

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WYRK, WMSX, WBUF, WBLK

October 1 – December 31, 2023

### Section I. Issues

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

- A. **Senior Population.** According to the U.S. Census, “Buffaloians” age 65+ make up 13.4% of the population. Senior Wishes is a non-for-profit program right here in Orchard Park, that enriches the lives deserving seniors by granting them a meaningful wish promoting their quality of life and bringing them joy.
- B. **Mental Health.** A report released from Attorney General Letitia James stated that in a survey of 400 mental health providers that were listed on health plans networks, 86% were found to be unreachable or not accepting new patients. New Directions Youth and Family Services provides family peer services to parents and caregivers of youth who are experiencing mental health or behavioral challenges in Erie and Niagara Counties.
- C. **Food Insecurity.** With colder months comes the snow and limited means for residents to obtain food. FeedMore WNY, which also provides meals on wheels services, serves meals and nutritious food to literally hundreds of thousands of WNY’ers every year.
- D. **Community.** Earlier in 2023, a Point in Time survey from the Homeless Alliance of Western New York was completed and showed the highest homeless rate in over a decade. Plymouth Crossroads is a non-profit organization in WNY that welcomes disconnected, abused and homeless male youths ages 16-20 and help them develop their own plan for an independent path to the future. Jennifer described who these youth are, where they come from and how they remain “invisible” to the community
- E. **Veteran Affairs.** The latest statistic completed in July of 2023 shows there are over 11,000 veterans in Buffalo. Christy Krieger of Western New York Heroes discussed the mission of WNY Heroes in its continued support of WNY Veterans. He also discussed how the community can support the program and their neighbor veterans.

## Section II. Responsive Programs

**Issues and Views is a 60 minute locally produced public affairs program that airs every Sunday on all four stations at the following times:**

WYRK and WBLK at 6:30 a.m.

WTSS and WBUF at 6:00 a.m.

<b>Date(s) Aired</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Related Issues</b>	<b>Description of Program</b>
10/1/23	Mike Randall – Buffalo TV Personality	Buffalo History – A lookback at Buffalo Media	Buffalo TV personality Mike Randall’s career has spanned 40 years. Here is undoubtedly one of the most recognizable figures in local media. Mike is retiring in August, we discussed his time on the air, embarrassing moments, the movie based on Ch.7 “Bruce Almighty”, Mike’s appearances nationwide as Mark Twain, and more. An interesting retrospective on Buffalo media history.
10/8/23	Wendy Backman, Exec Director of Senior Wishes	Faith Based Initiatives, Senior Population	Senior Wishes is a non-for-profit program right here in Orchard Park, that enriches the lives deserving seniors by granting them a meaningful wish promoting their quality of life and bringing them joy. Senior wishes just granted its 450 <sup>th</sup> wish. Wendy discussed the types of wishes granted and funding for the program.
10/15/23	Catherine Schick Comm. Dir FeedMore WNY	Food Insecurity, Hunger, Nutrition	FeedMore WNY serves meals and nutritious food to literally hundreds of thousands of WNY’ers every year utilizing over 4800 volunteers. Catherine discussed the continuing need and the capital campaign that is going on now to build a new 198,000 square foot facility in the Town of Hamburg to help more WNY families.
10/22/23	Jennifer McAndrew, Exec Dir Plymouth Crossroads	Education, Faith Based Initiatives, Health	Plymouth Crossroads is a non-profit organization in WNY that welcomes disconnected, abused and homeless male youths ages 16-20 and help them develop their own plan for an independent path to the future. Jennifer described who these youth are, where they come from and how they remain “invisible” to the community.
10/29/23	Heather Wood – Family Peer Advocate Supervisor New Directions Youth and Family Services	Mental Health, Youth, Education	New Directions Youth and Family Services provides family peer services to parents and caregivers of youth who are experiencing mental health or behavioral challenges in Erie and Niagara Counties. Heather described the services, as well as the challenges involved

11/5/23	Chris Kreiger CEO, President WNY Heroes	Veteran Health	Chris discussed the mission of WNY Heroes in its continued support of WNY Veterans. He also discussed the ten events coming up in November as well as what veterans face when returning from service. Chris also brought up The Pawsitive Support Dog Program and how our audience can support WNY Vets.
11/12/23	Christian Stepian CTO National UFO Reporting Center	Education, Paranormal, UFOs, UAPs	Tonawanda native Christian Stepian is the Chief Technical Officer for the National UFO Reporting Center which, to the greatest degree possible, corroborates, and documents reports from individuals who have been witness to unusual possible UFO-related events. Christian discussed some of the 170,000 processed reports that include Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Western New York, the possible explanation of such reports by the government and military and whether there is credence to them.
11/19/23	Kayla Hennon, Dir of Outreach, Community Health Center of Buffalo	Health, Minority Community, Senior Care	Community Health Center of Buffalo is a Federally Qualified Health Center operating five patient Centers in Erie and Niagara Counties. It serves all and will not deny services based on race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, or sexual orientation.
11/26/23	Jillian Hanesworth, Poet Laureate City of Buffalo	Diversity	The City of Buffalo's FIRST Poet Laureate talks about the honor of the position, her performing and writing, her inspirations and how she inspires other people with her works. Jillian also ends the show by reciting her poem "Water" in memory of the 10 lives stolen in the Tops Shooting of May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022.
12/3/23	Melissa Frawley, Stuff the Sneakers Campaign	Charity, Faith Based Initiative	Melissa is the organizer of the "Stuff the Sneakers" Campaign in memory of her nephew Danny Frawley, a giving individual who lost his battle with addiction at 27 years of age. Stuff the Sneakers is supported by Gerard Place, Compass House, Harbor House, Community Missions of Niagara and Kids Escaping Drugs. The campaign welcomes donations of new and gently used footwear, new socks, and original care items for children, women and men.
12/10/23	Austin Tylec, Mayor of North Tonawanda	Infrastructure, Crime, Police Reform	Mayor Tylec discussed the recent vote AGAINST a Revised City Charter, the North Tonawanda City Market (rated #1 in the Nation), rebuilding infrastructure,

			expanding business growth, and Fire and Police Protection.
12/17/23	Sue Capell Exec Dir, CEO Youth Mentoring Services of Niagara Co  Courtney Malcom, Project Coordinator	Education, Youth, Mentoring	Youth Mentoring Services of Niagara Co is the only youth focused agency that serves children of both genders, county-wide with no fee or services for dues assessed. The focus of the group is to serve ethnically diverse children from disadvantaged circumstances by engaging them in activities that foster their growth.
12/24/23	Jillian Hanesworth, Poet Laureate City of Buffalo	Diversity	The City of Buffalo's FIRST Poet Laureate talks about the honor of the position, her performing and writing, her inspirations and how she inspires other people with her works. Jillian also ends the show by reciting her poem "Water" in memory of the 10 lives stolen in the Tops Shooting of May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022.
12/31/23	Jessica Wence' Family Court Social Worker Erie Co	Crime, Education	Jessica discussed the vision of the Advanced Council Program of Erie County as it applies to Family and Criminal Court. The goal is to help individuals of limited means understand their rights and the Court System. Jessica also discussed how Social Workers assist in areas including Child Protective Services employing a holistic approach.