

Issues Programs List

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Townsquare Media Bangor

WBZN, WDEA, WQCB, WWMJ, WEZQ

April 1 – June 30th, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Crime.** Maine Concerns covers stories we think are important to Maine residents from drug trafficking to scams and security related issues. We cover human crime stories, as well as environmental crimes, with information from the Maine Warden Service, U.S. Coast Guard, and Maine Marine Patrol. In addition, we discuss resources available to victims of crime, like domestic assault.
- **Health.** Maine Concerns covers a wide variety of health-related stories and works with regional hospitals, the Maine CDC, and other organizations to get the word out about conferences, medical developments, viruses, and seasonal concerns like Lyme disease or flu. Many of our stories dealing with public safety can be considered health related as well, citing our warnings about CO poisoning during power outages as one example.
- **Economy.** Maine Concerns covers job fair activities, training and development opportunities, and available resources for educational financial aid. We have also reported on economic initiatives to help in times of crisis, like FEMA funding after storms and donation drives for local non-profits.
- **Environment.** Our environmental coverage spans a wide variety of stories including promoting public hearings, campaigns to protect Maine's wildlife, and educational programs. In addition, we cover stories about local efforts to clean up communities, and add more green space to urban areas.
- **Education.** Maine Concerns covers stories in Maine from school budgets to school safety initiatives. Stories about innovative college studies and research are also covered, and how to learn more about financial aid.
- **Public Safety.** Maine Concerns covers stories that impact the public safety of the community which can run the gamut from natural disasters to police emergencies. Stories about how to protect oneself from crime will fall under this heading, as well as local police force initiatives to connect with the community, like Coffee with a Cop, or drug takeback events.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Our community issues program, Maine Concerns, airs each Sunday on WBZN and WQCB at 6:00 a.m., WEZQ at 6:12 a.m., WWMJ at 6:20 a.m., and on WDEA at 11:10 a.m.

4-2-2023

No program

4-9-2023 Education, Environment (Length 24:40)

Challenger Learning Center E-Waste - Cindy Campbell talks with the Challenger Learning Center's Kirsten Hibbard about the educational center's many STEM-based programs, including vacation camps and family projects. In addition, they discuss changes to the facility's annual e-waste event and the importance of recycling properly.

4-16-2023 Crime, Public Safety, Public Resources, Health, Environment (Length - 24:54)

Partners for Peace - Cindy Campbell talks with Casey Faulkingham of Partners for Peace about Domestic Abuse and, specifically, about the high number of Domestic Violence Homicides in the state. Faulkingham discusses many of the services available through Partners for Peace, as well as how people can find resources in their own communities.

Ticks - Cindy Campbell chats with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Griffin Dill, about the different types of ticks and prevention methods. Dill discusses the many illnesses that can be spread by ticks and offers advice on when it's time to talk to your doctor about a bite. He also talks about the types of environments where you're more likely to encounter them.

4-23-2023 Crime, Economy, Environment, Health, Housing, Poverty (Length - 24:31)

Hope for Homeless - Cindy Campbell talks with Ann Sweeney, co-founder of Hope for Homeless, about the current efforts being made to find housing for the increasing homeless population. She talks about the fact that the cost of housing in Bangor has created 'working homeless,' and that the camps are dangerous and not healthy for people who are often living in filth.

4-30-2023 Mental Health, Crime, Economy, Housing (Length - 24:45)

Mass Casualty-related Stress - After a man killed four people in Maine, Cindy Campbell talked with Dr. Tony Ng of Northern Light Health about whether people who have no connection to such episodes can experience depression or stress. Dr. Ng

explains signs people should watch for that could indicate they're becoming depressed by the incident and the types of things those people can do to ease their anxiety.

Landlord Liaison Program - Dale Hamilton, Executive Director of Community Health and Counseling Services, joins Cindy Campbell to talk about the City of Bangor's Landlord Liaison Program, which is working to help provide affordable housing for residents. Hamilton explains that landlords who participate in the program can get help fixing up aging apartments and would receive help in the event of landlord-tenant disputes. The aim is to get people who have experienced homelessness into housing, despite the reluctance of many owners to rent to them.

5-7-2023 Economy, Mental Health, Elder Issues, Hunger, Poverty (Length 24:38)

Caring Calls - Cindy Campbell talks with Program Manager Doug Cotta about Northern Light Health's Caring Calls. Through this program, volunteers call Senior Citizens who live alone daily in order to check on their wellbeing, as well as just to engage them in conversation. The calls are often the only human contact these folks have on a regular basis, so Cotta says they're invaluable to the mental health of people who are, otherwise, isolated.

Manna - Cindy Campbell chats with Bill Rae, Director of Manna in Bangor, who wants people to know about their temporary location and that they are still providing groceries, as well as free dinners to people in need. Rae reminds people that their former location, the Brick Church, is still open for free showers and clothing. In addition, he hints at a move to a more permanent location for Manna soon, where he hopes to expand their services.

5-14-2023 Public Safety, Economy, Poverty, Homelessness, Housing (Length 24:46)

Welcome to Housing - Founder of Welcome to Housing Bangor, Chris Olsen joins Cindy Campbell to discuss an upcoming volunteer recruitment open house, as they are in dire need of more help. Chris says that with so many homeless residents being placed into housing for the first time, Welcome to Housing is very busy taking people through their furniture warehouse and getting them set up with everything they need from beds to linens. He explains the mission of the program that helps the homeless, victims of fires and domestic violence, as well as the formerly incarcerated.

Motorcycle Safety - Cindy Campbell talks with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety about motorcycle safety. Lauren Stewart discusses the importance of riders wearing the proper gear including a helmet, making sure drivers can see them, and always riding safely. In addition, she urges drivers to watch out for bikes, look twice before pulling into intersections, and to never ride too close to a motorcycle.

5-21-2023 Health, Public Safety, Environment, Fire Safety (Length - 24:21)

Stroke - Cindy Campbell talks with Angela Wheelden of Northern Light Health about stroke. Wheelden discusses the causes of a stroke, risk factors, and what to do in case you think you or someone else is suffering a stroke, described by the acronym FASTER. In addition, she discusses the importance of lowering risk factors by keeping track of cholesterol and blood numbers.

Burn Permits - Bangor Fire Department's Chandler Corriveau joins Cindy Campbell to talk about burn permits and the importance of calling 911 the moment an open burn gets out of control, in order to avoid wildfires. He explains that people are required to have a permit for any open burn and adds that they can get them from their local fire department or through an online site.

5-28-2023 Public Safety, Health, Water Safety, Child Welfare (Length - 24:31)

Boating Safety - Maine Game Warden Jason Luce talks with Cindy Campbell about boating safety, including not boating under the influence and the importance of wearing life jackets. He also highlights the value of wearing a tether line attached to a kill switch, which will shut down the engines should the operator fall overboard.

Look Before You Lock - Erika Davis with the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety talks about the dangers of heat stroke in children and, specifically, the risks of leaving children in hot cars. The Look Before You Lock Campaign urges people to look twice when getting out of a vehicle, to make sure they haven't forgotten a sleeping child in the backseat.

6-4-2023 Health, Public Safety, Veteran Issues, Mental Health, Suicide, Bike Safety (Length - 24:17)

Maine Veterans Project - Doc Goodwin, founder of the Maine Veterans Project, joins Cindy Campbell to talk about this program that works to prevent Veteran suicide. Doc and Cindy discuss how PTSD can affect Veterans and how having a community of others with similar experiences can be beneficial. Goodwin talks about some of their upcoming social events and encourages anyone interested in helping out to become a volunteer for the program.

Bicycle Safety - Cindy Campbell talks with Sergeant Jason McAmbley about bicycle safety, including the importance of riders making sure drivers can see them at all times. McAmbley reminds riders that they must obey the rules of the road. In addition, she reminds drivers that they must give a distance of at least 4 feet between their vehicle and bicyclists on the side of the road.

6-11-2023 Education, Economy, Public Safety, Literacy (Length - 24:46)

Dirigo Reads - Cindy Campbell chats with Dirigo Reads co-founder Dan Cashman about the program that provides a new book to 1st graders across the state every month of the school year. Cashman talks about the progress of the program, as it continues expand, getting ever closer to its goal of including every public school in the state. Cashman asks schools to express their interest in being added to the program, and also appeals to businesses to consider becoming sponsors so they can continue their mission.

6-18-2023 Health, Economy, Health Insurance, Kids with Cancer (Length - 24:53)

MaineCare - Cindy Campbell is joined by Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew to discuss changes to the program that provides health insurance for Maine's children and adults who are elderly, disabled, or with low incomes. Under new federal regulations, everyone on MaineCare must reapply for the program or risk losing their coverage. Lambrew says DHHS is trying to get the word out so families don't miss the deadline.

Camp Hope - Cindy Campbell talks with Dr. Nadine SantaCruz of Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center about Camp Hope, which caters to children who are undergoing cancer treatments. Dr. SantaCruz explains that families are invited to join the children for some fun while a medical staff continues to monitor medications and treatments. She says it's a much-needed break for families who are dealing with extraordinary challenges.

6-25-2023

No program due to computer issues