

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

WPDH, WPDA, WCZX, WEOK, WKXP, WZAD, WRRV, WWRB

July 1, 2020 through Sept 30, 2020

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Covid-19:** People's lives continue to be affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. Many people are still out of their pre-pandemic routines. Staying home with children out of school. Working from home. So many aspects of our lives continue to be a challenge. Tracking the progress of how the Hudson Valley was reacting to the Coronavirus with updates from community leaders is still highly important.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Mental health continues to be a big concern in the Hudson Valley. The COVID - 19 Pandemic has had a direct effect on how people feel and cope. Making people aware of help that is available in our community continues to be a necessity.
- **Ecotourism Safety:** Over the past year there have been numerous injuries, even death, at some of the Hudson Valley's best-known Ecotourism destinations. The need for trail awareness and outdoor preparedness is growing. The COVID 19 Pandemic has continued to contribute to our Eco-Tourist areas in the Hudson Valley being over used this summer. It has led to more people exploring outdoors and has caused new concerns.
- **Local Economy:** This quarter the local economy was directly affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic. Unemployment in the Hudson Valley increased. Business closures and people working from home caused spending habits to change resulting in a shift in the local economy. Many people are experiencing personal economic hardships. New York's slow re-opening has had a direct effect on local dollars.
- **Youth Education and Development:** The Hudson Valley is an area with a growing youth population. Programs that help educate and improve our local youth are becoming more important for not just for the younger population but also for youth relations in the community. COVID 19 had a direct effect of some programs.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“In Touch” is a locally produced public affairs program that runs on all eight Poughkeepsie stations.

The program airs every Sunday on WPDH and WPDA at 5am, WKXP and WEOK at 6am, WRRV and WRRB at 6:30am, and WCZX and WZAD at 11pm

Date(s) Aired	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration
7/5/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn hosted and covered the importance of social distancing and wearing face masks indoors and out so that the Hudson Valley can continue to reopen. We also talked about the recent travel ban and how it will affect summer vacations. We took a look at the latest on COVID testing. We talked about what it means for the Mid-Hudson Region to be in Phase Four of reopening. We ran a previously recorded interview with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan discussing where Ulster County stands with its reopening for the summer.	27:10
7/12/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Youth Education and Development: Rick Knight hosted the topic for the week which focused on youth education in regards to growing technology and what it means for the next generation. He ran a previously recorded program from Nasa Gravity Assist that was record in 2019 with Jim Green and Dr. Jason Wright. It covered Techno Signatures as a language, the things NASA studies and life that might lie beyond our solar system.	26:00
7/19/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy: Paty Quyn hosted a discussion that included an interview with Dan Gruner who is one of the founding organizers of the Rosemary Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund. He discussed the challenges of running a non-profit event during a pandemic. We also discussed how people who are facing health issues during this time are feeling even more vulnerable with the pressures due to their illness and the possibility of losing health insurance increasing personal debt.	30:43
7/26/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Rick Knight hosted covering the latest on the travel ban which included Governor Cuomo’s interview with CNN from earlier in the week where he discussed the federal law suit regarding the Trusted Travel program. We gave an update on the Mid-Hudson Valley COVID numbers from the Governor’s office.	24:04

8/2/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn and Rick Knight hosted an update on the Mid-Hudson Valley COVID numbers from the Governor's office with the second wave expected. School plans for reopening being submitted with a hybrid plan. We also covered the new rules for Hudson Valley bars and restaurants regarding serving food with drinks and what all of that really means for the customer. We finished with a discussion of the water use restriction due to lack of rain, a drought watch had been issued.	30:34
8/9/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn hosted the show which discussed the recent handling of Tropical Storm Isaias. The Hudson Valley experienced a large amount of power outages that lasted longer than expected resulting in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and launching an investigation into storm response. The second half of the program addressed the latest information from the Governor's office on the plan for New York children to return to in person education in the classroom.	29:30
8/16/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy: Paty Quyn hosted the program focused on the economic impact of the COVID outbreak on families. With COVID pay ending there is still a need to rely on Hudson Valley Food pantries and services. We also discussed the Food Bank's need for supplies and volunteers. The impact that the COVID-19 outbreak has had on food insecurity in our 4-county area and where people could turn in their communities for help.	28:56
8/23/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Ecotourism Safety: Paty Quyn hosted a show which covered the need for people to continue social distancing when utilizing Hudson Valley hiking trails and outdoor venues. The importance of staying on the trails for safety and preservation of our ecotourism spots. We also talked about how the Hudson Valley's vast trail system and outdoor experiences make great outdoor recess and/or field trip for children who will be learning remotely in the fall.	27:33

8/30/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn hosted and discussed the importance of outdoor fire safety during the end of summer camping season. We also talk at length about Operation Hard Hat and the Move Over Law which had both been initiatives on Hudson Valley highways this summer. We talked about the need to get the community to understand the dangers of distracted and reckless driving in work zones, along with the law that requires you to move over when passing an emergency vehicle or police officer on the side of the road.	29:10
9/6/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn hosted the topic which put a spotlight on how our local veterans are still being affected by COVID-19. They are experiencing economic challenges which includes reduced income due to unemployment, isolation due to social services being reduced and some are also experiencing food insecurity. We talked with Anthony and Devin from Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance about programs that are working to get this population help during this time.	29:49
9/13/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Mental Health Awareness: Paty Quyn hosted and covered the current pandemic and suicide. The discussion included topics on World Suicide Awareness Day, the suicide rate among veterans, suicide prevention, statistics on suicide from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and it also includes a previously recorded interview with one of our morning show hosts. The interview guest was Donna Thomas from James' Warriors. Donna is a Hudson Valley mom who lost her son to suicide and set out to create awareness and prevention.	28:54
9/20/2020	Our locally produced public affairs program discussed Covid-19: Paty Quyn and Rick Knight hosted and the topics included the latest COVID-19 data from the Governor Cuomo and his explanation of how he decides on the openings and closings of different types of businesses. This included the recent information regarding a religious group's compliance in Orange County. We discussed the Opioid crisis in regards to the lawsuit filed by the Governor of New York against Johnson & Johnson. Dutchess County had a fire training center's piece of land deemed a superfund site due to contamination. We also touched on trick or treating, free Wedding Photos on top of the Empire State Building and the closure of the original Coyote Ugly Bar in New York City due to economic struggles resulting from the pandemic.	25:52

9/27/2020	Our Locally produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy: Paty Quyn hosted a show which included two interviews previously record by two of our station local morning shows. They both spoke with organizers from local events that have had to reinvent the way they were being held in 2020. We covered how local drive-ins and being able to go virtual has help long standing events continue on in 2020. We discussed how being able to hold these events has meant that the money and support they bring to the region won't be lost. One interview was with Dan Gruner with Bike for Cancer Care. The other was with Meira Blaustein from the Woodstock Film Festival.	27:34
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