



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

2nd Quarter

April 1 – June 30, 2020

WCLV- Second Quarter 2020 Issues and Programs

The list below represents current issues of community importance addressed during the reporting period above

Day & Date: April 5, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: How Cleveland is Responding to the Coronavirus

Issue of Community Importance: **HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE**

Speaker/Guest: Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland

During the previous couple of weeks, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton signed a number of orders to curb the spread of coronavirus, including a "stay-at-home" order that took effect at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23. The orders, while integral to preventing the spread of the **coronavirus**, have **impacted the state's economy and social services**. In this discussion, Mayor Frank Jackson provided updates on how the city of Cleveland is responding to the crisis and the measures taken to keep residents safe.

Day & Date: April 12, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Maintaining Economic Health During a Crisis

Issue of Community Importance: **ECONOMY**

Speaker/Guest: Loretta J. Mester, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Loretta J. Mester, Ph.D., took office on June 1, 2014, as the 11th President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. President Mester spoke with Dan Moulthrop in a virtual City Club forum as she shared the national **Federal Reserve Bank's** response to the coronavirus outbreak, her **economic outlook**, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's continued work in the community during the crisis. Dr. Mester is hopeful that the economy will recover and explained that each individual can play a role in that recovery.

Day & Date: April 19, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: How Will the Coronavirus Shape Our Democracy?

Issue of Community Importance: **GOVERNMENT - POLITICS**

Speaker/Guest: Yasha Monk, Ph.D.

In addition to disruption supply chains, healthcare, and the economy, the **coronavirus pandemic has also disrupted democracy and governance**. This comes at a time when liberal democracy is already under threat from a worldwide rise in authoritarianism. Some authoritarian leaders have reached beyond mandated lockdowns in response to the outbreak, censoring media, canceling elections, and shutting down investigations. In this virtual forum, Dr. Yasha Monk, a political scientist known for his work on the rise of populism and the crisis of liberal democracy, offered insights about how the coronavirus crisis may reshape democracy.

Day & Date: April 26, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Love, Resilience and Survival: Lessons from War and Tragedy

Issue of Community Importance: **COMMUNITY - HUMAN INTEREST**

Speaker/Guest: Loung Ung, Human Rights Activist, Author, Lecturer

Loung Ung knows the realities of war all too well. She was five years old when communist revolutionaries took control of her home country of Cambodia. Her story, captured in the memoir *First They Killed My Father* and produced for Netflix by Angelina Jolie, is an unforgettable account of a family shaken and shattered, yet miraculously sustained by courage and love in the face of unspeakable brutality. And it's especially powerful today, reminding us of the **power of resilience and the human spirit to endure during the darkest times**.

Day & Date: May 3, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: The 19th Amendment at 100

Issue of Community Importance: **GOVERNMENT - POLITICS**

Speaker/Guest: Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters

President Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. This year's Law Day celebrates 100 years since the 19th amendment's ratification, which gave women the right to vote. Despite the amendment, women were not granted equal access to voting, particularly for women of color in the Jim Crow South. Today, strict voter ID laws often prevent minority communities from voting. The coronavirus pandemic is amplifying these issues as the country ponders **how and when to conduct an election during a public health crisis**. During this Forum, Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters, addressed these issues and acknowledge that many people didn't immediately benefit from the passage of the 19th amendment.

Day & Date: May 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: The Region's Digital Divide Impacts Remote Learning

Issue of Community Importance: **EDUCATION**

Speaker/Guest: Eric Gordon, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District

On April 20, Governor DeWine announced that Ohio's schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year in an attempt to curb the spread of COVID-19. These announcements exposed **the reality of the region's digital divide** as schools tried to develop **remote learning** for students, including many without access to computers, printers, mobile phones, or a reliable broadband internet connection. This Friday, Cleveland Metro Schools' CEO Eric Gordon discussed the actions taken by CMSD to ensure its nearly 40,000 students continue to learn despite the region's digital divide.

Day & Date: May 17, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Return to the Statehouse: What Policy and Priorities Will Prevail?

Issue of Community Importance: **GOVERNMENT - POLITICS**

Speakers/Guests: State Senator Nickie J. Antonio and State Senator Matt Dolan

After sheltering in place for nearly two months, Ohioans are beginning to emerge and prepare for a new reality. The public health and economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus has had dramatic and far-reaching implications. In response, Republicans and Democrats have proposed dozens of bills covering everything from paid family leave to increasing COVID-19 testing and tracing. But **the pandemic has cost Ohio's government about \$1 billion in lost revenue, resulting budget cuts.** State Senators Nickie J. Antonio and Matt Dolan discuss these issues and other challenges facing Ohioans in the coming months.

Day & Date: May 24, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: How Will the Pandemic Change Healthcare Delivery?

Issue of Community Importance: **HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE**

Speakers/Guests: Cleveland Clinic President and CEO Tomislav Mihaljevic and The MetroHealth System President and CEO Akram Boutros

The coronavirus pandemic has put **unprecedented pressure on the American healthcare system.** Long-held regulations around telemedicine services, professional licensing, and restrictions on healthcare workers relaxed. Despite these efforts, hospitals still lost millions of dollars in revenue as elective surgeries and patient appointments were cancelled. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, this is a trend that is likely to continue. In this Forum, Cleveland Clinic President and CEO Tomislav Mihaljevic and The MetroHealth System President and CEO Akram Boutros discussed the implications for the future of healthcare.

Day & Date: May 31, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: At the Border: Policies, People and How You Can Get Involved

Issue of Community Importance: **IMMIGRATION**

Speaker/Guest: Crystal Massie of the American Immigration Council

Immigration has become one of the most hotly debated topics in our country, with the debates intensifying as the coronavirus pandemic swept the country. Restrictions on land and air travel along with closures of the U.S. land borders and a temporary hold on green cards are causing fear and anxiety in immigrants and asylum seekers. Crystal Massey works at the border with local border groups providing legal and humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers. Ms. Massey spoke to the City Club about border patrol, who qualifies for asylum, and how recent border policies during the pandemic are impacting asylum seekers.

Day & Date: June 7, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: America's Crisis: Are We Ready to Confront Racism?

Issue of Community Importance: **RACE**

Speakers/Guests: Mordecai Cargill, Co-founder and Partner, ThirdSpace Action Lab; Danielle Sydnor Cleveland NAACP President and Executive Director of the Economic and Community Development Institute of Northern Ohio

The events of the last two weeks: the murder Georg Floyd, the protests that followed, the violence that followed the protests, both in Cleveland and around the country, are all part of a historical pattern. And, they represent a culmination of all the consequences of the failures of government and the political and economic establishments to resolve those crises. Mordecai Cargill, Co-founder and Partner or ThirdSpace Action Lag and Danielle Sydnor, Cleveland NAACP President question whether Cleveland is ready to finally confront racism, contending that declaring that **identifying racism as a public health crisis is only step that needs to be taken in order to confront it.**

Day & Date: June 14, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Reimagining Pretrial Justice: The Bail Project and Fight to End Cash Bail

Issue of Community Importance: **COURTS, CRIME, FIRE, LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Speaker/Guest: Ron Steinberg, Founder and CEO, The Bail Project

Launched in 2108, The Bail Project is a national nonprofit organization on a mission to **combat mass incarceration by transforming the pretrial system in the U.S.** Using a National Revolving Bail Fund. Its community-based teams work with local partners to bring free bail assistance to thousands of people each year, reducing the human suffering caused by unaffordable cash bail, restoring the presumption of innocence, and building on the work of grassroots movements for decarceration.

Day & Date: June 21, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Black Journalists in a Time of Crisis

Issue of Community Importance: **RACE**

Speakers/Guests: Erica D. Smith, Los Angeles Times Columnist; Jamil Smith, Senior Writer, Rolling Stone

After the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police, journalists Erika D. Smith, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times and Jamil Smith Senior Writer at Rolling Stone, wrote about racism in America's systems. **The nation is facing a "cascade of crises" – rising unemployment; increased risk of death, either from COVID-19 or policy brutality, both of which disproportionately affect the Black community; an increased militarized police presence, and a looming housing crisis.** Ms. Smith pointed out the fact that Blacks in our country have more difficulty navigating networks of power.

Day & Date: June 28, 2020

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: The Year of the Nurse

Issue of Community Importance: **HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE**

Speaker/Guest: Dr. May Wykle

The World Health Assembly has designated 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife in celebration of the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale. Dr. May Wykle is one of the nation's most distinguished nursing leaders, as well as an internationally recognized expert in geriatric and mental health nursing. She is also the first African American woman in nursing at major research university in the U.S. to have an endowed chair named after her. Doctor Wykle is of the opinion that the **future of nursing will continue to expand** and that nurses will become more and more respected within the healthcare community.