of drunk driving. While most attention to drunk driving is focused on the potential risk to victims of a drunk driver, Koch sheds light on the practical issues faced by drivers, even those who aren't involved in an accident. He addresses the difficulties in dealing with law enforcement, facing potential jail time, losing one's means of transportation, the impact on work and relationships, and the emotional toll of DUI.

<http://onemistakerelentlesspain.com/>

4. Crime

November 24, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Cyber Crime

Ross Kenneth Urken, Personal Finance Editor, The Street

Urken discusses the increase in cybercrime and shares tips to avoid putting oneself at risk, particularly during the holiday season when so many people will be shopping online.

<http://www.thestreet.com>

December 15, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Women In Distress

Mary Riedel, President / CEO

As Women In Distress approaches its 40th Anniversary in South Florida, Riedel talks about the evolution of the organization from a 4-bedroom home that provided shelter for homeless women to the number one destination for women seeking crisis shelter and support when trying to escape domestic violence. Women in Distress provides housing, therapy, education and relocation support for women and their children. They also focus on educational outreach in the community to alert people to the signs of abuse.

<http://www.womenindistress.org>

5. Political Corruption / Gridlock

November 10, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Social Security for Veterans

Kevin McCormally, Editorial Director, Kiplinger's Personal Finance

A discussion of the benefits available to Veterans, and the lack of outreach by the government in informing many Veterans of the benefits they're entitled to receive, as well as the confusion many elderly Veterans experience in trying to file for and receive their Social Security benefits. McCormally but also touches on the concerns and allegations that the government is abandoning younger veterans returning from service, not providing sufficient medical aftercare, re-integration or job training.

<http://www.kiplingers.com>

November 10, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Florida Blue

Penny Shaffer, Market Director

Shaffer provides an update on the introduction of & glitches with the online healthcare marketplace, the first step to implementing the Affordable Care Act. She offers insight into the errors in communication & planning, as well as 'party politics' that have created confusion for individuals trying to sign up, and businesses trying to comply with a complicated new law.

<http://www.floridablue.com>

December 22, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Feeding South Florida

Paco Valez, CEO

Valez addresses the budget battles in Washington that have resulted in significant cuts in funding to local SNAP programs. The decrease in funding will impact about 200,000 people in South Florida, placing an even greater burden on Feeding South Florida to seek contributions from the local community to be able to provide food for the growing number of people in need.

<http://www.feedingsouthflorida.org>

6. Economy / Incentives for Small Business

October 13, 2013, 5:45 a.m. (15 minutes)

Financial Planning Days

William Porro, City of Miami Administrator / Event Coordinator

Porro discusses the upcoming annual Financial Planning Days, a two-day event offering free counseling on a range of financial issues, from debt consolidation & home buying guidance to estate planning & creating a business plan

<http://www.financialplanningdays.org/miami>

December 8, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Money Management

Ross Kenneth Urken, Personal Finance Editor, The Street

In this segment, Urken offers guidance for people struggling with debt, and discusses how job losses and increases in the cost of living have combined to force people to rely on credit cards for more of their basic needs. He provides recommendations for reducing & getting out of debt, as well as warnings about misleading credit offers that often exacerbate financial difficulties rather than provide the promoted benefits.

<http://www.thestreet.com>

7. Healthcare

October 13, 2013, 5:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

Not My Daughter ... Find A Cure Now!

Denyse Hostig, Founder

Hostig talks about the organization's continuing mission to fund breast cancer research, as well as efforts to increase awareness in younger generations.

[http://www.notmydaughterfindacurenow.com/](http://www.notmydaughterfindacurennow.com/)

October 20, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Florida Blue

Penny Shaffer, Market President

With the upcoming opening of the online healthcare marketplace, Shaffer provides a breakdown of the requirements for individuals & businesses under the Affordable Care Act, as well as information about eligibility requirements for government subsidies.

<http://www.floridablue.com>

October 27, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Baptist Health South Florida

Dr. Cristina Vieira, Attending Radiologist, Baptist Health Breast Center

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Doctor Vieira discusses the importance of early detection as the key to surviving cancer, as well as minimizing treatment costs.

Throughout October, Baptist Health is offering low cost mammograms to women without health insurance.

<http://www.baptistshealth.net>

November 17, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

Ricky Bartle, Media Representative

Bartle emphasizes the importance of funding for research for pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest, yet least funded types of cancer. PanCan's active lobbying was a motivating factor in the government approving the Recalcitrant Cancer Act. PanCan has also increased fundraising efforts in South Florida as well as services & support for patients & family dealing with pancreatic cancer.

<http://www.pancan.org>

8. Infrastructure / Poor Roads

November 3, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department

Jennifer Messemer, Public Information Officer

Messemer discusses Miami-Dade County's partnership with the Federal Government's Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in a \$1.6 billion, multi-year plan to make improvements to the County's wastewater collection and treatment system.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/water>

November 17, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Broward County Transit, Metropolitan Planning Organization

Greg Stuart, Executive Director

Chris Ryan, Public Information Officer

Stuart & Ryan discuss the challenges in designing and implementing an effective public transport system in South Florida. They touch on some of the major construction initiatives that will be getting underway to improve the flow of traffic, including the extension of I-95's toll-funded express lines into Broward County.

<http://www.broward.org>

December 22, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Miami Dade Public Works Department

Jeanne-Marie Massa, Recycling Manager

Frank Calderon, Communications, Manager

Massa & Calderon discuss the continuing improvements in recycling technology. Miami-Dade County's single-stream curbside recycling program has helped to increase the number of residents participating in recycling, saving the County hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, as well as helping to protect the environment. They provide tips for recycling Xmas trees & other products during the holidays.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/publicworks>

9. Family Values

October 20, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

David Posnack JCC

Roni Sterin, Program Coordinator

Sterin talks about the wide variety of programs provided by the JCC, stressing that the 'J' is open to people of all backgrounds and faiths. The DPJCC has expanded after-school programs to include youngsters with disabilities, and also offers classes for adults, as well as events for families as a whole.

<http://www.dpjcc.org>

October 6, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Connie Murphy, Cancer Risk Assessment Expert, Jupiter Medical Center

Discussion of the pros & cons of BRCA Gene Testing for women with a family history of breast and ovarian cancer.

<http://www.jupitermed.com/>

10. Inadequate Social Resources, including lack of Government Assistance and lack of support for non-profit organizations / Need for affordable youth programs and after-school care.

November 24, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Hope South Florida

Robin Martin, Executive Director

Martin provides an update on the growth of Hope South Florida, a network of local churches that work together to provide emergency shelter and food for people in crisis or facing homelessness.

<http://www.hopesouthflorida.org>

December 1, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

World AIDS Day, The Campbell Foundation

Ken Rapkin, Program Officer

Bill Venuti, Trustee

Honoring World AIDS Day, the program remembers those who have died from or are living with HIV or AIDS. Rapkin and Venuti share the progress in AIDS research and treatment since the disease was first discovered. They discuss the improved outlook for those diagnosed with HIV, due to research that has resulted in effective treatments; but also emphasize the continuing danger for those that are not diagnosed, and address the changing face of HIV, where in South Florida it affects mostly poor African American women.

<http://www.campbellfoundation.org>

December 8, 2013, 5:30 a.m.

Miami Dade Animal Services

Luis Salgado, Chief of Shelter Services

Salgado talks about the urgency of finding homes for shelter animals, in light of the delays in funding to make Animal Services a no-kill organization. MDAS continues to sponsor county-wide adoption events, low-cost spaying & neutering, and offers assistance with feral cats through their TNG (Trap-Neuter-Give-Back) program.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/animals>

December 29, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

Breaking Bad Habits

Todd Patkin, Author, 'Finding Happiness'

Patkin offers tips and inspiration for achieving goals in the New Year to create a happier, healthier life.

<http://www.toddpatkin.com>