

**ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FOR**

**WRCH-FM HD2**

**SECOND QUARTER 2015**

**(April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 31<sup>st</sup>)**

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## **WRCH PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**1. Dialogue: (Sundays, 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.)**

**Produced by the Connecticut Radio Network, this program focuses on governmental and political issues affecting the state of Connecticut; hosted by Steve Kotchko**

**2. Spotlite: (Sundays, 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.)**

**Hosted by Mary Scanlon, this program features topical issues of concern to the community and the state**

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**

**Second Quarter 2015  
(April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 31<sup>st</sup>)**

### **MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

**ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY**

**Spotlite  
April 26, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Barbara Foley and Jennifer Loughran from The Ron Foley Pancreatic Cancer Foundation discussed the foundation's mission to promote public awareness of the terrible pain, suffering and loss caused by pancreatic cancer so that early detection will become a widely shared priority**

**Spotlite  
May 3, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Harvey Dutil & Mary Ann Vanderjagt discussed The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events happening across Connecticut.**

**Spotlite  
May 10, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Christian Quandt President of Advanced Wheels in East Granby discussed millions of people in North America are living with restrictive mobility issues. May is National Mobility Awareness Month. The people at Advanced Wheels in East Granby are mobility advocates helping to raise awareness of the challenges of restricted mobility and the many life changing vehicle solutions available today. (Also listed under "Elderly")**

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May 31, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Cynthia Bidorini and Sue Freiburger are here to discuss Bike MS: Praxair Ride, presented by Louis Dreyfus Commodities. The National MS Society of Connecticut is working toward a world free of MS. They mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.**

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June 7, 2015  
6:30 a.m.  
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**Dialogue  
June 14, 2015  
6:30 a.m.  
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**Meg McCabe Director of Safe Kids CT discussed trauma season for kids, which is summertime here in Connecticut such as water safety, bike safety, and summer travel safety. (Also listed under "Childcare")**

**ISSUE: SOCIAL**

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April 5, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Alicia Wright Public Relations Director for the Connecticut Humane Society discussed the organization's value as a leading resource in the state for**

**companion animal welfare, enriching the lives of families and communities through adoption services, medical care, education, and prevention of cruelty. (Also listed under "Environmental")**

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**Spotlite  
May 24, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Laura Schmelter & Sue Ellen Kerr discussed The Power of the Purse event coming up at The Connecticut Convention Center June 10th to benefit The United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. (Also listed under "Education")**

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**Susan Linker from Our Companions Animal Rescue discussed the Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that helps animals in need today, while working to prevent animals from becoming homeless tomorrow.**

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**Sandy and Stevie D'Andrea from Jewels for Hope discussed the jewelry they make and how the proceeds go to benefit many Connecticut Charities.**

**Spotlite  
June 21, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Dr. Elaine Ducharme and Attorney Robert Fried from The Connecticut**

**Collaborative Divorce Group discussed how their organization resolves disputes Without going to Court and to minimizes issues of stress and financial costs and is based on a private approach to resolving divorce issues.**

**Spotlite  
June 28, 2015  
7:00 a.m.  
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**Anne Baldwin and Phil Valentine Executive Director of Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery discussed CCAR's pro recovery agenda and all the great programs they provide.**

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**ISSUE:****ELDERLY**

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**Pamela Atwood and Madelene Francese from Hebrew Health Care discussed the programs they offer and their own unique method of practice called, "GeriCentric Care," they offer seniors more choices in the ways and the places that help people manage their own aging.**

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**ISSUE:****EDUCATION**

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**Justin Whitehouse, Farm Manager of the 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm and Director of Education Kim Mock to tell us about all of the exciting new things happening at The 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm in Bloomfield. (Also listed under "Environmental")**

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**Mark Waxenberg, Executive Director of the Connecticut Education Association discussed the state's largest teacher union discussed teacher complaints about**

**student testing, emotional and learning harm to students from over-testing, CEA view of the new Education Commissioner, Dianna Wentzell.**

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**Joseph Cirasuolo, Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents discussed the cost of special education, Shrinking pool of candidates for school superintendent jobs and school boards put the education budget before the voters.**

**ISSUE: ELECTION**

**ISSUE: LEGISLATIVE**

**Dialogue  
April 19th, 2015  
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**Merrill Gay – Executive Director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance discussed their efforts to reverse proposed budget cuts to early childhood programs. (Also listed under "Political")**

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May 3, 2015  
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ISSUE: ECONOMIC

Dialogue  
April 5, 2015  
6:30 a.m.  
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Democratic State Comptroller Kevin Lembo discussed the current state budget deficit problem, the need for reform with the rainy day fund and the impact of Washington gridlock on federal aid to Connecticut. (Also listed under "Political")

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**James Albis – Democrat from East Haven, and Co-Chair of the Legislature's Environment Committee discussed the status of the environment in Connecticut and what towns can do more to keep chemicals out of waste water.**

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**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO NEW BRITAIN/HARTFORD**

**ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

**IN THE SECOND QUARTER, 2015**

**1. HEALTH/SAFETY:** Social security Administration, The National MS Society of Connecticut, mosquito trapping and testing program, Mobility Awareness Month, the outlook this season for West Nile Virus in Connecticut and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Safe Kids CT and summer safety, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, FLYY fitness & Zumba, Prayer shawls in hospitals, Body Image and weight management, the safe sleep practices bill for newborns and a bill addressing the use of seclusion and restraints on children, The Office of the Health Care Advocate, mental health system, dangerous driving , Raising awareness for Pancreatic Cancer, Affordable Care ,Access Health CT

**2. SOCIAL:** Jewels for Hope, Intersect Event to be held at the Conference of Churches, Make a Wish, Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery, The Connecticut Humane Society, Easter Holiday Celebrations, The Connecticut Collaborative Divorce Group

**3. ELDERLY:** managing aging and Geriatric care, Mobility Awareness month, Retirement strategies and becoming fiscally fit this year, Medicare, Assisted Living Technologies, Grandparents as caregivers, new retirement fund for citizens of Connecticut whose employers don't offer a 401K retirement or pension plan

**4. EDUCATION:**4 -H Education Center at Auerfarm, The United Way, Connecticut Education Association, Connecticut Education Association, Common Core Testing, Go back to Get Ahead, School Choice and Hartford Public Schools, magnet programs, Achieve Hartford, The United Way, therapeutic Arts programs for Connecticut children in the foster system, career building programs, Urban League of Greater Hartford education programs

**5. CHILDCARE:** The United Way, Make a Wish, Safe Kids CT and summer safety, safe sleep practices bill for newborns and a bill addressing the use of seclusion and restraints on children, Ana Grace Project, School Choice and Hartford Public Schools, magnet programs, therapeutic Arts programs for Connecticut children in the foster system, the importance of the Arts to the youth, Consortium for Higher Education

**6. LEGISLATIVE:** Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, the Legislature's Environment Committee ,The State budget, job growth legislation, Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, small business growth, First Five Plan, Connecticut

**education issues in government and establishing an Office of Early Childhood,**

**7. ECONOMIC: Current state budget woes, rainy day fund for Connecticut, gridlock in Federal aid, Connecticut Department of Tourism, Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association, Small business and retail awareness for The City of Hartford, Charities of Hope, creating jobs for the underemployed, job growth legislation proposals, new state budget proposal and the terms of funding for education and PILOT, Governor Malloy's push for small tax refunds. Department of Consumer Protection**

**8. POLITICAL: changes in the Legislature, Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, Affordable Care Act, Current state budget woes, rainy day fund for Connecticut, gridlock in Federal aid Current state of Congress, Quinnipiac University Poll, new state budget proposal and the terms of funding for transportation infrastructure, New casino initiatives, Medical Leave Act, Governor Malloy's Budget shortfall, fully restoring earned income credits**

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL: Trap, Neuter and Release programs, 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm, Legislature's Environment Committee, mosquito trapping and testing program, the outlook this season for West Nile Virus in Connecticut and Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

**10. ELECTION:**