

WBOS-FM

QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

**STATION: WBOS-FM
2nd QUARTER, 2017
(April, May, June)
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Description of Issues of Concern to Boston, MA
Addressed in Responsive Programming in the 2nd Quarter 2017
Airing Sundays 6am to 7am – Greater Boston Today/Viewpoints

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH** - Raising the minimum age to buy tobacco, need for a sufficient amount of sleep
2. **PUBLIC SAFETY** – The extreme dangers of distracted driving, the opioid abuse crisis, lead and copper in drinking water
3. **HEALTH CARE** – Medical Marijuana, how genetic screening can be used to predict health issues, Need for local cancer care
4. **IMMIGRATION / CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING / RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE** – How immigrants become citizens, exploring the world, outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents in Boston, breaking the race barrier in baseball
5. **ENVIRONMENT** – Greenhouse gases, the need for urban centers to be environmentally friendly
6. **TECHNOLOGY**– Video games as artistic expression
7. **EDUCATION / FAMILY ISSUES / PARENTING** – Teaching children to be community leaders, literacy, helping kids deal with violent news, split families, autistic students, How kids react to fake news, importance of literature, importance of writing, history of physics, mathematics, importance of knowing how to use handwriting
8. **ECONOMY / FINANCE / JOBS** – The need to keep your credit rating in good standing, protection from collection agencies, how to make a job search more effective with a strong resume, how to save money on gas and travel
9. **GOVERNMENT / LEGAL SYSTEM** – benefits of religion in the prison system, white collar crime, the jury system
10. **COMMUNITY ISSUES** – Helping those with developmental and intellectual disabilities, helping those living in poverty to pull themselves out of it

WBOS-FM
Programs That Address Community Issues
(Regularly Scheduled Public Affairs Programs)
Greater Boston Today/Viewpoints - Second Quarter Report 2017

Issue: Health Care / Public Safety

Aired: April 2, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 12 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With laws governing the medical and recreation use of Marijuana in Massachusetts changing, we spoke with dispensary founder Nick Vita about the medical uses of marijuana and how dispensaries work. He went over ways in which Marijuana is used to alleviate side effects for other treatments, including chemotherapy.

Issue: Education

Aired: April 2, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 20 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: We spoke with Richard Trotta, founder of the Medford Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility. It's an organization that works with the public school system in Medford, MA to help students understand the need to be positive members of their community. It offers activities and workshops designed to guide kids in the direction of being positive members of their community.

Issue: Environment

Aired: April 2, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 14 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Scientists have maintained for years that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses are causing climate change. In the face of deniers, scientists insist their answer is correct. We talk to Dr. Kerry Emanuel from MIT about what makes her and other scientists so certain greenhouse gasses are to blame and how the problem can be addressed to not only help our planet, but also create new jobs for American workers.

Issue: Education

Aired: April 2, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: America is facing a literacy problem: according to surveys, fewer than 50% of American schoolchildren are highly proficient readers. But solving the dilemma isn't easy: why are so many students struggling and how can we fix it? We talk to several experts who suggest that we may simply be teaching the skill incorrectly. They address the fallacies many of us believe to be true and the balance our education system needs to strike in order to best cure the societal illness of illiteracy.

Issue: Community / Developmental Disabilities**Aired:** April 9, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 13 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** We took some time to learn about all the good work at New England ARC, which offers support and services for those with developmental disabilities. We spoke with Jo Ann Simons about the ARC, and talked about challenges faced by those with disabilities.**Issue: Public Safety / Parenting****Aired:** April 9, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** The news is filled with more and more violent attacks, and so we thought it worthwhile to speak with author and parenting expert Tom Gagliano, who talked about intelligent, productive ways to keep children informed about what's going on, without making things worse.**Issue: Family Issues****Aired:** April 9, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** There are millions of Americans who live together, but never become formally "married." What are their rights? Who gets the house, the car, the bank accounts if they break up or one of them dies? We talk to a noted contract and family law attorney who has written extensively on the subject to find out how society and the courts view cohabitation relationships. We also discuss what cohabiting couples should do to prevent problems with the law.**Issue: Immigration****Aired:** April 9, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** When people discuss "the immigrant narrative," you picture Ellis Island. But what is that process like today? We talk to two writers about the more modern immigrant journey. Two very different stories bound by a common thread: the immigrant narrative.**Issue: Public Safety / Texting while driving****Aired:** April 16, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 15 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** One of the biggest dangers on the roads right now is distracted drivers. We talked with Emily Stein, President of the Safe Roads Alliance, about the dangers of texting while you're driving. She talked about what laws are in place that

deal with distracted driving, gave tips on making sure you stay safe while you're driving, and relayed how she had lost her own father because of a distracted driver.

Issue: Education

Aired: April 16, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 12 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: The right to an education is guaranteed to all students, regardless of disability, by federal law. But experts and parents are now wondering if we are doing enough to help autistic students maximize their abilities to live their best possible lives. Mark Claypool, co-author of "How Autism is Reshaping Special Education," discusses the current status of public schooling for autistic students and how the systems in place can be optimized to help students grow even more.

Issue: American History / Race Relations

Aired: April 16, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Most of us know that the New York Yankees dominated baseball diamonds across the country for decades, but fewer know the Hall of Fame manager who guided them to success and was named by MLB Network "baseball's greatest character." We talk to Yankees historian Marty Appel about the life of Casey Stengel, who spent over 50 years in professional baseball and won 8 World Series titles, but whose handling of the MLB's integration era has been questioned for years.

Issue: Public Safety / Public Health

Aired: April 23, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 20 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: The opiate addiction problems seems to be spiraling here in Massachusetts and across the country. We talked with recovery center operator Brad Greenstein about how the opiate addiction crisis got to be so severe, and what resources addicts have to help them overcome their addiction. He talked about what law enforcement is doing to put the emphasis more on treatment of addiction rather than punishment.

Issue: Education

Aired: April 23, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Between the election cycle and coverage of President Trump's first 100 days, we've all seen some fake news online. We talk to two educators about the harm that can be done when people believe fake news, the education crisis involved when students believe fake news, and tips we can all use to identify lies online and keep ourselves informed by only the truth.

Issue: Education / Cultural Understanding

Aired: April 23, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Being an explorer may seem like a childhood fantasy, but it's a real thing people do. We talk to two experts about some notable explorers of the past and ways you can see the world through fresh eyes yourself.

Issue: Public Safety / Discrimination

Aired: April 30, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: There has been an increase in the number of disturbing anti-Semitic incidents lately around Boston, and to understand why there's been an increase, so we spoke with the Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League, Robert Treston. He talked about how the current political climate affects incidents like this, and what is being done to bring a better understanding.

Issue: Public Safety / Texting while driving

Aired: April 30, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 15 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: One of the biggest dangers on the roads right now is distracted drivers. We talked with Emily Stein, President of the Safe Roads Alliance, about the dangers of texting while you're driving. She talked about what laws are in place that deal with distracted driving, gave tips on making sure you stay safe while you're driving, and relayed how she had lost her own father because of a distracted driver.

Issue: Education / Literature

Aired: April 30, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Jonathan Lethem is the award-winning author of "Motherless Brooklyn" and other novels. His latest book is an inside look at his thoughts on literature. He talks to us about the importance reading, what inspires him, and how he feels about tough critics.

Issue: Health Care / Genetics

Aired: April 30, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 9 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Science enables us to know much more than ever before. We can be aware of what disorders we could pass on to our kids and we can conduct screenings on children to discover irregularities in their genes. Such screenings can help doctors catch issues early... but they can also put a huge burden on families.

Issue: Environment / Community

Aired: May 7, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 15 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: **Show Description:** We had a talk with Austin Blackmon, who is Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston, about ways that the city is working to be better for the environment and to make Boston a nicer place to live. He talked about all the progress that has been made to keep down pollution in Boston, and to make it more attractive to both residents and businesses.

Issue: Crime / Criminal Justice

Aired: May 7, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Since the beginning of the US prison system, religion has been suggested as a way to help rehabilitate criminals. We talk to Tanya Erzen, a professor of religion, about why that is and what role prison ministries play in the lives on inmates.

Issue: Education / Science

Aired: May 7, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: The history of physics is a long and extremely interesting one, littered with the names of some of the most famous scientists in the world, like Galileo, Newton, Copernicus, Einstein, Curie, and others. We talk to a science historian about a few of the highlights throughout the long history of physics and astronomy.

Issue: Community / Health Care

Aired: May 14, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: We spoke with Kevin Campbell, Chairman of Team Walk for Cancer Care. Kevin lost his wife to cancer, and now is in charge of this very worthy event that raises money for the Cancer Center at Lowell General Hospital. He spoke about the need for good quality, local care for those battling cancer.

Issue: Community / Health Care

Aired: May 14, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 7 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: We learned about the North Shore Cancer Walk, by speaking with Brittany Isherwood. She spoke about the important of bringing the community together to make things better for those struggling with cancer. She discussed ways that individuals and local companies can help out.

Issue: Crime / White Collar Crime

Aired: May 14, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: The financial world was shocked when the FBI began investigating Wall Street big shot Steve Cohen and his company SAC Capital. We discuss what they were looking for, what they found, and what it all means going forward.

Issue: Education / Literature

Aired: May 14, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With summer around the corner, many of us are looking for some fresh books to read on the beach or on the porch. We talk to three authors about the themes and messages written into their latest novels.

Issue: Government / Community / Legal System

Aired: May 21, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 15 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Jury duty is one of those things that is essential to our justice system, and yet most people don't fully understand how it works. We spoke with Pamela Wood, Jury Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who went over the jury selection process, what happens when you serve on a jury, and talked about the role juries play in keeping the justice system fair.

Issue: Public Health / Public Safety

Aired: May 21, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 7 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With legislation in Massachusetts to raise the minimum age for buying tobacco, we took the time to speak with Casey Harvell of the American Lung Association. She talked about the dangers of teenagers starting to smoke at an early age, and went over ways that tobacco is marketed to the younger crowd.

Issue: Technology

Aired: May 21, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Video games have long been seen as child's play, but now they are the source of massive TV ratings and legitimate artistic expression. We talk to author Andrew Ervin about the transformation.

Issue: Education / Mathematics

Aired: May 21, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: As hard as it is to imagine, before an Italian mathematician we know as Fibonacci came to the scene, most people didn't use... numbers. We talk to mathematician and author Keith Devlin about Fibonacci's mammoth contribution to mathematics and our daily lives.

Issue: Homelessness / Poverty / Community

Aired: May 28, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 17 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is an organization that offers a wide range of services to help disadvantaged residents of Boston make things better. We spoke with President/CEO John Drew about how ABCD lends a hand by supplying job training, education services, legal help, and more.

Issue: Education / Communication

Aired: May 28, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Everyday, we send and receive emails, but when's the last time you wrote or received a handwritten letter? We talk to a writer and editor about the more romantic, considered communication style of abandoning modern technology and writing physical letters.

Issue: Education / Literature

Aired: May 28, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 9 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Richard Chizmar is an author, publisher, and Stephen King fan. He joins the show to discuss his career, his process, and his opportunity to write a novella with one of the world's biggest authors.

Issue: Economy / Credit Ratings

Aired: June 4, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 13 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With a large percentage of the U.S. population carrying sizeable credit card debt, it's important to know what credit ratings really mean. We spoke with personal finance expert Kenneth Ross Urkin about how to get yourself out of crippling debt, and ways you can prevent or correct a bad credit rating.

Issue: Economy / job search

Aired: June 4, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 15 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Whether you are out of work and looking for a job, or thinking about making a move in your career, your resume is a critical tool in landing a job. We spoke

with Human Resource expert Elizabeth Hayes about ways to make your resume more effective and powerful.

Issue: Public Health / Mental Health / Health Care

Aired: June 4, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 12 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: One morning without warning, Giulia Lukach experienced a psychotic break. We talk to her husband Mark about Giulia's mental health journey, his own experience as a caregiver, and how they overcame three stints in the psych ward.

Issue: Health Care

Aired: June 4, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 8 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Jon Katz's dogs do more than just play fetch: they help comfort Hospice patients in their final days. We talk about Katz's experience volunteering for hospice and how dogs can give so much comfort.

Issue: Public Health / Public Safety

Aired: June 11, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 5 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: A national sleep poll has shown that Americans just aren't getting enough sleep. We spoke with experts who discussed the health issues associated with lack of proper sleep, and learned what areas of life can suffer when we're not rested enough

Issue: Public Safety / Public Health

Aired: June 11, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Massachusetts has been busy testing drinking water in schools and day care centers, and the findings have shown elevated levels of lead and copper in many of them. We spoke with Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, who talked about what the findings mean, and why we should be concerned.

Issue: Public Health / Mental Health

Aired: June 11, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 9 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Introverts usually get a bad rap, but we talk to two experts who say introverts have a lot to offer. We discuss what introversion is and how introverts can be a lot of fun to be around.

Issue: Education / Spelling

Aired: June 11, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: The rules of the English language always seem to have an exception or ten. The language's irregularities make it difficult to learn and spell. We explored how the language got do complicated.

Issue: Economy / Collection Agencies

Aired: June 18, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 7 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Most collection agencies follow the rules when it comes to recovering money, but not all do. We spoke with Paula Fleming of the Better Business Bureau about what rights people have when they are harassed by collection agencies.

Issue: Government / Community / Legal System

Aired: June 18, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 15 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Jury duty is one of those things that is essential to our justice system, and yet most people don't fully understand how it works. We spoke with Pamela Wood, Jury Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who went over the jury selection process, what happens when you serve on a jury, and talked about the role juries play in keeping the justice system fair.

Issue: Education / World History

Aired: June 18, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Discovering one of the most well-known ancient civilizations was no easy task. We talk to author William Carlsen about the two men who ventured into the jungle and discovered the Mayans.

Issue: Education / Role Models

Aired: June 18, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Wonder Woman is breaking box office records in her first solo film, and we look at what makes her so in tune with the times. Professor, author, and editor Travis Langley explains how Wonder Woman's pursuit of the truth, belief in humanity, and inspirational name make her the perfect heroine for now.

Issue: Economy / Travel

Aired: June 25, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With the July 4th holiday coming up, and with summer here, people will be doing a lot more driving. We spoke with Mary Maguire of AAA New England about ways to help improve your car's fuel economy, and about ways to be a smart shopper and save money on gas.

Issue: Public Safety / Public Health

Aired: June 25, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 11 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Massachusetts has been busy testing drinking water in schools and day care centers, and the findings have shown elevated levels of lead and copper in many of them. We spoke with Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, who talked about what the findings mean, and why we should be concerned.

Issue: Education / Writing

Aired: June 25, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 10 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: With all of our technology and reliance on computers, many schools are phasing out some handwriting lessons. Specifically, schools have stopped teaching cursive. We talk to two experts about whether that's a good idea.

Issue: Family Issues

Aired: June 25, 2017

Time: 6am to 7am

Length of segment: 9 minutes of 1 hour

Show Description: Bringing a new baby home is exciting and chaotic. The last thing parents want to worry about is their work life. But for many dads, the stigma and financial burdens of trying to stay home means they have little time to bond at home. We talk to Josh Levs, a journalist who took the fight for paternity leave head-on.

**Public Service Announcements
Second Quarter 2017**

Throughout the quarter the station aired PSAs during Public Affairs Programming.
The information below reflects community activities and issues.

- :30 seconds - See it say it (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - Safe seatbelt usage
- :30 seconds - Financial literacy (Ad Council)
- :20 seconds - Run for Our Troops
- :30 seconds - Type 2 diabetes
- :30 seconds - Sarcoma info
- :30 seconds - Minority education (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Don't drive buzzed
- :30 seconds - Meals on wheels
- :30 seconds - SCORE
- :30 seconds - Vaccinations (Ad Council)
- :20 seconds - Massachusetts Pet Plates
- :15 seconds - Embrace refugees
- :15 seconds - Pet shelters
- :30 seconds - Safe car seat usage
- :30 seconds - Social Security (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Teachers (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Stop texting
- :60 seconds - Project Hope (newborns)
- :60 seconds - Recycling
- :30 seconds - Don't text and drive
- :15 seconds - Learning and attention issues
- :30 seconds - Primary Care
- :30 seconds - Second hand smoke
- :15 seconds - Childhood hunger
- :30 seconds - AARP (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Pulmonary hypertension
- :30 seconds - Pre-diabetes (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Drinking and driving
- :30 seconds - Bacteria in food (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Autism speaks
- :15 seconds - Child refugees
- :30 seconds - Compact Fluorescent Recycling
- :30 seconds - Drug Free Initiative - opiates
- :60 seconds - American Stroke Awareness Month
- :30 seconds - Adopt U.S. Kids (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - High School Diploma Equivalency (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Emergency wireless alerts (Ad Council)