

WLS AM 1st Quarter Issues/Programs List

Q1- January, February, and March 2021

During the period of Q1 2021, WLS AM addressed the following issues:

- Government/Politics/Impact on Voters
- Health/Medicine
- Minority Issues/Race Relations/Immigration
- Economy
- Crime/Law Enforcement/Safety
- Youth/Education
- Urban/Suburban Issues
- Energy/Environment/Natural Resources
- Veteran's Issues
- Transportation

The Bruce St James Show, The John Howell Show and Connected to Chicago on 890 WLS-AM cover a wide variety of news / issues / opinions, as demonstrated by the attached listing of selected WLS-AM programming during the 1st quarter of 2021. WLS-AM offers extensive coverage of local, national, and world issues during local newscasts, including the worldwide resources of Cumulus Media, which run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Included in this list is our public affairs programming **“Connected to Chicago” hosted by WLS “City Hall reporter/Political Editor” Bill Cameron**. This weekly program, broadcast every Sunday from 7pm – 8pm, features an extended and in depth look at a story with the biggest impact on Chicagoland. Bill also hosts a roundtable discussion with Chicago area reporters, columnists and commentators, bringing depth and understanding to the top stories effecting Chicagoland. Program Note: “Connected to Chicago” is also broadcast in its entirety, 406am – 456am on Saturdays.

Connected to Chicago - 2021-Q1 Summaries

Connected to Chicago (01/03/2021) - Madeleine Doubek - Executive Director, Change Illinois joins bill to discuss the future of Illinois politics, including the effects of a lower tax paying population, state finances and the still unsolved pension funding issue.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: The future of Lori Lightfoot and has the Chicago Mayor lost credibility in the fallout from the Angenette Young police raid video. Can Lightfoot be a one-time mayor? Will state house leader Mike Madigan retain his seat as speaker. Can Illinois Governor, J.B. Pritzker find a work around to balancing the state budget without his graduated tax amendment? Bill seeks answers to the age-old question, "Why are so many politicians, corrupt?" Bill has a reason why so many elected officials keep stealing.

John Dempsey pays tribute to former Chicago alderman, Burt Natarus.

Connected to Chicago (01/10/2021) - Senator Jim Durkin joins the show. D.C. capitol riots, Mayor Lightfoot wants to reopen schools.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. Julie Yurko from the Northern Illinois food bank joins the show to discuss food donations.

Connected to Chicago (01/17/2021) - Mayor Lightfoot joins in to discuss COVID-19, and reopening the city, and a summer preview with COVID restriction free, or with restrictions in place.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: President Trump gets impeached for the 2nd time, Mike Madigan leaves office after 50 years.

Nick Gale explains the passage of the police reform bill.

Connected to Chicago (01/24/2021) - Dr. Robert Murphy joins the show to talk all things COVID-19 with John Dempsey.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: The new Biden administration, Chris Welch elected, and CTU in-person learning. Alston Arwady press conference on COVID-19.

Connected to Chicago (01/31/2021) - Fritz Fri shall director of the Illinois holocaust museum makes remarks on modern times mirroring Nazi Germany.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: citywide car jacking, Adam Kinzinger votes to impeach President Trump, and COVID-19 vaccine. Nick Gale tribute piece to retiring John Dempsey.

Connected to Chicago (02/07/2021) - President Obama's better politics address from 2016.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: COVID vaccine roll-out, and Mayor Lighfoot relations with the police union.

Lauren Cohn talks with Beth Kaufman from the Illinois secretary of state's office on welfare fraud, and identity theft.

Connected to Chicago (02/14/2021) - Brad Schnieder joins the show to discuss the trillion dollar COVID relief bill. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth plead not to have an attorney fired, and projected 2022 state budget.

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topic this week: 2022 state budget, and firing of U.S. State's Attorney from Illinois.

Nick Gale talks with Fulton Market association Director, Roger Romanelli about restaurant reopening with COVID restrictions.

Connected to Chicago (02/21/2021) - Senator Dan Mconchie joins the show, talks on Governor J.B. Prizker state budget, Mike Madigan resignation.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. On topic this week: Mike Madigan resignation, sale of Chicago Tribune, inspector general report on the mayor's failed handling of the summer riots.

Dr. Alison Arwady joins the show to talk with Lauren Cohn on COVID-19 vaccination rollout, and when things can get back to normal.

Connected to Chicago (02/28/2021) - Susana Mendoza joins the show to discuss her families struggles with COVID-19, the "no exit" bonus, and changes to state politics with the departure of Mike Madigan.

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Kim Gordon debuts as she wraps up the show with Sherry Williams to discuss black history month.

Connected to Chicago (03/07/2021) - Former Governor, Rod Blagojevich - the one year anniversary of his release from prison. Playback of his most memorable and infamous times in office.

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Nick Gale talks with Fritz Kaagi on property valuations.

Connected to Chicago (03/14/2021) - Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi joins the show this week as President Biden gets the trillion-dollar stimulus bill passed, what to expect with a potential infrastructure bill, heavy metals have been found in baby food, and details on improving cyber-security.

In the Round Table discussion Bill is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Greg Hinz of Crain's, Heather Cherone of WTTW, Fran Spielman, and Lynn Sweet from the Chicago Sun-Times. The gang talks about the mass vaccination sites, how the city should improve by improving the CTA, as Greg describes it as a beacon for inappropriate behavior, how will Chicago benefit from the trillion-dollar stimulus bill.

Lauren Cohn talks with ides director Kristin Richards on statewide unemployment and benefit distribution.

Connected to Chicago (03/21/2021) - Joining the show this week is Mayor Lori Lightfoot to update us on the COVID-19 precautions and vaccinations in the city. The Round Table welcomes in Ray Long, Heather Cherone, Lynn Sweet, and Cheryl Rae Stout. We start with COVID vaccination rollout - Cheryl Stout gives an update. Preview of the upcoming baseball season and we might see fans back in the seats? Just how miserable will the Bears season be?

Joseph Schweterman joins the show to discuss how COVID has affected the unusual traffic patterns in the city and surrounding areas.

Connected to Chicago (03/28/2021) - Representative Robin Kelly joins Bill Cameron to discuss changes in Illinois politics as Mike Madigan has been replaced, and local issues

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Nick Gale reports on education getting the spotlight, as Governor J. B. Pritzker has been touring the state talking about house bill 2170, which is aimed at improving access and racial equity in the state's education system.