

**WMBR 88.1 FM**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER / July 1 – September 30, 2020**

The following is a list, of issues, the management, of WMBR Radio, has determined to be of significant importance, to the citizens of Cambridge and the Greater Boston Area of Massachusetts. Each issue was treated through the station's most significant issue-responsive programming and community activities, during the reporting period.

***“Radio with a View” - Sunday, 10am – 11am (bi-weekly)***

***“WMBR Nightly News” – Monday – Friday, 5:30pm – 6:00pm***

***“What’s Left” – Fridays – 8pm – 9pm***

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** John Waters / filmmaker and provocateur  
**TOPIC:** COVID Effects on Provincetown  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Waters talked about his new book "Mr. Know-It All" and described the changes of Provincetown, Massachusetts, during this COVID summer. He also explained why he continues to use Baltimore as the setting for all his filming. Most significantly, he discussed his concern for extreme political behavior that, he fears, might sabotage the chance to defeat the Trump administration.

**DIVERSITY IN AMERICA**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Sabrina Williams / Chief Inclusion Officer  
**TOPIC:** Increasing Diversity and Inclusion in American Society  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Williams, who works for Curriculum Associates of North Billerica, Massachusetts discussed how issues of diversity and inclusion are changing rapidly in American workplaces. She described how issues of race and identity are being actively discussed and considered within the workplace and how these are affecting everything from workplace relations to materials produced for educational institutions. We also discussed the imperative of maintaining both safe and brave places for the discussion of these issues within the workplace and society as a whole.

## **DRUG ADDICTION**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Opioid Screening and Awareness  
**AIRED:** Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 10 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The “WMBR Nightly News” aired a local health segment, about “Massachusetts Opioid Screening and Awareness Day”, held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, a collaboration between the group, Fighting Opioid Misuse, the Brigham Comprehensive Opioid Response and Education Program, and McLean Hospital. The excerpts were from a virtual town hall, featuring medical leaders and policy experts, who discussed opioid misuse and how to connect people with quality treatment options in their community. They also talked about a free online screening and referral program. The speakers included State Representative Jon Santiago of Boston, who is an emergency physician at Boston Medical Center, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Dr. Douglas Jacobs, Co-Director of Mass Opioid Screening and Awareness Day.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Chester Johnson / author  
**TOPIC:** Chester Johnson and “Damaged Heritage”  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We interviewed Mr. Johnson, author of "Damaged Heritage", his new book, which looks at the Elaine, Arkansas race massacre and argues for its important role in the eventual growth of Civil Rights Movement law. The segment, of the story, Johnson talked about looked at his coming to terms with his grandfather's involvement, in the massacre and the close relations he established with one of the sharecroppers descendants, his grandfather's KKK group and the army attacked. The event transformed his life and turned him into a social justice activist.

## **ECONOMICS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Gene Sperling / author and former economic advisor  
**TOPIC:** Economic Dignity  
**Aired:** Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Sperling, advisor to Presidents Barak Obama and Bill Clinton, talked about his new book, "Economic Dignity." He argued too much concern has been placed on the stock market and metrics of growth. Sperling calls for a movement to craft jobs and workplaces that affirm workers dignity and social worth. He understands that this involves both concern for wages and worker rights designed to value workers act on the job and in the home and community. Sperling makes clear, these are not possible in an environment of economic insecurity and powerlessness. Accordingly, he calls for increased voice for workers in the workplace through organization and governmental support for this shift.

## **EDUCATION**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Back to School: Is It Safe?  
**Aired:** Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 14 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The "WMBR Nightly News" aired excerpts from a panel, convened by the Massachusetts COVID-19 Response Alliance, with school employees, parents and other experts, calling on the state government to ensure a safe and equitable reopening of public schools. The Alliance issued a Platform for a Just and Healthy Recovery, calling on the state to prioritize working families, advance racial justice, deepen democracy, invest in the public good, and put people and communities before big corporations.

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Reopening Public Schools  
**Aired:** Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The “WMBR Nightly News” aired excerpts, from the latest episode, of Black Cambridge and COVID-19, a series presented by Cambridge Community Television; produced and hosted by Cambridge City Councilor Denise Simmons and School Committee Vice Chair Manikka Bowman. This episode focused on reopening the public schools. Guests, on this episode, were Somerville School Committee member Andre Green and Newton School Committee member Tamika Olszewski. The hosts and guests compared the reopening strategies, of these 3 school districts, and how to educate children, while protecting the health of school personnel, during the pandemic.

### **FOREIGN POLICY (U.S.)**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Robert Fontana / journalist and author  
**TOPIC:** The Creation of American Foreign Policy  
**Aired:** Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Fontina, who wrote "Propaganda, Lies, and False Flags: How the US Justifies Its Wars", discussed the pattern utilized, by the United States, in the creation, of a warfare state. Fontina notes the US has been at war, for most of its history. He argues that it creates the enemies it desires through propaganda to stir the populace. This includes the use of significant lies to sway Congress and the people. It also includes the fabrication of false events and the unjust blaming of enemies for events that do occur. According to Fontina, this also builds a culture that glorifies both war and warriors as the nation's true heroes and patriots.

## HEALTH

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Doctor Sunny Kung/Brigham and Women's Hospital-Boston  
**TOPIC:** COVID-19 and Health Equity  
**AIRED:** Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 20 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

I spoke with Dr. Kung, an internal medicine resident physician, a member of “White Coats for Black Lives” and the Massachusetts Coalition for Health Equity. She discussed implicit bias in the health-care system, anti-racism education for medical workers, and legislative advocacy to support low-wage workers and other disadvantaged populations.

## HOUSING

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Housing Rights and Resources in Cambridge, Massachusetts  
**AIRED:** Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 17 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The “WMBR Nightly News” aired excerpts from a forum on Housing Rights and Resources, in Cambridge, presented by Cambridge Community Television and hosted by Cambridge Mayor, Sumbul Siddiqui. The panelists, for this event, included Jessica Drew of Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services, Maria Melo and Lynne Tyree of the Cambridge Multi-Service Center. They reviewed key aspects, of the statewide eviction moratorium, addressed some common questions and challenges being faced by residents, and provided information on where and how to access the resources available through the City of Cambridge.

## **IMMIGRATION**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Kelsey Freeman / journalist, teacher and author  
**TOPIC:** Immigration from Latin America  
**AIRED:** Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Freeman, author of "No Option But North: The Migrant World and the Perilous Path Across the Border", described the unequal conditions, between the United States and Latin America, that makes migration to the US fraught with danger. She talked about the rise and power of criminal cartels and their impact on the United States and the degradation, of life, within Latin America. Freeman's look, into the process of migration, leads her to examine the paradoxical rise of racist, anti-immigrant sentiment in the US and the continued demand for immigrant labor in this country.

## **LABOR**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Grocery Workers and COVID-19  
**AIRED:** Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 8 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired excerpts, from a national press conference, as Massachusetts United States Senator, Elizabeth Warren, spoke to the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, on July 17. Senator Warren's remarks focused on calling on major grocery stores, including Stop & Shop in the Boston area, to restore pandemic pay and implement workplace safety precautions. Warren also talked about her Essential Workers Bill of Rights, which would guarantee benefits and protections for workers.

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOSTS:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**TOPIC:** People's Guide to Greater Boston  
**AIRE:** Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

During the second half of "Radio with a View", was based on a presentation, about radical Boston history, as published in the new "Peoples Guide To Greater Boston"; looking at 200 years of Boston's history, from the bottom up.

## **PANDEMIC**

**PROGRAM:** Radio with a View  
**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Larry Tye / author  
**TOPIC:** McCarthyism and Joseph McCarthy  
**AIRE:** Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Utility Shutoff During the Pandemic  
**AIRE:** Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 10 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The "WMBR Nightly News" aired a recording of United State Senator, Elizabeth Warren (at her home in Cambridge), speaking with Maria Bellen of "Chelsea Green Roots", a community organization dedicated to improving the urban environment and public health in the city of Chelsea and surrounding communities. Green Roots works to achieve environmental justice and greater quality of life through collective action, unity, education and youth leadership. The conversation focused on the impact of utility shutoffs on low-income communities of color, already disproportionately affected, by the pandemic.

## **POLITICS**

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**HOST:** Marc J. Stern and Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** Larry Tye / author  
**TOPIC:** McCarthyism and Joseph McCarthy  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 60 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Tye, author of his new book, "Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joseph McCarthy", examined Joseph McCarthy and his use of demagoguery, lies, exaggerations, and brutality, to the Cold War culture, of the 1940's and 50's. In so doing, he presented a figure who terrorized the nation, with anti-communism, until he met his match, in power with his attacks on the US Army. The conversation devoted substantial amounts of time to similarities of McCarthy and President Trump; how this style remains prominent in American political life.

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** The Two Massachusetts Primaries  
**AIRED:** Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The "WMBR Nightly News" aired the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Deconstructed podcast, which discussed the results of two hotly contested Massachusetts Democratic primary elections: the United States Senate race, incumbent Edward Markey vs Massachusetts Congressman, Joe Kennedy and the mayor of Holyoke, Alex Morse, challenging United States Representative, Richard Neal. The host, of the podcast, Ryan Grim talked to Evan Weber and Alex O'Keefe, of the Sunrise Movement, about the two elections.



## **PUBLIC INTEREST**

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUESTS:** Joseph Nevins and Steven Moodiar / A People's Guide to Greater Boston  
**TOPIC:** A People's Guide to Greater Boston  
**Aired:** Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 25 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

I interviewed Mr. Nevins and Moodiar, co-authors of the new book, "A People's Guide to Greater Boston", who discussed why they wrote the book, how social geography helps to explain inequality in Boston and how power relations have influenced the development of the neighborhoods, the city as a whole, and the Greater Boston region.

## **WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** 100 Years of Suffrage: 45 Years of Waiting  
**Aired:** Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 10 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired excerpts, from a conversation, with Cambridge Black community leaders, celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, while also honoring the dedication of Black women who continued to struggle, for universal suffrage, for many decades after. This event was hosted by Cambridge City Councilor Denise Simmons and Cambridge School Committee Vice-Chair Manikka Bowman and produced by Cambridge Community Television. The discussion included opening remarks by United States Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, followed by comments from Charlotte Golar Richie, District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Dr. Kenvi Phillips, Wilnelia Rivera, and Reverend Irene Monroe.

## COMMUNITY ISSUES

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Children's Mental Health during Pandemic  
**AIRE:** Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired excerpts from a Virtual Town Hall hosted by State Representative Marjorie Decker, of Cambridge, first aired on Cambridge Community Television (CCTV), on June 24. Rep. Decker spoke with local pediatric mental health experts about strategies for parents to help children understand the pandemic as well as racism, police violence and social unrest. Other speakers, who participated, on the town hall, included child and adolescent psychologist Meredith Gansner, of Harvard Medical School, Mary McGeown, of the Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Alice Cohen with the Cambridge Public Schools.

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** COVID-19 and the City of Cambridge's Black Business Community  
**AIRE:** Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired excerpts, from a discussion, on the impact of COVID-19 on Cambridge's Black citizens; part of a series hosted by Cambridge School Committee Vice Chair Manikka Bowman and City Councilor Denise Simmons, produced by Cambridge Community TV (CCTV). Other invited speakers were business owners Dennis Bengan and Erinn Pearson, Segun Idowu of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts and Mike Monestime of the Central Square Business Improvement District. They discussed the problems and opportunities for Black-owned businesses in Cambridge.

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Community and Economic Resources for Black Cambridge Citizens  
**AIRE:** Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 15 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired an excerpt, of a discussion, on the impact of COVID-19 on Black people living and working in Cambridge, part of a series presented by Cambridge Community Television (CCTV). Invited speakers were Marie Frances Rivera, president of the Mass. Budget and Policy Center, and April English, an Assistant Attorney General. They talked about government, community and economic resources currently available to Black people in Cambridge and Greater Boston.

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**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

We aired excerpts, from a virtual discussion, about the impact of COVID-19 on Black Cambridge, presented by Cambridge City Councilor Denise Simmons and Cambridge School Committee Vice Chair Manikka Bowman; produced by Cambridge Community Television. These ladies discussed the impacts of the pandemic on the Black people, in Cambridge, including how to address the disproportionate health impacts, on people of color, in Cambridge. Invited, to this discussion, were four guests, representing the medical and spiritual communities.

**PROGRAM:** WMBR Nightly News  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**TOPIC:** Reopening the Schools and Colleges  
**AIRE:** Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 28 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

The "WMBR Nightly News" aired excerpts, from "Women Are Here", a podcast hosted by Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui and Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon; produced by Cambridge Community Television. They discussed the Cambridge Public School reopening plans, as well as Harvard, MIT and Lesley students returning to their Cambridge campuses. They also provided information on how to vote by mail, the Shared Streets program to change traffic rules, on certain residential streets, and other municipal updates.

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