



**WAJI**

**ISSUES/ASCERTAINMENT REPORT  
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**The following is a list of ascertained issues for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015:**

**Affordable Housing**

**Children's Health**

**Heroin Epidemic**

**Homelessness**

**Homeless Children**

**Jobs**

**Mental Health Care**

**Neighborhood Engagement**

**Riverfront Development**

**Youth Services**

## WAJI, MAJIC 95.1 Public Affairs Programming, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2015:

### **ANIMAL WELFARE**

7/5/15          6:00-6:30am   30 min.

Discussion centered on new adoption policies at Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control which they hope will increase the number of pet adoptions in Northeast Indiana.

Guest: Jody Hamilton, Director, Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control  
Fort Wayne Feedback

8/2/15          6:30-7:00am   30 min.

Discussed Hope for Animals and their efforts to decrease the pet population through low cost spay/neutering. Also discussed the number of stray pets in Northeast Indiana and how people can get involved.

Guest: Allison Miller, Director of Hope for Animals  
Sunday Side Up

8/9/15          6:30-7:00am   30 min.

Discussion of Hope for Animals and their role in the community. The organization works with area shelters and provides resources for low cost spaying and neutering. Also discussed the number of stray pets in Northeast Indiana and how people can get involved.

Guest: Allison Miller, Director, Hope for Animals  
Sunday Side Up

### **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

8/23/15        6:00-6:30am   30 min.

Discussed the annual MDA Fill the Boot campaign and how donations are used within the community. Also discussed the various programs and camps available for families in Northern Indiana.

Guest: Ashley Zumstein, Director, Muscular Dystrophy Association of Northeast Indiana  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS CONT.**

9/20/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Warm & Cozy annual Fundraiser for the Sexual Assault Treatment Center. The money raised is used for a variety of operating expenses at Indiana's only Treatment Center of this kind. The nurses are the first people to see victims of sexual assault, providing the physical exams, extricating evidence and working with police if the case goes to court.

Guest: Michelle Ditton, Chief Executive Director, Sexual Assault Treatment Center;  
Cheryl Brockman, Chair of Warm & Cozy Fundraiser, Volunteer, Sexual Assault Treatment Center  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

7/19/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Family Preservation Services at SCAN, Stop Child Abuse and Neglect. The program strives to keep families together by offering supervised family visits during which parents are given tips about creating a positive environment. They also provide resources for families which are in need of transportation, home cleaning or other local services. Also discussed the Intensive Intervention Team that goes into a home in crisis to prevent any further incidents and to keep the courts from having to intervene.

Guest: Joan Sherman, Program for Resilient Children; Jennifer Neher, Resource Development Administrator, SCAN; Heidi Sims, Administrator of Family Preservation, SCAN  
Fort Wayne Feedback

9/13/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of The Resilient Children's Program at SCAN and a program that provides respite care to at risk parents. Children can be placed in supervised homes picked specifically by SCAN, Stop Child Abuse and Neglect, for up to seven days while the parents get the help and resources they need to keep the family together.

Guest: Joan Sherman, Program for Resilient Children; Jennifer Neher, Resource Development Administrator, SCAN; Heidi Sims, Administrator of Family Preservation, SCAN  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **ECONOMY**

7/19/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of the annual Barr Street Market, and the benefits of buying, growing and selling local products.

Guest: Michael Webber, Public Relations, Barr Street Market  
Sunday Side Up

## **EDUCATION**

7/26/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of how, as the school year approaches, Music and the Arts can help kids in school and can help to build life skills.

Guest: Aaron King, Band Director, North Side High School  
Sunday Side Up

8/16/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of Junior Achievement programs throughout Northeast Indiana. As the school year approaches, Junior Achievement is creating financial education programs and curriculum to not only take into the schools but to use in their BizTown operation which is literally a small city set up inside their office building. Children from around Northeast Indiana spend the day at BizTown, assigned a specific job within the "city" so they can learn, first hand, about finances, economics and trade.

Guest: Steve Hilker, Development and Marketing Director, Junior Achievement; Haley Beck, In School Program Manager, Junior Achievement  
Fort Wayne Feedback

9/6/15 6:00-6:15am 15 min.

Discussed the annual International Youth Exchange Expo which provides area high school students the opportunity to study abroad. The program matches high school students with host countries and families based on their interests and career goals for the overseas study program. This allows students the chance to not only learn more about cultures but about the global business market. The Rotary Club also makes scholarships available.

Guest: Dick Conklin, International Youth Exchange Coordinator, Fort Wayne Rotary Club;  
Kerri Blackwell, International Youth Exchange Expo Committee Member  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **HEALTHCARE**

7/26/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the resources available through Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana including a program which provides financial assistance and counseling for families trying to navigate the costs of cancer treatments.

Guest: Stacey Stumpf, Development Director, Cancer Services NEIN; Brad Bertsch, Accountant, Brotherhood Mutual  
Fort Wayne Feedback

8/30/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Sexual Assault Treatment Center. Created and staffed by local nurses, the center is the only one of its kind in Indiana. The nurses actually perform the forensic exams following a sexual assault. The center uses state of the art equipment to gather evidence for the pending investigation; they also act as the liason in court for the victims. They work on legislative issues to improve Indiana's laws and provide assistance to police and prosecutors during the case. But perhaps most importantly, they work one on one with the victims to minimize the trauma.

Guest: Michelle Ditton, Chief Executive Director, Sexual Assault Treatment Center;  
Cheryl Brockman, Chair of Warm & Cozy Fundraiser, Volunteer, Sexual Assault Treatment Center  
Fort Wayne Feedback

9/27/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the services provided by Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Also discussed the upcoming Bust A Move fundraiser.

Guest: Stacey Stumpf, Director, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana  
Sunday Side Up

## **HOMELESS CHILDREN**

8/2/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the efforts by Fort Wayne Community Schools to enroll homeless children. The Homeless Liason Coordinator is responsible for arranging transportation, school meetings and registration for homeless or displaced children. Acting as the liason between families and the school district, the Coordinator also refers family members to social service agencies. Also discussed the FWCS clothing bank which provides free clothing, shoes and school supplies to homeless children enrolled in the district.

Guest: Jessica Crozier, Homeless Liason Coordinator, Fort Wayne Community Schools  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **HOMELESSNESS**

9/13/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of Street Reach for the Homeless during Homeless Awareness Month. Street Reach feeds and clothes the homeless in Fort Wayne while advocating to improve opportunities for the homeless in our community.

Guest: Sally Segerson, Director, Street Reach for the Homeless  
Sunday Side Up

## **JOBS**

9/6/15 6:15-6:30am 15 min.

Discussed the International Youth Exchange Expo and part of the program's focus which is to promote a better understanding of world economics and the global business market. This in turn prepares students for the job market and makes them even more marketable to area businesses.

Guest: Dick Conklin, International Youth Exchange Coordinator, Fort Wayne Rotary Club;  
Kerri Blackwell, International Youth Exchange Expo Committee Member  
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## **NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT**

7/12/15 6:15-6:30am 15 min.

Discussed the Envision Center which is trying to generate public input on proposed riverfront development. Discussion centered on the economic impact of riverfront development along with the continued revitalization of downtown Fort Wayne. The riverfront development will include recreational, residential and retail opportunities which in turn will generate additional revenue for the city.

Guest: Mary Tyndall, Public Information Officer, City of Fort Wayne; Pam Holocher, Director of the Envision Center  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT**

7/12/15 6:00-6:15am 15 min.

Discussed the city's newest venture called the Envision Center. A store front in downtown Fort Wayne, residents are encouraged to drop by the Envision Center to look over blue prints of a proposed riverfront development project. They're also encouraged to submit ideas for potential business or recreational opportunities. Leaders are trying to get as much public input as possible before beginning construction on riverfront development.

Guest: Mary Tyndall, Public Information Officer, City of Fort Wayne; Pam Holocher, Director of the Envision Center  
Fort Wayne Feedback

## **TOURISM**

8/16/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the importance of tourism in Indiana and what travel dollars mean for our state.

Guest: Carrie Lambert, Indiana Tourism Association; John Felts, Visit Fort Wayne  
Sunday Side Up

9/6/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the upcoming Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown event which, in an effort to boost tourism, allows people to visit a dozen local attractions for free. Also discussed the amount of money tourism can bring to the area.

Guest: Kristen Guthrie, Marketing Director, Visit Fort Wayne  
Sunday Side Up

9/27/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre which is in the middle of a major renovation which they hope will increase their potential to attract even more business to Fort Wayne. Discussed the economic impact and the tourism opportunities afforded by the expansion. Also discussed the Theater's educational programs for area school children which include summer workshops and performances.

Guest: Kelly Updike, Executive Director, Embassy Theatre; Barb Richards, Marketing Director, Embassy Theatre  
Fort Wayne Feedback



## **VOLUNTEERISM**

8/23/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of ways in which people can volunteer and donate to Hope for Animals, a non profit group that provides low cost spaying and neutering in an effort to reduce the stray pet population in Northeast Indiana.

Guest: Allison Miller, Director of Home for Animals

Sunday Side Up

## **YOUTH SERVICES**

8/9/15 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the Christ Child Society of Allen County which for the beginning of the school year will be providing back packs and other tools for children in need in the community.

Guest: Ann Arnold, President Christ Child Society of Allen County

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8/30/15 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed Fort Wayne's new indoor BMX and Skate Park including who can use it and why it serves a specific need in the community for local kids.

Guest: Richard Hoppe, Fort Wayne Indoor BMX and Skate Park

Sunday Side Up



**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
STAFF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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The following is a list of community activities in which WAJI and WLDE staff members participated during the third quarter of 2015:

Tom Steigmeyer-Board of Directors, Turnstone; Midtowne Crossing Home Owner's Association; St. John Parish Council Member; Foster Park Little League

Lee Tobin- Lector, Eucharistic Minister, St. Charles Borromeo Church; Board of Directors, Franciscan Center

Dan Kennedy-Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association volunteer; Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership; Three Rivers Festival Committee; Fort Wayne Riverfront Development; Fort Wayne Trails; Indiana Economic Development Commission

Chris Didier-Usher, St. Peter's Church; Alumni Association Board of Directors, North Side High School

Shelly Steckler-Volunteer, Fort Wayne Girl's Basketball League

Mandi Michaels-Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer; Junior Achievement volunteer

Dave Gross-Riley Cruise for Kids Committee Member; Emcee, charity golf outing

Shannon Ramos- Summit City Book Club and Writer's Guild Member; Volunteer Tutor

Carrie Wellman-Volunteer Emcee, Northeast Indiana Kennel Club

Jim Reed and Carrie Wellman-Volunteer Emcees, Three Rivers Festival Parade

Angie Rivas-PTA Membership Chairman, Northside High School

WAJI and WLDE Staff-Three Rivers Festival

WAJI and WLDE Staff-Allen County 4-H Fair