

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Townsquare Media – Oneonta

WZOZ(FM), WSRK(FM), WDOS(AM), WKXZ(FM), WBKT(FM), WIYN(FM), WDHI(FM), WDLA(AM),
WDLA-FM, WTBD-FM

October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Section I. Issues

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

- A. **Transit and parking:** Oneonta is in a transitional period with parking. A new parking garage is being build and a roundabout has been proposed.
- B. **Politics:** 2023 saw a heated and close race for the county clerk position. The mayor, city admin, and common council were also in focus.
- C. **Arts:** Oneonta is a hotbed for the arts. 2023 saw many different kinds of offerings from plays to musicals to films to arts festivals.
- D. **Fundraising:** Raising funds for local organizations and schools saw much discussion for capital projects, holiday dinners, and school related projects
- E. **Increase of Homelessness and Drug Abuse:** The issue of homelessness is becoming more visible in Oneonta, NY. The Mayor of Oneonta discusses the increase numbers in homelessness and drug abuse.
- F. **Revitalization:** Oneonta has multiple projects either completed or in the works including the demolition of the Ford building and the parking lot that occupies the space now, Main Street facelifts, and new trash bins that run on solar power.

Section II. Responsive Programs

This Week in CNY is a locally produced program which broadcasts on all ten Oneonta stations for 15 minutes weekly at the following times:

WKKX every Saturday at 6am
WZOZ every Saturday at 7am
WSRK, WTBD-FM, WDLA every Sunday at 6am
WDHI, WYIN, WBKT every Sunday at 7am
WDOS every Sunday at 8:30am

Date Aired	Issues	Description of Program
October 7, 2023 October 8, 2023	School funding, criminal justice, arts, entertainment, politics	<p>This is a public-affairs program, hosted by Don Mathisen. John Muehl, Otsego County District Attorney, discusses the negative impacts of changes to the discovery laws on criminal prosecutions, and why he changed his mind and is seeking re-election this November.</p> <p>Kelly Zimmerman, Superintendent of the Delaware Academy and Central School at Delhi, explains the two propositions to be decided by voters on Wednesday, October 11th. The combined value of the proposals is \$14 million.</p> <p>Greg Klein, Film Otsego Commissioner, talks about Shocktober Film Festival coming to Foothills in Oneonta.</p>
October 14, 2023 October 15, 2023	Politics, Arts, Entertainment, Elections, Real Estate	<p>Jennifer Basile, Republican candidate for Otsego County Clerk, on her role as deputy clerk, her plan for a mobile DMV office, and why she is refusing to debate her Democratic opponent in a League of Women Voters forum.</p> <p>Joan Fox, real estate broker and owner of Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties, discusses the impact of rising mortgage rates on the housing market, the outlook for mortgage rates going forward, why there are fewer homes for sale in the three county region.</p> <p>Cassandra Miller, founder and publisher of the new weekly newsletter Townie, on the need for such a publication, the kinds of information that will be included in the newsletter, and the business model for Townie.</p>
October 21, 2023 October 22, 2023	Politics, Elections, Transit, History, Fundraising	<p>Laura Bierman, executive director of the League of Women Voters New York, discussing the controversy involving congressional redistricting, and what it means for the 19th District, the state and nation.</p> <p>Mark Drnek, mayor of Oneonta, on parking issues, a proposal for a new transit hub, and homelessness.</p> <p>Marcela Miccucci, executive director of the Greater Oneonta Historical Society, and Bob Brzozowski, board member, talk about three fund raising auctions, and upcoming exhibitions.</p>
October 28, 2023 October 29, 2023	Charity, community service, law enforcement budgeting,	<p>Jennifer Reynolds, program director of Catholic Charities for Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie counties discussing the new Oneonta Warming Station, the services provided, and causes of homelessness.</p>

	arts, culture, entertainment	<p>Richard Devlin, Otsego County Sheriff, on proposed departmental budget cuts, difficulties recruiting new deputies, and the challenger facing law enforcement.</p> <p>Peg O'Dell, program manager of Otsego 2000, talking about Glimmerglass Film Days -- five days of movies, filmmaker talks, and food and film pairings.</p>
November 4, 2023 November 5, 2023	Opioid crisis, politics, local budgeting, taxation, arts	<p>Kathy Hochul, governor of New York, on how the opioid crisis affected her family, the causes of the problem, and what she is doing to solve the crisis.</p> <p>Luke Murphy, member of the Oneonta Common Council, discussing the 2024 budget proposal, and why he believes the city should raise property taxes above the state mandated tax cap.</p> <p>Ryan Geraghty, executive director of the Catskill Symphony Orchestra, on the orchestra's 70th season.</p>
November 11, 2023 November 12, 2023	Politics, foreign affairs, government, transportation, arts and entertainment	<p>Marc Moninaro, 19th District Congressman, discussing his relationship with Speaker Mike Johnson, money for wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, and funding the government.</p> <p>Scott Cook, public information officer with the New York State Department of Transportation, on plans for an Oneonta Main Street roundabout, cost of the project, and how it will fit in with plans or changes to Lettis Highway.</p> <p>Livia Vanaver, artistic director of the Vanaver Caravan, talking about the dance and music show coming to SUNY Oneonta presented by the Oneonta Concert Association.</p>
November 18, 2023 November 19, 2023	School funding, capital projects, weather readiness	<p>Thomas Brindley, Superintendent of the Oneonta City School District, in an extended interview discussing the proposed \$30.5 million capital project. He talked about the work that he says needs to be done to repair school buildings including roof replacements on the high school, middle school and Valleyview; why the bond issue is so high; and the impact it will have on property taxes if the measure is approved.</p> <p>Victor Jones, Otsego County's Emergency Services Director, talks about the volunteer Severe Weather Watchers Program, why it is needed in the age of satellites and weather radar, and how individuals can get involved and make a difference.</p>
November 25, 2023 November 26, 2023	Environment, weather, community service, arts and entertainment	<p>Dr. Alistar Hayden, Cornell University professor, discussing the importance of air-quality sensors recently installed in Otsego, Delaware and Chenango counties.</p> <p>Sarah Hartmann, producing director of Friends of Christmas Community Dinner, and Patrick Breen, director of the staged reading of "The Gift of the Magi" talking about the upcoming performance and benefit dinner.</p> <p>King Konye, recent Hartwick college graduate, rap artist, music entrepreneur, reporter, editor, and instructor at Oneonta Job Corp, on teaching Job Corp students the art of writing and performing hip hop music.</p>

<p>December 2, 2023 December 3, 2023</p>	<p>Refugees, politics, taxation, housing</p>	<p>Mark Wolff, a member of the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition talking about the work of the coalition, the resettled a couple, Raphael and Ngongo Joseph, into an apartment in Oneonta, the long term goals of the organization.</p> <p>Cecelia Walsh-Russo, a newly elected member of the Oneonta Common Council, discussing her academic background, tax policy, housing, economic development and her goals on the Council.</p>
<p>December 9, 2023 December 10, 2023</p>	<p>City revitalization, real estate, mortgages, home buying, environment, travel</p>	<p>Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek and City Administrator Greg Mattice on rising labor costs, plans for downtown paid parking, and The Main Street Renaissance Program.</p> <p>Joan Fox, operating principal of Keller Williams Upstate New York Properties, discusses the lawsuit resulting \$1.8 billion in damages levied against the National Association of Realtors and several large brokerages including Keller Williams. They were found guilty of conspiring to inflate real estate agent's commissions. Fox spoke about possible impacts of the case to the process of selling and buying homes in this region.</p> <p>Alistair Hayden, professor at Cornell University, on air quality monitoring, the effects on human health of wildfire smoke waves, his work for NASA, and his research and adventures in Antarctica.</p>
<p>December 23, 2023 December 24, 2023</p>	<p>Holiday messaging, Christmas</p>	<p>President Joe Biden delivers his annual holiday message to the American people.</p> <p>Don Mathisen, program host, reads a passage from former President Jimmy Carter's book "Christmas in Plains."</p> <p>Rev. Marti Swords-Horrell, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Oneonta, on the meaning of Christmas.</p> <p>Father Chris Welch, pastor of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, talks about his memories of Christmas and it's importance to Christianity.</p>
<p>December 30, 2023 December 31, 2023</p>	<p>Politics, social issues, housing, revitalization</p>	<p>Marc Molinaro, Representative New York 19th Congressional District, on migration crisis, anti-semitism, and goals for 2024.</p> <p>Mark Drenk, mayor of the City of Oneonta, discussing a new housing proposal, and his plan for a Main Street Renaissance program.</p>