



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT  
2nd Quarter  
April 1 – June 30, 2021

# WCLV- Second Quarter 2021 Issues and Programs

ideastream has identified the following issues of importance to our community: Aging; Arts and Culture; Children's Health; Community-Human Interest; Courts, Crime, Fire, Law Enforcement; Economy; Education; Energy; Environment; Ethics-Religion; Government-Politics; Health and Healthcare; Housing-Real Estate; Immigration; Mental Health; Parenting; Race; Regional Economy/Business Analysis and Trends; Regional Economy/Business News; Technology; Terrorism; Transportation.

The list below is representative of the current issues of community importance addressed during the reporting period above.

**Day & Date:** April 2, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Democrats Divided? The Future of the Democratic Party

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Quentin James, Founder & President, The Collective PAC; Katie Paris, Founder, Red Wine and Blue

For the first time in more than a decade, the Democrats control the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Despite success at the ballot box, deep divisions remain between the party's moderate and progressive wings. Progressives are pushing proposals such as Medicare for All, a \$15 minimum wage and canceled student loan debt, while moderates appear more concerned with job creation and lower taxes. In light of these factors, Quentin James of The Collective PAC and Katie Paris of Red Wine and Blue shared their perspectives on the future of the Democratic Party.

**Day & Date:** April 9, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** The Forum of Football: Cleveland Browns Alumni's Platform for Social Equality

**Issues of Community Importance:** RACE

**Speakers/Guests:** Andrew Hawkins and Joe Thomas

Cleveland Browns' Alumni Andrew Hawkins started his professional football career with the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes before joining the NFL in 2011, and Joe Thomas as a 10-time Pro Bowl selection playing every offensive snap at left tackle during his 11-year career with the Browns. Now, they raise awareness for important social justice topics, including creating equality and opportunities in sports, education, and throughout the entire community.

**Day & Date:** April 16, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Missing from History: Black Suffragists and the Right to Vote

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Melissa J. Giddings, Elizabeth A. Woodson 1922 Professor Emerita of African Studies, Smith College, Author, "Ida: A Sword Among Lions"

The national movement that led to the women's right to vote is not only a story about women's rights, but is also an American story of race, class, citizenship, gender, immigration, political identity, and values. Black women are now the largest voting bloc in the United States and they had a dramatic impact on the 2020 election. All across the country, Black women worked to ensure that all eligible voters have their voices heard at the polls. Ms. Giddings contends that Black women have been politically active for a long time; understanding the connection between empowerment and protection.

**Day & Date:** April 23, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Paving the Way for Downtown's Future

**Issue of Community Importance:** ECONOMY / HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

**Speakers/Guests:** Joe Marinucci, President and CEO, Downtown Cleveland Alliance

A week before his retirement from the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, for which he served as President and CEO for 16 years, Joe Marinucci shared how he has helped pave the way for Downtown's future. Among the accomplishments and advances during his tenure: Cleveland's city center is now home to 20,000 new residents and several new hotels; a re-designed and re-opened Public Square provides more green space; Cleveland hosted the 2016 Republican National Convention, the NBA Finals and a World Series. Mr. Marinucci helped bring in \$7.3 billion dollars of investment and formed the Downtown Recovery Response Fund.

**Day & Date:** April 30, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** 2021 Law Day

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Peter N. Kirsanow, Member, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff

President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. The 2021 Law Day theme — Advancing the Rule of Law, Now — reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice. In this Forum, Mr. Kirsanow contended that no society can thrive, or even continue to exist, without the rule of law and respect for institutions of law. The Constitution is the foundation of law in the United States, but its significance is much deeper than simply outlining America's legal structure. The Constitution is symbolic; it is both a codification of our common values and a set of ideals to continue to strive toward. It is a tool of accountability, but perhaps even more a social contract, a contract that commits Americans to the pursuit of equality, justice, and peace.

**Day & Date:** May 7, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Unite Ohio: Building Connections for a Healthier Cleveland

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Nazleen Bharmal, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Chief, Community Health and Partnerships, Cleveland Clinic; Daniel Brillman, Founder and CEO, Unite Us; Susan M. Fuehrer, President, Institute for H.O.P.E.™, The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System and the Cleveland Clinic have joined with technology company Unite Us to create the Unite Ohio network. Unite Us has created a social care platform that is being utilized by payers and providers across the United States. The company helps communities craft a unified system connecting individuals to quality services, tracking outcomes delivered across an accountable network, and ensuring equity so all communities can thrive. This City Club Forum highlighted the partnership behind the launch of the Unite Ohio network.

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**Day & Date:** May 14, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Stopping the Hate and Empowering the Asian American Pacific Islander Community

**Issues of Community Importance:** RACE

**Speakers/Guests:** Antoinette Charfauros McDaniel, Member, Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership (OPAWL); Lydia Kang, College Director, The Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Cleveland; Elaine Tso, Esq., CEO, Asian Services in Action (ASIA), Inc.

In Cleveland, nearly 1,000 people attended a "Stop Asian Hate" rally in March of 2021 that featured 12 speakers, the majority of which were Asian women. Cleveland City Council also passed an emergency resolution to condemn racism, xenophobia, and hate crimes "especially against Asians and Asian American Pacific Islanders during this pandemic." Questions raised during this Forum include: What more needs to be done? What efforts are underway to make Asian voices more prominent in national and local discourse? And do we work to make the AAPI community more enfranchised?

**Day & Date:** May 21, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY GONZALES

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Anthony Gonzalez, U.S. Representative, Ohio's 16th District

U.S. Congressman Anthony Gonzalez represents Ohio's 16th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He serves on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, and on the Financial Services Committee, where he is the vice chair of the Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion. He is also a proud co-chair of the House China Task Force. Mr. Gonzalez expressed grave concerns about perpetuating falsehoods in politics, contending they are highly irresponsible and threaten disaster for the Republican Party.

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**Day & Date:** May 28, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Investing in Change(makers): Equitably Developing America's Small and Mid-Sized Cities

**Issue of Community Importance:** ECONOMY

**Speakers/Guests:** Alison Goebel, Ph.D., Executive Director, Greater Ohio Policy Center; Jay Williams, President, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

A growing body of evidence shows that revitalization of cities works best when everyone shares in its benefits. This reality became even clearer during the COVID-19 pandemic, which deepened racial and economic inequities. The need for equitable revitalization is especially urgent in smaller legacy cities, places with populations under 200,000, many of them in Ohio, that have lost substantial numbers and manufacturing bases since the mid-20th century. In this Forum, Alison Goebel, Executive Director of the Greater Ohio Policy Center, shared lessons and strategies from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy report, *Equitably Developing America's Smaller Legacy Cities: Investing in Residents from South Bend to Worcester*.

**Day & Date:** June 4, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Beyond the Stage: How Karamu House is Catalyzing Creativity and Community

**Issue of Community Importance:** ARTS AND CULTURE

**Speakers/Guests:** Tony F. Sias, President and CEO, Karamu House, Inc.

During the pandemic, Karamu House, the oldest African-American Theater in the United States, pivoted to present virtual productions. One of the most notable was *Freedom on Juneteenth*, an original theatrical production. Within the first 24 hours, more than over 50,000 people watched the production. Karamu House President and CEO Tony F. Sias discussed Karamu House's next chapter—including plans for a new outdoor stage—and its ongoing commitment to bringing to light the critical issues that plague Black America.

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**Day & Date:** June 11, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Judicial Crisis? Dark Money, Court Capture, and the Future of American Democracy

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

**Speaker/Guest:** Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator for Rhode Island, Author of *Captured: The Corporate Infiltration of American Democracy*.

In 2020, Senators Debbie Stabenow, Chuck Schumer, and Sheldon Whitehouse, released a report examining a decades-long effort by conservative interests to remake the federal judiciary. The 54-page report details the impact Republicans and millions of dollars of "dark money" have had on the court. The report maintains that many of these appointments were not based on a judge's qualifications or expertise, but rather in their ability to adhere to and further the goals of the Republican party. Senator Whitehouse says that the danger of court capture is courts no longer being interested in impartial justice so much as have an agenda for a particular set of parties.

**Day & Date:** June 18, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** From Incarceration to Advocacy: A New Approach to Criminal Justice Reform

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

**Speakers/Guests:** DeAnna Hoskins, President, JustLeadershipUSA

An Ohio native and nationally recognized leader, DeAnna Hoskins, President of JustLeadershipUSA, has been committed to the movement for justice reform. She has experienced the reentry system from all perspectives—she is herself a previously incarcerated individual who has successfully transitioned back into the community, ultimately receiving a pardon from Governor Ted Strickland. Dedicated to cutting the U.S. correctional population in half by 2030, JLUSA empowers people most affected by incarceration to drive policy reform. During this City Club Forum, Ms. Hoskins discusses how to achieve criminal justice reform through collective leadership, advocacy for justice reinvestment, and bold systems change.

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**Day & Date:** June 25, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**Length:** One hour

**Program Source:** The City Club of Cleveland

**Show Name:** City Club Forum

**Segment Title:** Assume Nothing: A Story of Intimate Violence

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

**Speakers/Guests:** Melissa Graves, CEO, Journey Center for Safety and Healing; Tanya Selvaratnam, Senior Advisor, Gender Justice Narratives, Pop Culture Collaborative, and author, "Assume Nothing: A Story of Intimate Violence"

Intimate partner violence is one of the biggest threats American women face today. According to a 2017 Center for Disease Control report, roughly one in three women has experienced stalking or physical, sexual, financial, and/or emotional violence by an intimate partner in her lifetime. That number is far higher for women of color, and incidences of intimate partner violence surged during the COVID-19 pandemic due to increased stress and trauma, economic hardship, imposed isolation, and decreased access to community and faith-based support. And, because abuse within the context of a consensual heterosexual relationship is often shrouded in secrecy and hidden behind closed doors, experts believe there many more instances that go unreported. Selvaratnam tells her story in her new memoir *Assume Nothing: A Story of Intimate Violence*. Ms.Selvaratnam and Melissa Graves, CEO of the Journey for Safety and Healing, discuss the deep, often hidden issues many women face.