

WCAI, WNAN, WZAI, Quarterly List of Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community
Issues
April 2021 – June 2021

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
BBC World Update World news from an international perspective, drawing from the BBC's extensive staff of reporters worldwide. Includes round-up of international newspaper headlines and commentary. Average length of pieces: 5-8 minutes.	Monday through Friday	5:00-6:00am
Morning Edition Morning news program of world and national news occurring during the overnight, updating important stories as they unfold. Hosted by Steve Inskeep from NPR. Average length of pieces: 3-6 minutes.	Monday through Friday	6:00-9:00am
The Point A news and talk program that focuses on topical issues to the Cape & Islands. Average length of segment: 50 minutes.	Tuesday through Friday	9:00-10am/7:00-8:00pm
One-A Inspired by the First Amendment, 1A champions America's right to speak freely. News with those who make the news, great guests and topical debate. Weekday conversation framed in ways to make you think, share and engage. From NPR and WAMU.	Monday through Friday	10:00-12:00am
The Takeaway The Takeaway provides a breadth and depth of world, national and regional news coverage that is unprecedented in public media.	Monday through Friday	Noon-1:00pm
PRI's Science Friday Explore science-related topics -- from subatomic particles and the human genome to the Internet and earthquakes. Listen to in-depth discussion with scientists and others from all walks of life whose work influences our daily lives.	Friday	2:00-4:00pm
BBC NewsHour Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events. Average length of pieces 4-5 minutes	Monday through Thursday	3:00-4:00pm
All Things Considered Evening news, features, and commentary of national and local interest from NPR. Average length of pieces: 3-6 minutes.	Monday through Friday	4:00-6:30pm
Marketplace Produced by American Public Media, this fast-paced program addresses both the financial news of the day and how it impacts nearly every aspect of our lives. It does so through inventive storytelling and incorporates correspondents from around the country and the world. Hosted by Kai Ryssdal.	Monday through Friday	6:30-7:00pm
The World A global news program that presents the voices and ideas of an interconnected world to the American audience. Average length of pieces: 3-6 minutes.	Monday through Friday	8:00-9:00pm
PBS NewsHour	Monday through Friday	9:00pm

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 2, 2021. A COVID-19 vaccination site for seafood workers on the New Bedford waterfront is slated to open April 10th. The city and the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center are cooperating on the site with federal funding. Jennette Barnes reports. (:59)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 2, 2021. Cape Cod is on alert over a spike in COVID-19 cases that's pushed Barnstable County to the highest infection rate in the state for the second straight week. Jennette Barnes reports. (:58)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 7, 2021. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe says its COVID-19 vaccination program is going well, and the tribe has offered vaccines to teachers in three neighboring communities. Nelson Andrews Jr., emergency management director for the Mashpee Wampanoag, said any tribal member age 16 and up, their immediate families, and teachers in Mashpee, Barnstable, and Falmouth can receive the vaccine. Jennette Barnes reports. (:52)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 12, 2021. With summer right around the corner, a spike in COVID-19 cases on the Islands is leading at least one community to think about whether Fourth of July festivities should happen. Edgartown Town Administrator James Hagerty said the town is "reevaluating" plans for its popular Fourth of July parade and fireworks over Edgartown Harbor. Jennette Barnes reports. (:51)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 14, 2021. The pause in administration of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines recommended by the federal government is affecting local clinics, including pop-up events intended to get hospitality workers vaccinated before the summer travel season. Jennette Barnes reports. (:53)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 22, 2021. A Hyannis woman whose father died of COVID-19 is planning a memorial installation to honor Cape Codders who have lost their lives in the pandemic. Denise Harris said she'll place hundreds of flags at the Hyannis rotary — one for each person on Cape Cod who has died of COVID-19. As of Wednesday, that number was 459. Jennette Barnes reports. (:52)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 30, 2021. Cape Cod's COVID-19 task force has set a goal to get 75 percent of Cape residents vaccinated with at least one dose by Memorial Day. That means reaching another 11 percent of the population. Jennette Barnes reports. (:55)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 5, 2021. Coronavirus vaccine providers are preparing for a rush to inoculate adolescents as young as 12, even as overall demand for COVID-19 vaccines is dropping locally and nationally. Martha's Vineyard Hospital has ordered extra doses of the Pfizer vaccine to be ready if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves it. Officials have signaled the decision could come shortly. Jennette Barnes reports. (:47)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 7, 2021. The vaccination effort aimed at stopping the COVID-19 pandemic has reached a turning point, as demand for vaccines slows and most clinics have begun offering them on a walk-in basis. All members of Cape Cod's vaccine consortium, which includes Cape Cod Healthcare, community health centers, and Barnstable County, now allow people to get the vaccine without an appointment, according to state Sen. Julian Cyr. Jennette Barnes reports. (:52)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 14, 2021. The CDC issued new recommendations Thursday allowing fully vaccinated people to go without masks outdoors and indoors, with some exceptions. The relaxing of guidelines does not apply to unvaccinated people, including children. Cape Cod's COVID-19 Task Force said the change is welcome news as summer approaches and the region heads into high season for tourism. Jennette Barnes reports. (:50)

Morning Edition—May 17, 2021. The days are getting longer and warmer, and you may be spending more time outside—on walks in the woods, or in your yard. Ticks are also out, and they're host to a variety of diseases that can make humans very, very sick. WCAI's Kathryn Eident talked with Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Entomologist Larry Dapsis about this year's "tick forecast." (6:16)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—June 4, 2021. After more than a year of work, the Cape Cod COVID-19 Response Task Force is winding down. The group is no longer meeting regularly, now that more than 70 percent of residents have received at least one dose of vaccine and most restrictions have been lifted. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

The Point—June 10, 2021. We know eating a plant-based diet is better for our health, and the health of the planet. But many love to eat meat or are at a loss for what to prepare when meat is no longer the focal point of the meal. Heading into the summer season is a great time to experiment with more plants on your plate. Dena Irwin, registered dietitian and nutritionist, and Steven Raichlen, author and chef, join us on The Point to discuss delicious ways to incorporate more plants into our meals. Raichlen's latest book is *How To Grill Vegetables*. (49:30)

The Point—June 29, 2021. Why have Americans lost faith in science and our public health system during the pandemic? How do we restore trust, ensure equity, and get more people vaccinated? Our guests on The Point discuss these issues plus the latest findings on COVID variants, how to keep unvaccinated kids safe, and thoughts on whether vaccine boosters will be necessary. (49:30)

Youth/Families/Education

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 6, 2021. Monday marked the official return to full-time, in-person learning for many students in local elementary schools. But with the recent spike in COVID-19 cases on Cape Cod, some districts are considering asking the state for a delay in the return of older students. Jennette Barnes reports. (:49)

The Point—April 14, 2021. On The Point, we talk about the joys and challenges of raising a child with autism. Guests are Nicole Donovan, author of *A Life Suspended*, and Johanne Crawford, author of *Choices*, about their family journeys. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

The Point—April 22, 2021. On The Point, we discuss school discipline, its particular impacts on students of color, and students with high needs or disabilities. We also talk about alternatives to exclusionary discipline. Kathryn Eident hosts. (49:30)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 20, 2021. Registered nurses picketed outside Cape Cod Hospital on Wednesday, saying they need more nurses on each shift. About 50 nurses and a few other supporters gathered by mid-afternoon. Some stood on the sidewalk near the hospital, and others a block away at the Main Street corner. Eunice Grew, who works in a cardiac step-down unit, said a lot of young nurses are leaving to go elsewhere for a better staff-to-patient ratio.

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 20, 2021. A tense meeting over a proposal to build a machine gun range on Joint Base Cape Cod ended tonight with the vast majority voicing their opposition to the project. The virtual three-hour town hall, attended by more than 200 people, served as the first open conversation the Massachusetts Army National Guard has held since outcry over the project began in August. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition—May 21, 2021. A Cape Cod tradition will be returning this summer, although it will look a little different than it has in the past. The Cape Cod Baseball League season starts June 20th, with 10 teams from around

the region showcasing some of the country's top baseball talent, including players who may become make it to the major league. WCAI's Kathryn Eident talked with Wareham Gatemen General Manager Andrew Lang about what to expect in this upcoming unique, pandemic-influenced season. (5:28)

The Point—May 25, 2021. On The Point, a discussion about homelessness in our region. How have supports, services and programs changed under President Biden, and how will this impact people with housing insecurity on the Cape, Coast, and Islands? Our guest on the program is Philip Mangano, President and CEO of the American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness. He shares insight into innovations that are working to end homelessness, information on results, and lots of inspiration to carry forward the mission of abolition. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—June 7, 2021. Clouds of dust and the clash of metal have become part of daily life in Somerset's Brayton Point neighborhood, says Kathy Souza. Souza lives blocks from the Brayton Point Commerce Center, a port on Mt. Hope Bay where Patriot Stevedoring & Logistics LLC loads scrap metal onto ships. She says the operation makes a racket day and night. The company now faces legal action over its handling of scrap metal. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:55)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—June 16, 2021. School's almost out for the summer, and many parents are getting ready to send their children back to camp or summer childcare. But with children under 12 still unable to get vaccinated for COVID-19, some families worry about whether camps are taking enough precautions and if any seats will be left once they get the details sorted out. Jennette Barnes reports. (:47)

Communities/Local Interest Groups/Religious Groups

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 2, 2021. The company decommissioning the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station plans to store spent nuclear fuel in New Mexico. But events on Monday revealed that the timeline for Holtec moving the fuel is years down the road — if ever. Jennette Barnes reports. (:58)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 6, 2021. A company named Amp Energy wants to turn 70 acres of a 140-acre golf course in Falmouth into a solar farm. The town is facing hard decisions over what it would take to make way for a massive solar farm, as questions swirl over who this solar developer interested in Cape Cod is, what the company could gain developing on such expensive coastal land, and what the terms of the proposal could mean for the community. Eve Zuckoff reports. (4:36)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 14, 2021. Members of Massachusetts' congressional delegation are calling for a closer look at the environmental impacts of a proposed machine gun range that the Massachusetts Army National Guard wants to build on Joint Base Cape Cod. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 4, 2021. Mashpee voters approved a \$54 million dollar funding request at Town Meeting Monday night to address nitrogen pollution in the Mashpee River and the Popponesset Bay. Sam Houghton and Eve Zuckoff report. (1:20)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 4, 2021. The Massachusetts Army National Guard has secured a key federal environmental approval that potentially puts it one step away from building a machine gun range on Joint Base Cape Cod, WCAI has learned. The Guard plans to announce the milestone Wednesday. The only remaining regulatory hurdle for the range is a state environmental review. Eve Zuckoff reports. (4:05)

Morning Edition—May 7, 2021. Town meeting voters across the Cape are being asked to make some major decisions about how to manage wastewater from septic systems, which pollutes local waterways and has been a multibillion-dollar problem for more than a decade. Kathryn Eident spoke with reporter Eve Zuckoff, who has been reporting on how towns have made strides towards revolutionizing their wastewater treatment. (7:13)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 11, 2021. Dennis voters rejected a more than half-a-million-dollar funding request to begin designs for a sewer project at Saturday's Town Meeting. The proposal needed a two-thirds majority vote to take \$660,000 the town has set aside for wastewater initiatives and put it toward the design of a sewer collection system in the southern part of town. Select board member Paul McCormick says the no vote pushes back the town's already overdue goal of reducing nitrogen pollution. Sam Houghton reports. (:45)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 11, 2021. Vineyard Wind's first-of-its-kind offshore wind farm has received final approval from the federal government. The U.S. Department of the Interior announced today that it has approved construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1, the nation's inaugural large-scale offshore wind project. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 14, 2021. Observers of the Massachusetts offshore wind industry are getting a look at the state's latest request for proposals, issued May 7 for a third offshore wind farm. The latest Request for Proposals requires wind developers who make promises on economic development to put them in a memorandum of understanding or similar document signed with a government entity. But New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell said the requirement makes no material improvement over past contracts in terms of incentives for creating jobs. Jennette Barnes reports. (:50)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 10, 2021. Launched this week as an online news outlet, the New Bedford Light aims to fill a growing hole in local coverage as many traditional newspapers continue to lose revenue and shed staff. Founding editor Barbara Roessner says the new outlet will specialize in deep-dive reporting. She also hopes the New Bedford Light can serve as a hub for the city's arts and culture scene. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:55)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 16, 2021. New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell announced on Wednesday that Paul Oliveira will be the city's next Chief of Police. Oliveira, a 30-year veteran of the force, has served as Acting Chief since former Chief Joseph Cordeiro's retirement on April 24. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:45)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 16, 2021. Local elected officials are emerging in droves to voice opposition to a proposed machine gun range on Joint Base Cape Cod. In the last week, Barnstable County commissioners announced they would be exploring legal action, and a group representing 22 municipalities and 105 elected officials on the Cape and Islands added to the chorus of criticism. Today, the commissioners voted to "authorize legal counsel" to try to stop the firing range. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 16, 2021. Some functions are back to normal at the Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket ferries following the June 2 ransomware attack, but not all. Although the vehicle reservation system is working, passengers who plan to ride without a vehicle on the traditional ferries (as opposed to the high-speed ferries) still have to buy their tickets at the terminals, according to Steamship Authority spokesman Sean Driscoll. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 17, 2021. Beach season is here — and so are the white sharks. The superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore and other beach managers spoke at Seashore headquarters in Wellfleet Thursday to urge the public to be "shark smart" this summer. Superintendent Brian Carlstrom said a growing body of research shows white sharks spend significant time hunting in shallow water. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

Arts/Culture

The Point—April 7, 2021. Flight attendants in the 1960's and 70's didn't just hand out pretzels. They were required to speak two languages, have a college degree, and be poised, gracious, and clever. We talk with Julia Cooke about her

new book *Come Fly The World: The Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am*, and hear the stories of the women who flew at this time and how they paved the way for the feminist movement of the 1970's. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

The Point—April 28, 2021. Our monthly book program takes us around the globe, with travel as the topic. We talk to Kellie Porter, librarian at the Woods Hole Library, and Jill Erickson, librarian at Falmouth Public Library. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—May 10, 2021. The Nantucket Historical Association has acquired a first-edition book written by Frederick Douglass, the famous American abolitionist who escaped slavery. Titled *My Bondage, My Freedom*, it was published in 1855, and is an autobiography of the first part of Douglass's life. He describes his childhood growing up as a slave, as well as his escape and settlement as a free man in the North. Luke Green reports. (:45)

The Point—May 12, 2021. The options for live theatre performances in our region are numerous: from drama to comedy, contemporary hits to experimental theatre, you can find it all. On The Point, we discuss the historical roots of theatre production on the Cape and Islands with Sue Mellen, author of *The History of Theater on Cape Cod*, and why she considers the Cape as the birthplace of American drama. We also hear how local theaters are coming back after the pandemic, and what's on tap for this summer season. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

The Point—May 20, 2021. The cottage was charming, cheap, and would complete the creation of her home—if she could move it across four Cape Cod towns. *Cottage for Sale, Must Be Moved* is our book club selection for this month. Published in 2005, the book is author Kate Whouley's first memoir. On The Point, we talk with Whouley and Librarian Leslie Altman of Yarmouth Port Public Library about the story. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

The Point—May 27, 2021. On The Point, we talk with Sally Cabot Gunning about her latest work of historical fiction *Painting the Light*. The story follows a young woman at the turn of the 20th Century, navigating tragedy, and the mysteries her dead husband leaves behind. Through a journey of disappointment, joy, and accomplishment she finds her place in the world and the secret to painting the light. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—June 1, 2021. Live music was back at local nightclubs over Memorial Day weekend on Cape Cod as Massachusetts rolled back pandemic restrictions. Bars and local music venues were allowed to open to full capacity, and masks were no longer required. Among the bands returning on Saturday, local 3-piece the Commonwealth played at Grumpy's Pub in Falmouth. Sam Houghton reports. (:59)

The Point—June 2, 2021. Henry David Thoreau took solitude at Walden Pond to ponder nature, self, and his place in the world. On The Point, we talk with David Gessner about the relevance of Henry David Thoreau during and after a pandemic. Gessner's latest book is *Quiet Desparation, Savage Delight: Sheltering with Thoreau in the Age of Crisis*. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

The Point—June 22, 2021. We take The Point on the road to the Cultural Center of Cape Cod for a presentation of music and art with synesthete Lennie Peterson and pianist Wayne Naus. An accomplished musician and visual artist, Peterson's synesthesia enables him to see music. We talk with him about his creative process and artistic collaboration with Naus. We also talk with Dr. Peter Grossenbacher, Professor in Contemplative Psychology at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, about what is happening in the brains of those with synesthesia and why it might be more common than we think. Mindy Todd hosts. (49:30)

Economy/Jobs

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—May 7, 2021. Oyster growers, regulators, and environmentalists are banding together to call for more money and data to support the future of the state's shellfishery. The 21-member

task force known as the Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative has spent the last three years developing a plan to maximize the economic, environmental, and social benefits of shellfish resources, as the \$45 million shellfish industry increasingly faces economic and environmental pressures. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:60)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 21, 2021. The easing of COVID-19 restrictions is supposed to be good news, but for restaurants, it could mean the loss of expanded outdoor seating, just when they're trying to recover from the pandemic. Governor Charlie Baker plans to rescind the state of emergency June 15, setting in motion a 60-day grace period in which legal authority for extra seating can continue. It will expire in mid-August, at the height of the Cape and Islands travel season. Cape and Islands Senator Julian Cyr said legislators have filed several budget amendments to try to prevent that loss. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

Morning Edition—May 28, 2021. Memorial Day weekend is upon us, and hotel managers, souvenir shop owners and restaurateurs are getting ready for the beginning of the summer crush of visitors. Restaurants have had to be especially flexible over the last 18 months, as COVID-related restrictions have been implemented, revamped and as of Saturday, May 29, rescinded. Kathryn Eident talked with Blane Toedt of the West End in Hyannis, about how his nearly 300-seat restaurant has been dealing with it all. (6:20)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—June 8, 2021. Nantucket voters will likely have another crack at regulating short-term rentals, after a vote was widely rejected at town meeting this weekend. About 900 voters came out for Saturday's annual meeting and about two-thirds voted against a proposal to limit the rentals, which include Airbnbs. The organizers say even after Saturday's lopsided vote, the group's effort isn't over. Sam Houghton reports. (:45)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 10, 2021. Commuter rail service could one day link the Cape to Boston. At a public meeting last night, Benjamin Muller, of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation outlined potential plans for weekday service between Boston and one of two southern terminals: either Buzzard's Bay just north of the Cape Cod Canal, or across the water at Bourne Station. Muller said the train ride would take just over 1.5 hours and could mean 1,000 fewer car trips each weekday. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:47)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 16, 2021. Fall River's budget could one day be strained by \$3.2 million-worth of comp time owed to police officers who earned the time off by working extra shifts and performing special duties. While that money isn't funded in the budget, the city must pay officers for their unused comp time upon retirement. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:45)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 25, 2021. Next week marks three months since union steelworkers at New Bedford's Allegheny Technologies went out on strike. The metals company wants workers to start paying health insurance premiums in 2024, but employees say not paying premiums is still normal in their industry, the cost would negate their raises. Jennette Barnes reports. (:59)

Environment/Ecology/Technology/Science

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—April 16, 2021. On a recent cool, windy day, a team of scientists aboard a weathered 55-foot sailboat motored across Cape Cod Bay toward Provincetown, where dozens of North Atlantic right whales had been spotted days earlier. The goal of the research is to evaluate whether North Atlantic right whales are growing in healthy ways. The whales are nearing the end of a three-month period during which nearly half the population of approximately 360 can be spotted in Cape Cod Bay. Eve Zuckoff reports. (4:37)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—April 23, 2021. Retiring to the shore is a deep-rooted American dream. In fact, more older Americans are living in coastal communities than ever before, with census data showing that the coastal population over age 65 rose by 89 percent over just a few decades. Many of those seniors want nothing more than to stay in their homes, but experts say threats from climate change could make it harder for them to do that. Eve Zuckoff reports. (4:22)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—May 28, 2021. Water sampling at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station has detected PFAS chemicals at levels that exceed the state drinking-water standard. Matt Daly, of environmental consulting company ERM, reported the results Monday to the state advisory panel monitoring the decommissioning of Pilgrim, which closed in 2019. Jennette Barnes reports. (:45)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—May 28, 2021. The federal Fisheries Service says the lobster industry needs to significantly reduce the risks it poses to critically endangered right whales over the next decade. Conservationists say the agency's demands in a new report don't go far enough, while some lobster industry officials say the new restrictions threaten their livelihood. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 3, 2021. North Atlantic right whales now grow smaller than they did 40 years ago, and new research suggests a leading cause is the damage human activity inflicts on the critically endangered mammals. The findings, published today in the journal *Current Biology*, reveal that when fully grown, a North Atlantic right whale born today would be expected to be about one meter shorter than a whale born in 1980. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 3, 2021. A multi-town agreement heralded as a landmark deal to address regional wastewater issues on Cape Cod may be in jeopardy. Dennis, Harwich, and Yarmouth have been working since 2017 to create the DHY Clean Water Community Partnership, but the agreement has stalled, raising questions whether it will come to fruition. Harwich and Dennis must formalize the agreement at town meeting in November but have yet to put it on their warrants. The deadline to do so is at the end of June. Sam Houghton reports. (5:45)

Morning Edition—June 9, 2021. The fight is on to save North Atlantic right whales. There are just over 360 left in the world, and conservationists and scientists are studying the critically endangered creatures and how to save them. Legal battles are also playing out that could have a major impact on conservation efforts—and the multi-million-dollar lobster fishery here in Massachusetts. Kathryn Eident talks with Eve Zuckoff. (5:12)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 9, 2021. COVID-19 has deepened the annual challenge of getting enough lifeguards to staff local town beaches. In Barnstable, they're short 21 lifeguards out of the 105 they normally hire to protect swimmers at ocean beaches and several freshwater ponds. And Truro is offering a \$500 bonus to lifeguards who are vaccinated for COVID-19 and stay the entire season. Jennette Barnes reports. (:55)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 17, 2021. Officials are removing a 50-year-old weather station at the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge because erosion is threatening to topple it into the water. Before it was decommissioned this spring, it was one of just 92 sites across the country where government meteorologists routinely launched weather balloons to collect climate data. Eve Zuckoff reports. (3:29)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 18, 2021. Woods Hole scientists are finding microplastics trapped in salt marsh ecosystems across the region. A team from the Marine Biological Laboratory took water samples at six different estuaries in the Waquoit Bay system on Cape Cod and in New Bedford Harbor, and found microplastics in all of them. The impact is unknown. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 18, 2021. The Boston-based Conservation Law Foundation is moving forward with its lawsuit against Mashpee, Barnstable, and state environmental officials over pollution in Cape Cod bays and ponds. The environmental advocacy firm's lawsuit, filed in Barnstable Superior Court, alleges that the towns have failed to comply with state regulations that apply to private septic systems, and demands a temporary suspension of any new septic systems and system inspections, which could have major impacts on homeowners and home sales. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:59)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 23, 2021. Workers plunged a turbine into the Cape Cod Canal Tuesday, testing the waters for a new renewable energy resource: the tides. The turbine installation occurred at the Bourne Tidal Test Site near the Railroad Bridge. The nonprofit Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative (MRECo) built the site in 2018. But this week marks the platform’s first actual test of a tidal turbine. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:55)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 25, 2021. New England faces a critical loss of native plants and the species that depend on them unless millions of acres are protected from development, according to a new report from conservation groups. The Nature Conservancy and Native Plant Trust are calling for conservation of an additional 382,000 acres in specific habitats across Massachusetts — out of 2.3 million additional acres across New England. Eve Zuckoff reports. (:50)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 29, 2021. Shark researchers on Cape Cod are gathering new data this summer with a focus on fine-scale predatory behavior. Since the 2018 fatal shark bite off Wellfleet, the emphasis has shifted to predicting when and where white sharks will be hunting for seals in shallow waters, researchers say. Jennette Barnes reports. (:50)

Diversity/Inclusion/Anti-Racism

Morning Edition—April 21, 2021. Americans around the country reacted to the guilty verdicts in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd on Tuesday. While many felt a glimmer of hope after hearing the verdict, many others say the work to end systemic racism is far from complete. Kathryn Eident talked more about this with Dr. LaSella Hall, president of the New Bedford chapter of the NAACP. (7:19)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—April 22, 2021. More than 40 people gathered Wednesday in Falmouth to kneel for nine minutes and 29 seconds of silence. The vigil on the Falmouth Village Green honored George Floyd, the Black man killed by a white police officer last May in Minneapolis. Patrick Flanary reports. (:59)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 6, 2021. As American institutions take steps to deal with this country’s racist past and present, some Cape Codders are looking at their own community history — and working not only to change, but also to atone. First Parish Brewster, a Unitarian Universalist church, has created a task force focused on reparations — reparations for the enslavement of people of color, and potentially for the taking of Wampanoag land. Jennette Barnes reports. (5:09)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 17, 2021. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has elected its youngest chairman, after a close vote on Sunday. Brian Weeden is 28. He beat out three opponents, winning with 37 percent of the vote. Second place finisher Nelson Andrews received 34 percent of the vote. Sam Houghton reports. (:45)

Morning Edition and All Things Considered—May 24, 2021. Today marks one year since the police murder of George Floyd, which sparked protests around the world and spurred a new wave of activism. To reflect on the past year, WCAI talked with people in our region about how Floyd’s death touched their lives and prompted action. Jennette Barnes reports. (4:15)

Morning Edition & All Things Considered—June 20, 2021. Music, food, and art highlighted Saturday’s Juneteenth Jubilee in New Bedford. The city’s NAACP Branch and Collective for Change hosted the celebration of Black emancipation. Daniel Ackerman reports. (:55)