



# **ISSUES & PROGRAMS**

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**Public Affairs**

WABK-FM airs the public affairs show "Maine View" that is designed to address important community issues. The following is a list of show topics during the Quarter. Each edition of Maine View also includes Maine Governor Janet Mill's weekly radio address and the response from the Republican Party in Maine. Each address runs roughly 5 minutes. Maine View has a run time of 20 minutes and airs Sunday at 6:00am

10/2: This edition features a conversation with Barbara Peavey of Thunder Road Farm in Corinna. Her farm has made what many farms do in Maine -- a corn maze. This year's maze is in the shape of the Nokomis Warrior's "gold ball" -- won at the State basketball championship. Barb tells us of "Get Lost for A Cause" -- held on the day of this edition's airing -- to benefit Aiden Anderson, age 15, and Donovan Kurt, age 19. Aiden is diagnosed with two types of Leukemia. Donovan has Brain Cancer. The medical bills are piling up. Barb hopes to raise as much money as possible with the October 2nd event to help them. Also, Jim Fernald of Brookings Smith Funeral Homes brings Aimee Gerbi into our studio. She is with the Empty Arms Project in Maine. Empty Arms is a support group for parents who've lost a young child. As she points out, when your spouse dies, you are called a "widow." When your parents die, you're an "orphan." But when, you as a parent lose a child, there is no name with which you might identify. The organization will soon host a fundraising walk at Bangor's Mount Hope Cemetery, where Empty Arms maintains a butterfly garden.

10/9: This edition welcomes Sarah Delano of Path Stone -- a non-profit organization that is new in Maine that holds a federal grant holder aimed at assisting workforce development for Maine's Agricultural workers. As she mentions, the previous grant holder did not do much in the way of outreach so she reached out to us to talk of who might benefit from applying for this grant -- including butchers -- which are non-existent in Aroostook County. Also, Greg Sirpis of Operation Game Thief dials in to talk of the most recent case of poaching in Maine -- and the reward offered for "actionable information." He touches on where the money comes from and how Operation Game Thief came to begin as an answering machine at Unity College -- that someone might have answered -- if they were in the room.



10/16: This week's edition features a talk with Erin Fogg, Vice President of Development and Communications at Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. The non-profit organization provides surplus and purchased food to more than 600 food kitchens, community centers and other free food distributors in Maine. According to [gsfb.org](http://gsfb.org), more than 180,000 Mainers rely on the Good Shepherd Food Bank, and about 30 per cent of them are children. GSFb has distribution centers in Auburn and Hampden. Fogg explained that food kitchens and others can log into their inventory and order for pick-up the food they need. Other programs offered by GSFb are Youth and Family Initiatives, Cooking Matters Maine, Mainers Feeding Mainers, and Community Health and Hunger. GSFb also has a long list of corporate sponsors including Hannaford, Sam's Club, Shaw's, Target, Walmart, NRF Distributors, and the New Balance Foundation. Fogg said "(donors) include corporate partners across the state that support us, and every day Mainers."

10/23: This edition features a conversation with Maine department of inland fisheries and wildlife spokesperson Mark Latti. Listeners sent us questions about the department's online antlerless deer permitting process. Some expressed frustration that they wasted up to four hours of their day trying to engage the system for a covered permit only to be electronically shut out. Latti explains how the process set up a "digital waiting room," and there were no "line cutters." However, there were many demanding the permits. We also catch up with a senior vice president of central Maine power, Adam Derosier, as he coordinated cruise sent to Atlantic Canada to help with restoration following hurricane Fiona. Derosier explains the mutual aid agreement that his utility has with the utilities of a Atlantic Canada and how crews responded.

10/30: In this edition Mark Latti of the main department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife returns to talk of the launch of hunting season in Maine. Latti describes the number of hunters likely to take to the woods, which areas of the state are most likely to result in a hunter bagging a buck or doe, and what concerns forever chemicals, recently discovered in our state, might pose to those who are hunting. We also welcome Maine's secretary of state Shenna Bellows, to discuss the latest technological improvements at the Bureau of motor vehicles. The Bureau recently launched an online appointment system, allowing people to schedule a 15-minute window for an appointment. Bellows walks us through the process of booking an appointment and what should be a timesaver for workers and citizens.



11/6: This week's edition features a talk with Shenna Bellows, the 50<sup>th</sup> Maine Secretary of State. After serving two terms as a Maine state senator representing 11 towns in southern Kennebec County, she was elected by the legislature as Secretary of State - starting in January, 2021. The topic is voting, and presenting a primer for those going to the polls, or voting by absentee ballot or my mail for the election on November 8, 2022. Some of the questions discussed and answered were: who can register and vote in Maine?; is there a deadline for registering?; where do I go to vote?; how do I mark a ballot?; can I help at the voting place?; and, do I have to go the polls on Election Day to vote? Bellows also talked about her experience as a 2020 presidential elector in the Electoral College.

11/13: This edition welcomes Maine state treasurer Henry Beck to our program to talk of the latest effort to unite people with unclaimed property. The state recently came to acquire abandoned deposit boxes from defunct banking institutions. Inside one box workers found war bonds dating back to the 1940s. Beck discusses the value of these bonds, the process to reunite them with their rightful owners, and additional unclaimed property, millions in fact, awaiting unification with their owners. We also talked to Bill Jenkins of the Eastern Maine model railroad club. On the eve of their annual event at Jeff's catering in Brewer, Jenkins tells us of the continued passion for model railroading, even in the modern age. Jenkins discusses opportunities at the event and how today's technology has come to make the hobby of model railroading even more popular.

11/20: This edition features an interview with Bill Nolan, longtime call attendant for the Butterball Turkey Talk Line, where consumers can get their questions answered about preparing their turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Nolan said the Talk Line receives over 100,000 calls from late October until Thanksgiving, and many during the holiday itself. The talk line offers tips on selecting the bird, defrosting it, cooking it, how to prepare side dishes, how to carve the bird, and what can or should be done with leftovers (which, he said, should be frozen or discarded after three days from serving). He shared those tips with our audience. The Turkey Talk Line does get odd calls, Nolan said. He mentioned the woman who did not have room in her freezer for the turkey, and reported she put it outside in the snow. When it came time to prepare it, the whole family had to dig to find it. Nolan said the bird was located and dinner went forward without problems.



11/27: This edition features a conversation with Maine State police Sergeant Dan Hansen as Maine Marks crash responder safety week. Trooper Hanson has, multiple times, been rammed by an inattentive driver while pulled over to the side of the highway responding to an emergency call. Hanson discusses the problem, solutions, and the fear of watching vehicles plow in to you. We also welcome Jon Perkins of Maine technology group. “Tia the season” for hackers and thieves to try to steal your Christmas joy by stealing money out of your bank account. Perkins talks of the latest ways that culprits are trying to connect with your bank account online and how you might protect yourself.

12/04: This edition features, a conversation with Yellow Light Breen of the Maine Development Foundation. Each year, the foundation releases, its “measures of growth” report, listing “red flags” and “gold stars.” Each is an indicator of the successes or challenges of Maine’s economy. Breen lists each indicator and discusses its impact on Maine’s economy. We also talked with Maine, public utilities commission Chairman Phil Bartlett. His organization recently announced what would be the “standard offer” for Central Maine Power and Versant Power customers. Rates have continually increased from six cents per kilowatt hour two years ago, \$.11 per kilowatt hour last year, and now \$.17-\$.18 per kilowatt hour in the coming year. Bartlett discusses how the rates are set and white might help Maine find relief from increasing energy prices.

12/11: This edition features a conversation with Maine transportation Commissioner Bruce Van Note. He talks about Maine’s three year plan for maintaining roads and bridges, the return to an in person, transportation conference, and what challenges the pandemic and supply chain issues are presenting to his department. He also “teases” what will be the announcement of the updated three-year plan coming at the end of December.



12/18: This week's edition features a talk with Rick Dorian, Executive Director of the Maine Children's Home (formerly The Maine Children's Home For Little Wanderers) based in Waterville. Since the 1890's the non-profit organization has provided social services to the people of Maine, including adoption services, youth and parent counseling, and its annual Christmas Program. Dorian reports that in 2022, more than 1,500 children statewide have been served by the Christmas program with donated clothes, gifts and games. The MCH also announced two grants in 2022 – 35,000 dollars from the New Balance Foundation, and 10,000 dollars from the Maine Community Foundation. The Christmas Program is a year-long event, Dorian explained, considering the accepting of applications, coordination of donations, boxing and shipping. Dorian said the organization is also grateful to people who donate hand-made items such as mittens and hats. The program is already underway for Christmas of 2023. More information is found at [mainechildrenshome.org](http://mainechildrenshome.org).

12/25: This edition features, a conversation with Trevor, Maxwell, a former mean, reporter, husband, and father of two young girls, and founder of the organization "man up to cancer." Maxwell has written a book, titled "open heart, warrior spirit: a man's guide to living with cancer." Maxwell speaks with us about the day he got the call about his stage four colon cancer, his treatments, and the need for men to "man up" and get screened. We also reconnect with Jeni Lloyd or Northern Light Philanthropy. It is not the most wonderful time of the year for men and women battling cancer. Jeni talks with us about how to talk to or perhaps help family, friends, and colleagues, battling with cancer in this most stressful time of the year. He looks at other states in our nation which are seeing the "marijuana, retail bubble" beginning to either seep air, or burst! And Paul tells us a bit about the new Director of Maine's office of cannabis policy.