



Quarterly Significant Issues Report

Period 4: October 1 - December 31, 2022

Compiled by John Voket - Director of Public Affairs - Connoisseur Media (CT)

This quarterly significant issues report reflects concerns facing our local communities, and details how our radio station is responding through weekly public affairs programming, news reports, PSAs and streaming content. Our award-winning public affairs program - *For The People* - is produced in-house by Public Affairs Director John Voket, and features multiple extended segments along with hyperlocal PSAs.

The producer regularly interacts with residents, representatives of local, regional and national organizations, as well as political and community leaders to help ascertain issues and initiatives relevant to listeners. These sources help qualify programming decisions and identify guests attempting to analyze, explain and/or address these concerns. The producer also monitors daily news reports to stay informed, and to respond quickly when incidents or issues require more detailed or expanded focus.

This quarter, our programs included reporting on: the Domestic Violence Crisis Center - CT American Legion Foundation - Greater Bridgeport Symphony - The Center for Empowerment and Education - Dr. Charlie Yarish Talking Seaweed - Waterbury Bridge to Success - CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence - CT Women's Hall of Fame - New Haven Promise - CT Paid Leave DV Support - McCall Behavioral Health Network - The Kennedy Collective - Newtown Police & Emergency Communications Director - CT Electric Car Charging Systems - CT Cancer Foundation - Water Quality & Forever Chemicals - Goodwill of Western & Northern CT - CT Children's Gun Violence Prevention - Natural Resources Conservation Service - Immigration Help - End Hunger CT (encore) - Valley Community Foundation - CAES Food Toxins Report - Continuum of Care / COMPASS - VCF Index Pt. 2 / TEAM Inc. - Aware Recovery Care - CT Office of the Arts / Arts Hero Awards - Connecticut Health Foundation - Connex Credit Union - Assisted Living Services - Unpacking Healthcare Cost Drivers - CT Main Street Center

Our program occasionally features a series or "special report" - extended focus on a particular theme, or multi-faceted coverage on more broad or complicated issues. These specials and series have focused on Connecticut's organic farms, farmers and gardeners; stigmas facing individuals with disabilities or mental health issues; environmental preservation and conservation; events like the Beardsley Zoo's 100th Anniversary, Wilton's Go Green Zero Waste Faire, NOFA's annual OrganiCONN, and the International Festival of Arts & Ideas; how state government and leadership are affecting listeners' economic quality of life; workforce development; as well as highlighting initiatives impacting food equity, and the latest social / racial justice issues affecting our communities.

'For the People' airs Sunday mornings at the times noted in the grid below, and each program is available after broadcast as a podcast on each station's website and on multiple podcast networks. Two to three local PSAs are aired during each program promoting numerous causes, agencies, charities or programs serving our listeners.

This quarter, our PSA notifications informed listeners about: Ridgebury Riders Farm Fete - Red Cross Hurricane Preparedness & Call for Disaster Volunteers - Barnum Museum' lantern stroll - National Disability Employment Awareness Month Job Fair - HCC Foundation Advanced Manufacturing Tech Prog. 10th Anniv. fundraiser - Bridgeport Hospital is the location of free hernia screenings - Green Village Initiative Is Hiring - Connecticut Conference on Climate Change & Insurance - NFPA Halloween Safety Advisory - 3rd Annual Veterans Kick-a-Thon benefiting Homes for the Brave - Eversource/UI's 'ChooseEV' resource platform - AccessHealthCT Open Enrollment - Wheeler Foster Care & Adoptions Program - The Housatonic Valley Association's Auction for the Environment - Bye-Bye Mattress recycling - Connecticut Community College Tuition Match Scholarship Program - Westport farmers Market Artist Showcase - NAMI Fairfield Speaker Series - CT Cancer Foundation Celebrity Dinner - Griffin Health's Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) - Red Cross Decorating Safety

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STAR 99.9 traffic reports are **Mon. - Fri. 4x an hour 5am - 9am; and 2x an hour 3pm - 7pm**

STAR 99.9 weather reports are **Mon. - Fri. 4x an hour 5am - 9am; and 1x per hour 10am - 7pm**

Reports of significant news, traffic, and/or weather events are made at other times when deemed appropriate by management or on-air staff.

In 2022, For The People continues focusing on critical community issues related to:

- **Aging / Veterans (A/V)** - Highlighting people, programs, local, state, or regional agencies, and/or legislation - and how they respond to critical issues involving Connecticut veterans and/or our maturing population.
- **Environment / Agriculture (Ev/Ag)** - focusing on issues, local agencies and/or initiatives that may impact, protect, preserve, and/or enhance the environment and Connecticut's agricultural sustainability.
- **Government / Volunteerism (G/V)** - promoting governmental or political issues or political leaders - and 'boutique' or hyper-local causes partnering with - or requesting station and/or staff assistance - because they recognize our broadcast platform's value, and the responsiveness we inspire throughout our listening area.
- **Health / Safety (H/S)** - highlighting issues, agencies, and activities specifically related to health and/or safety.
- **Social/Racial Justice (SRJ)** - agencies and/or individuals educating, engaging, or promoting Social and/or Racial Justice issues or programs.
- **Workforce / Consumer / Tourism (W/C/T)** - reporting on initiatives, agencies, or programs dealing with local, state, national and/or global economic situations affecting Connecticut and/or the communities we serve; economic and workforce development; and/or programs directed to consumer education/protection; along with focusing on events or activities related to the state's tourism industry.
- **Youth / Education (Y/Ed)** - responding to education-related issues and/or concerns facing those under age 21 across Connecticut and our listening area.

Each 'For the People' segment report designates its related area(s) of coverage; approx. length and time of airing. As public affairs director, I make every effort to ensure each significant issue is addressed during at least one program each quarter. The extended nature of our program presents opportunities to include more than one significant issue or area of coverage to be addressed in a particular segment, series, 'Special Report,' or entire program. And since 'For the People' is syndicated regionally and webcasts / podcasts globally, subject matter may contain content of national, regional and/or state-wide interest as well as community-specific impact.

Everyone at Connoisseur Media is proud of the efforts and energy our staff contributes through company initiatives and individually in their own communities. We invite you to review our public affairs coverage below as evidence of our broadcast commitment to those communities and listeners across the State of Connecticut.

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Issue Related To	Guest / Cause	Responding to Community, Regional or Statewide Issue	Airdate, Time & Duration
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Domestic Violence Awareness Month series: Domestic Violence Crisis Center	<i>Is someone abusing you or somebody you love with gaslighting or their financial capabilities?</i> October is here - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - so For the People launched a weekly series to help remind victims about all the support available 24/7 to help you get your life back and stay safe. This segment highlighted the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC), providing regional support, community outreach and in-school programming. IN this segment our guest was focusing on the escalating incidents of gaslighting and financial abuse.	10-02-22 7:02 am 15m
A/V G/V Y/Ed	CT American Legion Foundation	<i>Could current situations and political discourse be discouraging our kids from civic and government service?</i> This segment welcomed two very dedicated representatives instrumental in forming the brand new Connecticut American Legion Foundation - which was already working sustaining and expanding American Legion initiatives aimed at engaging the next generation of state and local civic leaders. We discussed several program involving students from K-12 and young adults, and several awareness and fundraising initiatives the foundation was promoting.	10-02-22 7:17 am 20m
SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	Greater Bridgeport Symphony	<i>Have you heard about the unique way one local symphony is selecting its new conductor?</i> This week's For the People closed on a musical note with the director of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony, which was just beginning the process of choosing a new conductor while continuing to bring the beauty of symphonic music to audiences including thousands in local schools, and promoting music education and instrument donations for financially challenged families with children inspired to take up music lessons.	10-02-22 7:39 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Domestic Violence Awareness Month series: The Center	<i>Do you know someone who is being battered emotionally or abused financially by their spouse or intimate partner?</i> We continued our Domestic Violence Awareness Month series with The Center for Empowerment and Education - the regional domestic and sexual violence agency serving upper Fairfield and lower Litchfield counties. We discussed this year's #Every1KnowsSome1 theme, and heard about The Center's events and workshops to help spread awareness in the communities and schools the agency serves.	10-09-22 7:02 am 15m
Ev/Ag H/S W/C/T Y/Ed	Dr. Charlie Yarish	<i>What do you really know about the many incredible benefits of seaweed?</i> For the People spend an educational 20 minutes talking seaweed with the grandfather of the U.S. commercial seaweed industry. Dr. Charlie Yarish returned to our show to open eyes, and maybe make listeners hungry to learn more about how seaweed can help solve an amazing number of environmental, economic, health and food shortage challenges.	10-09-22 7:17 am 20m
H/S SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	Waterbury Bridge to Success	<i>How is Waterbury turning the tide on juvenile crime and lagging interest in careers and community leadership among its young residents?</i> Our guest helped listeners understand how Waterbury's Bridge to Success (BTS) program is uniting nearly 100 community and civic leaders, educators and organizations empowering Waterbury's youth to be successful in school, career, and life. We also helped previewing their upcoming partners workshop tour - putting the spotlight on access to resources, advocacy and leadership opportunities.	10-09-22 7:39 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Domestic Violence Awareness Month series:	<i>Do you know someone who is being battered emotionally or abused financially by their spouse or intimate partner?</i> We continued our month-long Domestic Violence Awareness Month series with the CEO of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) - the state's	10-16-22 7:02 am 15m

	CCADV	leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those organizations that serve them. We discussed the vital role law enforcement officers play in domestic violence response and helped promote the coalition's new CTSafeConnect resource.	
SRJ Y/Ed	CT Women's Hall of Fame	<i>How can young women, especially those in sports, get inspired to lead and persevere through the challenges they may be facing?</i> On October 20, four exceptional women were honored at the 29th Annual Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony and Celebration, which we partnered in promoting. We learned this year's program, "Women in Sports," honored Suzy Whaley, Jennifer Rizzotti, Lhakpa Sherpa and Cora Lee Bentley Radcliffe (posthumously) for not only their personal success in their sport(s) but recognized the impact they have had in the industry and as role models for women of all ages. We also heard about how the HOF supports and educates women year round.	10-16-22 7:17 am 20m
G/V SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	New Haven Promise	<i>Where can young people get the inspiration and support to complete their education and return to become leaders in their community?</i> We closed this show introducing New Haven Promise - a nonprofit helping build a culture in the public schools in which students aspire to attend and graduate from college; providing financial incentives and support for students; and facilitating their return to live, work and serve in the greater New Haven community.	10-16-22 7:39 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Domestic Violence Awareness Month series: CT Paid Leave	<i>Did you know you might qualify for paid leave from work if you are being battered by your spouse or intimate partner?</i> CT Paid Leave provides income replacement benefits for workers when they need to take time off for specific health and family reasons, such as their own serious health condition or to care for a family member experiencing a serious health condition. But in this next segment of our series during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we talked to CT Paid Leave's CEO about benefits that may be available for DV victims and their immediate caregivers.	10-23-22 7:02 am 15m
A/V H/S Y/Ed	McCall Behavioral Health Network	<i>What's happening to help meet the growing demand for behavioral and mental health services?</i> This segment helped welcome a brand new health system now serving much of western Connecticut with mental health and behavioral crisis and other related issues. Our conversation with the new boss at McCall Behavioral Health Network revealed how the agency is providing education and support for the community, parents, and children, a continuum of care from intensive residential treatment to flexible outpatient programs, and is serving the region's most vulnerable.	10-23-22 7:17 am 20m
A/V H/S W/C/T	The Kennedy Collective	<i>You might already know all about them - have you heard about the recent changes involving The Kennedy Collective?</i> This segment helped one of For the People's longest-tenured radio partners The Kennedy Center share its rebranding - to a human services, healthcare, and workforce development agency now known as The Kennedy Collective. We welcomed the agency's leader to get the backstory leading up to this historic name change, and to learn what's in store for current and future Kennedy Collective clients, staff, and supporters in the future.	10-23-22 7:39 am 15m
A/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	Domestic Violence Awareness Month series: Newtown PD & ECD	<i>If you're being victimized by, or witness, domestic abuse, what's going to happen when you call 911?</i> We wrapped up our October Domestic Violence Awareness Month series with a couple of front line responders when a domestic violence victim or witness reaches out for help. We visited the Newtown Emergency Communications Center and Police Department to speak with an emergency telecommunications leader, as well as a police sergeant heading up Newtown's new community policing division to explain what happens in those moments after a 9-1-1 call for help comes in.	10-30-22 7:02 am 25m
Ev/Ag W/C/T	CT Electric Car Charging Systems	<i>Have you been wondering if it's the right time for an electric vehicle?</i> We headed up to CT Electric Car Charging Systems in Newington to help celebrate the company's 10th anniversary which helped install the state's first few electric	10-30-22 7:31 am 25m

		vehicle charging stations. We learned how CT ECCS was on track to hook up hundreds more in the coming years bringing more economic and environmental benefits to communities across the state as we chatted with the company owner as well as a number of key state and federal officials in attendance.	
G/V H/S	CT Cancer Foundation	<i>Do you know where to get help paying some of your bills if you're struggling with cancer?</i> We introduced listeners to a premier statewide cancer cause, the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. This nonprofit had, to date, supported over 8,000 families struggling with the disease while devoting millions to cancer research. We heard about and promoted their No Shave CT activities and got a preview of what to expect at the foundation's celebrity-studded gala.	11-06-22 7:02 am 15m
Ev/Ag H/S SRJ W/C/T	Water Quality & Forever Chemicals	<i>How widespread are forever chemicals in the water we drink?</i> As Connecticut continues to examine the effects and curtails the use of certain harmful industrial chemicals, we brought in an environmental engineer from H2M architects + engineers about the water we consume in our households and communities, and about the increasing risks of dangerous contaminants that could impact personal and public health in the communities we serve.	11-06-22 7:17 am 20m
A/V G/V H/S SRJ W/C/T	Goodwill of Western and Northern CT	<i>Who is stepping up to help support veterans at risk of losing their homes?</i> Our friends from Goodwill of Western and Northern CT dropped in to explain the work the agency is doing locating and recruiting veterans facing homelessness in order to help them find stable places to live, jobs, and a number of other services. We also helped listeners learn how to support local service members at Goodwill's November 18 Stand Up for Veterans event.	11-06-22 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ Y/Ed	CT Children's	<i>What are the best steps any gun owner can take to keep a kid from getting hold of your firearm?</i> With 35,000 deaths in the U.S. so far this year from gun violence, For the People decided to bring in a long-time gun owner and trauma surgeon for CT Children's for a cool, calm, and politics-free conversation about how the state can start trending down so many of these escalating horrific losses involving children.	11-13-22 7:02 am 15m
Ev/Ag G/V	Natural Resources Conservation Service	<i>How much property do you have to own to access technical and financial land management assistance?</i> For the People circled back with the Connecticut bureau of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to unpack the latest programs offering financial and technical assistance to farmers and private landowners through their brand new website.	11-13-22 7:17 am 20m
G/V H/S SRJ	Immigration Help	<i>Are you - or is someone you know someone - stuck on 'pause' right now with your DACA application?</i> With the recent 5th Circuit ruling stalling new DACA applicants, this segment aimed to provide information to listeners about the issue, while reaching out to the 1 million-plus undocumented Dreamers living without legal status, For the People reconnected with Immigration Help to find out how that nonprofit might be of assistance to those stuck in or blocked from the process.	11-13-22 7:39 am 15m
G/V H/S SRJ Y/Ed	End Hunger CT	<i>Do you know what your kids and grandkids are really eating in their school meals?</i> For the People replayed this chat with End Hunger Connecticut, which had just convened a round table of policy makers and experts discussing the future of the state's summer meals program, and reminding listeners what kids are eating in cafeterias all over the state this school year, and how food services are challenged to provide the healthiest possible alternatives.	11-20-22 7:02 am 15m
A/V G/V H/S SRJ W/C/T	Series: Unpacking the Valley Community Foundation	<i>What are the biggest quality of life worries in the lower Naugatuck Valley</i> For the People launched this final series of 2022 focusing on the lower Naugatuck Valley and factors affecting its residents' health, economies, and overall quality of life. We started the conversation with the Valley Community Foundation - unpacking key details in their latest Community Index, and explaining some of the biggest	11-20-22 7:17 am 20m

Y/Ed	Index Pt. 1	concerns the foundation' partners will be tackling in the near future.	
Ev/Ag H/S	CAES - Toxins In Our Food	<i>How many toxins are you eating in your daily diet - and how can we get them out of there?</i> The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and The Stockbridge School of Agriculture, UMass Amherst had just released an important report on toxins in our food, and For the People brought in one of the principal authors to learn how toxins get there, and what we can begin doing about it. Our guest discussed how agricultural and environmental processes as well as food production and packaging are playing such a huge role in the problem, as well as contributing to the challenges government agencies face in reducing and eliminating these toxins.	11-20-22 7:39 am 15m
H/S SRJ	Continuum of Care / COMPASS	<i>Have you heard about New Haven's new mental health emergency crisis intervention team?</i> We helped introduce the innovative new team serving New Haven from Continuum of Care. The agency's recently launched COMPASS program is training and equipping teams of social workers and peer support specialists to respond to crisis interventions and mental health emergencies that might otherwise involve police and/or tax local ambulance and EMS resources.	12-04-22 7:02 am 20m
H/S SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	Series: Unpacking the Valley Community Foundation Index Pt. 2	<i>How bad is the early childhood care and housing situation in the lower Naugatuck Valley?</i> We continued our series drilling into the latest Valley Community Index - a collaborative project involving the Valley Community Foundation, Griffin Hospital, the Naugatuck Valley Health District and DataHaven - by bringing in the CEO of Team Incorporated to discuss challenges involving early childhood care and housing in the lower Naugatuck Valley, and how the agency and its partners were beginning to address the woeful shortfall in early childhood care and affordable housing opportunities.	12-04-22 7:17 am 20m
H/S	Encore: Aware Recovery Care	<i>How can loved ones supporting recovery convert from being caregivers to being an active part of the recovery team?</i> We replayed a recent chat with Aware Recovery Care to remind listeners about their unique, successful in-home recovery program along with helping reinforce the critical roles played by loved ones as part of the recovery team - and not just as the ones shouldering the entire challenge.	12-04-22 7:39 am 15m
G/V SRJ W/C/T Y/Ed	CT Office of the Arts 2022 Arts Heroes	<i>Are you ready to celebrate Connecticut's latest Arts Heroes?</i> Our guest from Connecticut's Office of the Arts picked up the conversation we started over the summer introducing the nomination process as this state agency prepared to celebrate the 2022 Connecticut Arts Hero finalists. We helped announce and promote this year's Arts Heroes, and let listeners in on how to be part of the celebration.	12-11-22 7:02 am 15m
G/V H/S SRJ	CT Health Foundation	<i>Can Connecticut improve healthcare delivery for everybody by just properly documenting patients' race, ethnicity, and language?</i> This segment with the President and CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation focused on addressing the importance of accurately documenting race, ethnicity, and language when developing and delivering appropriate and optimal health care to everyone across the state.	12-11-22 7:17 am 20m
W/C/T Y/Ed	Encore: Connex Nonprofit Credit Union	<i>Does your child or college student have any idea about managing money?</i> We replayed a recent chat about financial literacy, community outreach, and financial management with Connex nonprofit Credit Union. We learned ways young people, college students and adults can manage their money and credit more effectively - along with departing a few tips that might save children and college students from getting into financial rough waters.	12-11-22 7:39 am 15m

A/V H/S Y/Ed	Assisted Living Services	<p><i>Will you be visiting with aging loved ones this holiday season?</i></p> <p>Our expert from Assisted Living Services spoke to children and caregivers covering the most important things they needed to look for and know during holiday visits with someone they know who might be in failing health, suffering from depression, or may just need some experienced guidance as they age in place.</p>	12-18-22 7:02 am 15m
G/V H/S SRJ W/C/T	CT Healthcare Advocate & Insurance Dept.	<p><i>Did your health insurance renewal cost increase significantly for 2023?</i></p> <p>Those many listeners shocked by the rising cost of their healthcare coverage heard directly from a commissioner with the CT Insurance Dept. along with the state's Healthcare Advocate to help them better understand some of the major drivers behind those escalating insurance expenses.</p>	12-18-22 7:17 am 20m
G/V W/C/T	Connecticut Main Street Center	<p><i>Have you heard about the agency looking to make your hometown's Main Street vibrant again?</i></p> <p>The new director at Connecticut Main Street Center dropped in to help listeners better understand how the agency is providing education, training, resources and technical assistance, while functioning as the statewide champion for downtowns and Main Streets of all sizes.</p>	12-18-22 7:39 am 15m