

Quarterly Issues & Program List

**April 1 – June 30, 2021**

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**Section I. Issues.**

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

- A. **Arts & Culture**
- B. **Business & Economy**
- C. **Disabilities**
- D. **Health & Wellness**
- E. **Older Adults**
- F. **Racial Equity**
- G. **Status of Women**

**Section II. Responsive Programs.**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

**A. Arts & Culture:**

[Grant program offers \\$16B to concert, theater and music venues hurt by COVID-19](#)

Broadcast: April 8, 2021 Duration: 1:10 The pandemic's impact has been felt particularly hard by the live music industry, but on Thursday, a grant program meant to help venue owners opened for applications

[Buffalo gamelan group receives funding, looks to grow in size](#) Broadcast: 4/9/21

Duration: 1:31 Nusantara Arts, Buffalo's first Javanese gamelan orchestra, is receiving additional funding moving forward to purchase new instruments and expand their reach.

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[Shea's plans to reopen in the fall at 100% capacity](#) Broadcast: 4/18/21 Duration: 1:21  
Shea's officials aren't detailing COVID safety guidelines inside the theater yet, as they anticipate recommendations will change. But they say the planned reopening will follow official guidelines and will only happen if it is safe to do so at 100% capacity.

[Art glass panels to be featured in new Buffalo firehouse](#) Broadcast: 5/26/21 Duration: 1:35  
When it's finished sometime next year, Engine 25 will feature a series of art glass panels depicting firefighters set against backdrops of flames and shattered windows.

[Pandemic or not, arts, education and recreation remain focus of Kenan Center](#)  
Broadcast: 6/15/21 Duration: 2:38 Expanded programs are underway despite the pandemic.

[CEPA gallery exits pandemic with goal of continuing public art projects](#) Broadcast: 6/16/21 Duration: 3:18  
The pandemic prevented CEPA Gallery from getting people into their building in downtown Buffalo over the course of 2020. As a result, CEPA shifted its focus of contemporary photography and other visual arts to public spaces.

**B: Business & Economy:**

[Supporters herald signing of HERO Act and its worker protections](#) Broadcast: 5/7/21  
Duration: 2:10 Businesses in New York will soon be required to follow minimum standards developed by the state to protect workers from the spread of airborne, infectious diseases.

['It just doesn't seem like there are enough candidates': Niagara County holds job fair](#)  
Broadcast: 6/10/21 Duration: 3:23 There were a record [9.3 million job openings](#) across the U.S. in April, the highest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking the data in 2001. The Niagara County Department of Employment and Training held a job fair Wednesday in hopes of helping local employers fill some of those openings.

[Lifting COVID restrictions opens up local economy](#) Broadcast: 6/19/21 Duration: 1:19  
The good news is that the local economy is improving and more tourists are coming to town. The bad news is there is a shortage of workers to staff hospitality businesses.

[Goodwill begins job training program to put COVID-displaced workers into new jobs](#)  
Broadcast: 6/25/21 Duration: 1:40 Goodwill of Western New York is launching an on-the-job training program looking to get locals into long lasting careers after many lost their employment from the COVID pandemic.

**C. Disabilities:**

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[How new mask rules may impact immunocompromised individuals and children with disabilities](#) Broadcast: 5/20/21 Duration: 2:00 New guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and allow vaccinated individuals to access some public spaces without masking. But many have asked: what does this mean for immunocompromised individuals and people with disabilities?

[Schumer's use of the 'r-word' shows ongoing problem with changing the narrative around disability](#) Broadcast: 6/18/21 Duration:4:31 Senator Chuck Schumer has been under fire this week after using an offensive and outdated term to describe children with disabilities when he described them as “retarded”

[The Care Crisis: 1 in 4 direct support positions vacant in New York](#) Broadcast: 6/24/21 Duration: 4:00 For the past several weeks, disability community and their allies have been expressing great concern over a major gap in workers that support the every day lives of people with disabilities.

**D. Health and Wellness:**

[Routine cancer screenings still not back up to pre-pandemic numbers](#) Broadcast: 5/3/21 Duration: 1:10 One of the casualties of COVID-19 is routine screening for potential health problems, but a late diagnosis can mean more serious progression of cancers

[Erie County sexual health clinic reopens to 'significant increase' in STDs](#) Broadcast: 5/10/21 Duration: 1:20 When Erie County was slammed by the COVID-19 pandemic just over a year ago, the county had to shut down many of its routine health operations and pivot to COVID care, but at the expense of some of the other routine services it provided to stem the tide of sexually transmitted disease.

[Health experts put more focus on 'Long COVID' and potential future health effects](#) Broadcast: 5/20/21 Duration: 4:26 Many who suffered the effects of coronavirus during the pandemic, they continue to endure health complications months later. And health experts are concerned some will face potential serious problems down the road.

[WNY connections to a newly administered HIV treatment](#) Broadcast: 5/30/21 Duration: 4:54 Earlier this month, a downtown Buffalo clinic began administering a treatment for Human Immunodeficiency Virus that replaces a daily diet of pill

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[COVID quadruples the number of mental health clients in Niagara Region, many children](#) Broadcast: 6/4/21 Duration 4:15 As students limp to the finish line of this school year, many are believed to be mentally beaten down by loneliness, lack of knowledge and problems trying to learn online, potentially in a home where there are siblings in the same fix.

[Jay Moran with Dr. Nancy Nielsen MD](#). 12 weekly segments of at least 5 minutes each this quarter discussing the latest news on COVID, with a former president of the American Medical Association.

**E. Older Adults:**

[‘Not an industry that people should profit from’: A look at NY’s proposed nursing home profit cap](#) Broadcast: 4/1/21 Duration: 4:52 Nursing home finances have come under scrutiny during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now the New York State Legislature is considering a measure to limit how much nursing homes can profit, which proponents say will mean better care for residents and opponents say will just harm the industry.

[Cuomo defends blocking Health Department from releasing nursing home deaths](#) Broadcast: 4/29/21 Duration: 1:56 Gov. Andrew Cuomo defended his handling of nursing home data while speaking in Buffalo Thursday, as more details emerged about his alleged cover-up of the true death toll.

[Nursing homes say safe staffing bill will hurt them. Resident advocates say it didn’t go far enough](#) 5/13/21 Duration: 4:17 The safe staffing bill was championed for years by the New York State Nurses Association and 1199SEIU, and passed with fanfare last week by the state Senate and Assembly. But some of the more subdued reactions are coming from oft-opposed nursing home operators and resident advocates.

**F. Racial Equity:**

[Statewide panel looks equity in cannabis business](#) Broadcast: 5/14/21 Duration: 1:18 Plans for legalization of marijuana include giving half of all cannabis licenses to social equity applicants. This would include minority and women business owners, veterans, farmers and people from communities negatively impacted by mass incarcerations due to the War on Drugs.

[Vaccinations in Buffalo's Black & Latino Communities](#) Broadcast: 5/4/21 Duration: 3:00 Black Americans have been hard hit by COVID-19, but polls say many are also hesitant to get a COVID vaccine shot. What problems are the front-line health care workers

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around Buffalo experiencing? What have they learned about health disparities among Buffalo's Black & Latino populations.

[Taking a look back at last year's summer of unrest](#) Broadcast: 5/28/21 Duration: 5:26  
The killing of Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others sparked protests in Western New York, starting with a May 30 gathering in Niagara Square which saw protestors clashing with Buffalo Police Officers and damage done to local businesses. Capturing the movement was an integral part of summer, whether it was a march towards Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown's residence, or covering events in Rochester after the release of the video of Daniel Prude's death.

**G: Women:**

[The 'revolving door' of foster care spins slower in a pandemic](#) Broadcast: 4/7/21  
Duration: 4:52 Each day in Erie County, the math doesn't add up for [its foster care system](#). There are some 900 children in foster care, but only about 150 certified foster parents and 140 adoptions each year. Now add a pandemic, and the answer to finding forever homes for these kids becomes even more difficult.

[Protecting the planet, one Mom at a time](#) Broadcast: 5/7/21 Duration: 4:39  
Moms are expected to know everything, aren't they? Everything from "Why is the sky blue?" to "What in the world is that?" It's easy to feel overwhelmed, even without a pandemic raging on. This Mother's Day, a new group can come to the rescue with answers to some of life's toughest questions.

[Cuomo fuels new controversy, redefining sexual harassment in remarks](#) Broadcast: 5/14/21  
Duration: 1:29 Gov. Andrew Cuomo fueled new controversy Thursday over sexual harassment allegations against him when he sought to redefine the definition of sexual harassment in state law during a question-and-answer session with reporters in the Bronx. "Harassment is not making someone feel uncomfortable," he said. "That is not harassment. If I just made you feel uncomfortable, that is not harassment. That's you feeling uncomfortable."

[Women deacons in the Catholic Church are closer to reality than ever before](#)  
Broadcast: 5/23/21 Duration: 5:02 Women deacons in the Catholic Church appear closer than ever, after a number of decisions this year by Pope Francis giving women a greater role in the faith. The change would mean a huge step forward for gender equality in the largest religious denomination.