

## *Catamount Radio Issues List*

**Catamount Radio (WDVT, WJEN, WJJR, WSYB, WZRT)** serves our city of license (Rutland/Killington) and beyond to the surrounding areas by gearing our programming to meet the areas of concern to our community members through our issues list.

Our radio stations' staff meets regularly to discuss these issues of importance and based upon recommendations from community leaders, and news topics, both local and regional. We arrive at our issues list and focus our *public service and public affairs* in that direction.

We integrate guests (usually local experts) into our regular programming. Our issues, although addressed in pre-recorded PSA's, are also presented in a more informal fashion with "live" in-studio interviews with representatives from the police department, schools, hospitals and various community leaders.

The stations also broadcast numerous free announcements from non-profit community organizations who request such time to promote their causes.

We also execute a number of "on-location" broadcasts if the event warrants such activity. Catamount Radio believes that *public service is more than lip service*. We know we can encourage more people by example, rather than just more talk.

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## WSYB 2019 Q1 Quarterly Issues

January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

### **DRUG ABUSE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/10/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Commander Matt Prouty of the Rutland City Police Department was the guest to talk about Project Vision, a community effort to combat poverty, homelessness, the drug culture and create job opportunities in our communities for disadvantaged people. Commander Prouty has been on the front lines of the drug crisis here in Rutland and can report that the issue is getting better with fewer people being administered Methadone and reporting to drug intervention treatment in the city. The other work of the members of the Project Vision taskforce was discussed as well.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**1/13/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Terese Black, Executive Director of Dismis House, along with residents David, Scott, and Jason Brown. Terese discussed how Dismis House helps those recovering from drug abuse and how the program works. The residents talked candidly about their experiences and their roads to recovery.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/6/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Turning Point Center in Rutland was the topic of discussion with Tracie Hauck, Executive Director Tonya who presented the current state of the center and the work that currently being done. Tracie recently returned from Virginia after meeting with corrections officials there.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/22/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Clay Gilbert from Rutland Mental Health Services talked about the problems associated with Alcoholism. Clay is Director of Community Care Network, part of Rutland Mental Health Services and Evergreen Recovery Center here in Rutland. What it is, where help is, how treatment works and the current resources that are available to keep sobriety a priority in the life of the recovering alcoholic.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Program: Community Matters**

**1/28/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Avaloy Lanning, the Director of New Story Center was the guest. New Story is a safe house and support system for women and men who have suffered domestic abuse and violence or are threatened by same. The center has gone through a significant period of growth over the past several years and has received acclaim for its efforts to protect marginalized people from all walks of life here in the Rutland Region.

### **Program: Rutland Profile**

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### **Program: Community Matters**

**2/11/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Nanci Gordon, outreach specialist for Vermont 211 was in to explain the system and how Vermonters are helped by the organization. There was an explanation of the 211-assistance path and what the connection from 211 will give people who call. The connection gives people help for assistance that can be an emergency or just a question about services for Seniors, people who are looking for meals on wheels, need a ride or are looking for someone to help them in their home setting so as to maintain their independence.

## HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/14/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Peg Bolgioni, Public Relations Specialist, and Marianna Barber Dubois, Community Health Benefit Supervisor for the Rutland Regional Medical center, discussed a needs assessment and areas it showed need to be addressed. The assessment was a collection of data that was geared to report on outcomes at the hospital. Marianna, a data analysis told listeners that a sample of 525 individuals was taken. The survey asked certain questions about the respondent's health care and the intervention needed to help them. Narrowed down, the data pointed out that supporting an aging community, child care and parenting supports, mental health, and housing and health care are some of the areas that need to be addressed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/22/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Morgan Blanchard Vermont Veterans Assistance was in to speak about the services available to support Veterans Families during the times of deployment and other times. Morgan went into detail about the process involved in getting the family the benefits that they deserve.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

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**Program: Community Matters**

**2/21/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Peg Bolgioni, information specialist from Rutland Regional Medical Center, joins us with two experts in the use of the newly installed Nuclear Heart Imaging Camera that will be now in service at RRCM in the Rutland Heart Center. The camera will help doctors to be able to determine where their patients stand if further intervention is needed in their care.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**2/24/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

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**Program: Community Matters**

**3/20/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Guests were Caprice Hoover Executive Director of the United Way of Rutland County, and Heather Kent who helps people with individual disabilities like Autism Spiral and many physical challenges. The conversation centered on helping these people and the funding for programs that the United Way of Rutland County helps them with.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/15/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Vermont Adult Learning, how students learn and what they learn was the topic of discussion. Adult learning in our area is important for many reasons not the least of which is the ability of workers to retrain to a more productive and profitable job skill through VAL. Both guests: Hal Cohen the Executive Director of Vermont Adult Learning and Michelle Fogler the Rutland Regional Director for VAL were available to take calls and answer questions.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/17/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont with David Traver Adolphus and Aaron Jones, Home Repair coordinator and Director in Southern Vermont on how to get home repairs done and save money with long term low interest loans and grant money that is now available. The counties of Rutland, Addison and Bennington were discussed and what is available to them within the NeighborWorks system. Contact information was frequently mentioned and expanded upon during the interview and case examples were given.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

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Hal Cohen the Executive Director of Vermont Adult Learning and Michelle Fogler, the Rutland Regional Director for VAL talked about how adult learning in our area is important for many reasons including the ability of workers to retrain to a more productive and profitable job skill through VAL.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/25/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Carol Wood, Vermont Association for the Blind, and some of her associates, talked about how blind persons are helped and assisted with training and support here in our state. How to retrofit a blind person's home and or living space was also discussed. Sight degeneration was explained and how the association can help those people who find that failing sight is impeding their daily life.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/21/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Marianne Langelo Rutland Vocational Rehabilitation talks about an up-coming Transition Fair at the Castleton University Campus. It is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am till Noon. Transition is a process for preparing students with disabilities for the shift from high school to young adult life and college could be part of that shift. Marianne discusses the help and support that is available to assist these students and guide them on their way to becoming more comfortable with the support and surroundings that can be made available for them.

## **BUSINESS CLIMATE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/9/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Larry Gold, a computer and internet expert, was in to talk about cybercrime. Internet fraud and hacking are on the rise. Larry talked about the web and today's computing environment, how to protect your computer from viruses, Data mining, artificial intelligence and the future of Computing.

## **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/4/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

David Allaire, Rutland City Mayor, announces Re-election Bid. He also discussed the City of Rutland's current problems with the wastewater treatment facility (frequent over-flow discharges) and the possibility of a bond vote to fix it. Current budget 2019-2020 will be level funded this year, paving project completed on North Main and more to come. Tax stabilization looks like it should hold for the current physical year.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/7/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Cheryl Mazzariello Hooker Rutland County State Senator Elect talked about the upcoming session and some of the issues facing Vermonters. Senator Hooker discussed the proposed Carbon Tax, a proposal to change Act 250, the pending Family Leave Legislation and the 15-dollar and hour Minimum Wage. About the "Super-Majority" in Legislature this Biennium, Hooker reminded listeners that during the Dean Administration the same was true that that Law Makers worked across party lines to get the people's business done.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/18/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Caprice Hoover executive director of the United Way of Rutland County discussed this year's campaign and the continuing need for services in the community. The community cupboard was discussed as well as the current warming centers during a recent cold snap. There was also a discussion of how people continue to share with others less fortunate than themselves here in the Rutland Region.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/24/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Tyler Richardson, REDC director, addressed the Rutland Region Transportation Situation. The Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport and its value to the region was discussed along with several other important components to the transit system including freight on trucks and rail.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/4/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Rutland County State Senator Brian Collamore, and former State Senator Peg Flory discussed current legislation being considered in the Vermont State Senate and House. Subjects discussed included redistricting, Abortion, Act 250 revision, Taxing and Regulating Pot, Parental Leave, and the Minimum Wage Bill.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**2/10/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Rutland County State Senator Brian Collamore, and former State Senator Peg Flory talked about current legislation being considered in the Vermont State Senate and House. Seven bills were discussed, including Redistricting, Abortion, Act 250 revision, Taxation and regulation of Marijuana, Parental Leave, and the Minimum Wage Bill.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/14/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Michael 'Champlain Mike' Messier a dual candidate to City Mayor and City Treasurer was the guest. Mike, a financial consultant and conservative, told the listeners that he was in favor of promoting the Vermont 'Life Style' with its clean air, open vistas and small community living to individuals who might want to move here and work in a dot com environment to connect with their employer. He called for more investment by the state in high frequency and high power broad band coverage to that end.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

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**Program: Community Matters**

**3/5/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Rutland County State Senator Brian Collamore is in to discuss the mid-break Vermont Senate proceedings. The senator mentioned that over 500-House bills have been submitted and just a handful of Senate measures presented. Collamore also fielded 4-call in questions about; abortion, recreational pot, a possible carbon tax, new gun legislation proposed and the merger of school districts in the state.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**3/10/19**

**@ 8:05 am**

**Duration 29 minutes**

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont's David Traver Adolphus and Aaron Jones, Home Repair coordinator and Director in Southern Vermont discussed how Neighborworks can help low to moderate income Vermonters get needed home repairs done and save money with long term low interest loans and grant money that is now available. The counties of Rutland, Addison and Bennington were discussed and what is available to them within the NeighborWorks system. The process for applying and what people can expect from the process were discussed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/12/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

BROC CEO Tom Donahue was in to report about a new grant initiative for the Rutland Region. Tom was recently named to a committee to study a collaborative venture with Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for a Grant offering in the near future. Three 300 to 500-Thousand dollar grants will be awarded to qualifying communities to help them to become more economically viable in the years ahead.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**3/17/19 @ 8:05am Duration 29 minutes**

Tom Donahue from the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council talked about recent successful events and some of the events that are planned in the future. Tom also talked about a steering committee he has been asked to be on for the Vermont Communities Challenge, headed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, working with Vermont businesses to apply for one of six planning grants. He talked about the economic boost that the grants could have on the community.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/18/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

The guest is William (Will) Notte; Rutland County State Representative. Will discussed several bills being considered this year including H-75 a bill passed in the Vermont House that gives women some of the most liberal reproductive right in the country including late trimester abortion rights. Will voted in favor of Bill-H-57 and gave his reasons why.

## **CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE**

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**1/6/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Scott Giles, President and CEO of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation discussed funding for college was discussed in detail. Available funds, rate of interest, eligibility, loan forgiveness and the planning process were all discussed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/11/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Adam Taylor Rutland City Superintendent of Schools discussed education in the City School System. Mr. Taylor is in favor of reintroducing a more conservative approach to the basic Three-R's and the reintroduction of cursive-writing training. Protection from hunger for disadvantaged pupils was also discussed. Mr. Taylor said that the Annual Budget is also beginning to take shape as the Superintendent and his staff begin to craft a path forward towards agreeing on how education in the City of Rutland will be funded. Mr. Taylor reported that he is beginning to find his stride as he continues in his first year on the job and expressed to us that he is enjoying the process.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/26/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

School District CFO Peter Amons and District Technology Director, Patricia Aigner discussed the 2019 Rutland City School Budget. There is an emphasis on “state mandated spending and discretionary spending.” The budget increase will be offset by several items that will be less of a burden to taxpayers this cycle. No lay-offs expected. Normal retirement was expected. There will be a reasonable expectation of passage.

**Program: Community Matters**

**3/4/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Mount St. Joseph Academy officials including the Principal Sarah Fortier and Asst. Principal Bill Brusco and a Student discussed the school and the Free-Semester Initiative that was being offered to members of the areas middle schools. Brooke talked about her year as a junior at the Parochial school and why she enjoyed the experience. MSJ Traditions and faith based education was discussed.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**3/24/19**

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**Program: Rutland Profile**

**3/31/19**

**@ 8:05am**

**Duration 29 minutes**

First Step Pregnancy Center director David Wilkinson discussed what services First Step provides to expecting parents in our area. They have a new ultrasound machine and they also have an area with free baby clothes and other items that moms need for their new babies. David explained the process when a woman calls or comes in to the center so they know what to expect.

## RECREATION

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/16/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

The Audubon Society Chapter of Rutland County was in to discuss the Winter Bird Count. Irene Gobiell and Catherine Ginnis discussed a number of topics, including the care and feeding of wild birds, backyard birding, areas where birds and other wildlife can be viewed, and the workings of the local Audubon Society.

**Program: Community Matters**

**1/29/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Brittany, Nicole, and Nikki, all program directors with the Rutland Rec and Parks Department discussed the many winter programs that are available at the Georgetti Rink including Rutland's first Curling team, hiking and snowshoeing. Arts, Crafts, Theatre Arts and Senior Programs were also discussed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/1/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Bruce Bouchard at The Paramount Theatre a discussion of several key events in February at the Paramount. The Super Bowl on the Big Screen, Carmen live stream from the New York City Metropolitan Opera, The Rutland Rendition of "Family Feud", the Rutland Rendition of "The Newly Wed Game and other up-coming events.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/5/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Randal Smathers, the Director of the Rutland Free Library, talked about the new Murder Mystery Evening. An event that is set to raise money for the library. Library cards for kids were also discussed as well as the library book sales from the past and future, and using the library services and rooms.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/8/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Bruce Bouchard the Executive Director of The Paramount Theatre was in to talk about current affairs and current billboard attractions at the Rutland venue. Bruce was also encouraging listeners to look over their web-site and check out new entertainment opportunities available at the Paramount in 2019. Bruce said that they are looking forward to a banner year.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/22/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Jonathan Goldsmith, also known at one time as “the most interesting man in the world,” was the guest on the program. It was an interview to help promote Mr. Goldsmith’s fund raiser for The College of Saint Joseph in Rutland. Dr. David Balfour helped us set up the interview with other members of the school administration. Jonathan gave us a small sample of his 40-plus year career in film, commercials and on stage. The college event “An Evening with Jonathan Goldsmith” was scheduled for later in the month to raise money for the school and the Rupert Congregational Church.

**Program: Community Matters**

**2/27/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

The staff from Rutland Rec Department was in to discuss late winter and spring programs here in Rutland. Director Kim Peters informed us that Curling will end soon as the ice sheet is removed and then there will be turf put down at Georgetti Rink. The Pine Hill Park Recreation Trail is also used extensively during the winter and people can Cross Country Ski along east creek.