

WVBR ISSUES PROGRAM LIST

Period Covered: January - March 2020

Placed in File: April 2020

Issue: COVID-19, Health and Safety				
In the wake of the international pandemic that is COVID-19, also called Coronavirus, WVBR FM has vowed				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Weekday	2/1/20	1:00 pm	15 minutes	Anti-flu Medications
Weekday	2/3/20	2:00 pm	20 minutes	Reporting on an updated health
	2/7/20-3/11/20	5:00:00 PM	10 minutes	Reports on the first two tests
Talk of the Town	3/14/20	5:15 pm	15 minutes	Health Department update about
Weekday	3/18/20	5:00 pm	20 minutes	Reporting on Gov. Cuomo's
Weekday	3/20/20	1:00 pm	20 minutes	Information about and Importance

Issue: Community/Local Development				
Where WVBR reports on important local updates surrounding local initiatives to further develop the				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	01/18/2020	5:10 pm	5 minutes	Announcing the following public
Talk of the Town	02/01/2020	5:00 pm	4 minutes	Residents to Work on 2020
Talk of the Town	02/19/2020	5:40 pm	6 minutes	Reporting on NYS plastic bag ban
Talk of the Town	03/04/2020	5:30 pm	5 minutes	Reporting on the call on Gov.
Weekday	03/21/2020	5:25 pm	10 minutes	Announcement and live coverage:

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Period Covered: April - June 2020

Placed in File: July 2020

Issue: Public Health and Safety				
The Tompkins County Health Department and other governmental offices issued public health notices for the initial positive tests for COVID-19. We relayed details about positive cases and CDC recommendations for protecting against viral transmission.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Weekday	4/2/20	12:00 pm	7 minutes	Health Advisory Update: A food service
Weekday	4/17/20	12:00 pm	7 minutes	Service Adaptation to COVID-19: Reviewed
Talk of the Town	5/30/20	5:05 pm	4 minutes	Health Tips for Traveling: Report on airport
Talk of the Town	5/30/20	5:00 pm	4 minutes	COVID-19 Newscast Updates: Reported on

Issue: Community Organizations Adapt to the Pandemic				
How have Ithaca and Tompkins County's communities adapted to social distancing, embracing virtual connections?				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Weekday	4/17/20	12:00 pm	7 minutes	Community Educational Opportunities Go
Talk of the Town	5/30/20	5:10 pm	2 minutes	Farmers Market as an Essential Business:
Talk of the Town	6/26/20	7:15 pm	10 minutes	Fundraising 5k Goes Virtual: The Cancer
Talk of the Town	6/26/20	7:10 pm	2 minutes	Ithaca Farmers Market: A new report on the

Issue: Political Mobilization in a Pandemic				
Political action and protest against racial and economic inequality took the main stage during early summer.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	5/30/20	5:00 pm	4 minutes	Beginning of the Police Brutality Protests:
Talk of the Town	6/12/20	7:00 pm	26 minutes	Interview with Dr. M Horsley: Conducted an interview with Dr. M Nicole Horsley, assistant professor of African Diaspora Studies in the Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity and affiliated faculty in women's and gender studies at Ithaca College about recent political mobilization and the use of images and media to spur change.
Talk of the Town	6/19/20	7:05 pm	12 minutes	#DoBetterCornell: Cornell University students organized petitions to compel university leadership to institute meaningful reforms to prevent racial injustices, and they campaigned across social media.
Talk of the Town	6/26/20	7:05 pm	12 minutes	Ithaca's Common Council passed a resolution to "cancel rent" for those who could not afford their monthly payments during the economic hardships imposed by COVID-19, and the resolution was a result of activism and advocacy done by the newly-formed Ithaca Tenants Union.

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Period Covered: July - September 2020

Placed in File: 10/7/2020

Issue: Antiracism Efforts on the Cornell Campus				
Producing news packages and providing timely updates on the dialogue between Cornell administration and new student organizations formed to tackle institutional racism on campus.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	7/17/2020	7:15:00 pm	2 minutes	Reported on the updates in the dialogue
Talk of the Town	7/31/2020	7:05:00 pm	10 minutes	Report on further conversations between
Black Voices on	9/18/2020	4:00:00 pm	30 minutes	Interview with campus activist Sherell Farmer
Black Voices on	9/18/2020	4:30:00 pm	30 minutes	Interview with campus activist Lotoya Francis
Black Voices on	9/25/2020	2:00:00 pm	30 minutes	Interview with ILR student Laura Holland

Issue: Schools Develop Reopening Plans				
Reports on the ever-changing plans for schools, K-12 and higher education, to reopen with measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	7/3/2020	7:05:00 pm	5 minutes	Consolidated report on the reopening plans
Talk of the Town	7/17/2020	7:05:00 pm	7 minutes	Superintendents joined the Tompkins County
Talk of the Town	7/17/2020	7:20:00 pm	2 minutes	means for Ivy League athletics and athletes—
Talk of the Town	7/24/2020	7:05:00 pm	18 minutes	Manager Joe Zesski about how schools

Issue: Socially-Distanced Fun in the Community				
Informing residents on resources, programs, and events for kids and families to engage with the community this				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	7/3/2020	7:10:00 pm	6 minutes	Compiled list of virtual educational resources
Talk of the Town	7/3/2020	7:17:00 pm	4 minutes	Interviews with some of the organizers and performers involved in the State Theatre's Virtual Summer Concert Series, hosted from the Commons in Downtown Ithaca.
Talk of the Town	8/14/2020	7:10:00 pm	11 minutes	Interviews with the organizers of live music performances on the docks at Supernatural Lake and outdoor dining on the Finger Lakes Wine Trail.

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Period Covered: October - December 2020

Placed in File: January 2021

Issue: 2020 November 3 General Election				
Interviewing most candidates on the Tompkins County ballot about community issues, reviewing the logistical changes to absentee and early voting procedures due to the pandemic, and breaking down election results.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	10/10/2020	3:20 pm	28 mins	Profiling interviews of candidates vying to
Talk of the Town	10/17/2020	3:30 pm	10 mins	Interview with NY State Senate candidate for
Talk of the Town	10/24/2020	3:10 pm	12 mins	Interview with NY State Senate candidate for
2020 Election	11/3/2020	8:00 pm	4 hours (updates)	Communicated vote tallies as they were
Talk of the Town	11/14/2020	3:40 pm	8 mins	Interviewed CNBC's Peter Schacknow about

Issue: COVID-19 Community Impacts and Vaccine Developments				
Tracking the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Tompkins County community and analyzing the journey of vaccine development and approval.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	10/24/20	3:05 pm	4 mins	Reporting on the impact of virtual learning
Talk of the Town	11/14/20	3:23 pm	5 mins	Breaking down the science behind the
Talk of the Town	11/21/20	3:04 pm	4 mins	Recommendations for covid-modifications for
Talk of the Town	12/12/20	3:25 pm	15 mins	Interview with Cornell economist Professor

Issue: Community Events Go Virtual				
Highlighting and exploring local community events and organizations as they navigate virtual programming.				
Program Name	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Talk of the Town	10/10/20	3:54 pm	5 mins	Exploring the Johnson Art Museum's virtual
Talk of the Town	10/24/20	3:57 pm	5 mins	Reporting on the Cornell University Performing Media Arts virtual events put on by undergraduate students of color.
Talk of the Town	12/5/20	3:45 pm	3 mins	Updates on the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra's 2020 Holiday Concert, which allowed a limited number of ticketed guests and was streamed virtually for those who could not attend in person.

