

## Issues and Programs List

Quarterly Issues and Program List for Station WBSM-AM  
July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

### **Section I Issues.**

The News /Talk Station WBSM has identified the following issues as significant facing our community this quarter:

**Food Insecurity/Hunger:** The pandemic has increased a need that was already too high in the area according to United Way of Greater New Bedford. Food insecurity has multiplied for those who have experienced the loss of a job or a reduction in work hours.

**Housing:** According to United Interfaith Action, nearly half of New Bedford households are "cost burdened," spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.

**Art and Culture:** The SouthCoast seeks enrichment. Local groups are bringing exhibits and other activities to residents to experience together.

**Politics:** Local and national governments have seen many changes and impactful events.

**Education:** Changes have been made to the local college campus, closing a heritage art school building in Downtown New Bedford.

**Policing:** New Bedford Police Union and City Agree to new contract

### **Section II. Responsive Programs on WBSM**

"In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, Station WBSM broadcasts programming responsive to issues of concern to the Greater New Bedford area and the surrounding service area. The following are programs to address those issues."

Program Date: Sunday, July 2, 2023

Time / Length: 6 - 6:20 am

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Massachusetts Design Art Technology Institute (DATMA) Executive Director, Lindsay Miś

Topic and Brief Description: **Art and Culture, Education.** Miś discussed DATMA's agenda for 2023. The work of three out-of-town artists will headline this year's program, working with residents and school groups to be involved in the creation process. Additional programs are planned throughout the summer, including an outdoor concert on September 14 by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

Program Date: Sunday, July 2, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 - 6:40 am

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Sue Hering and Kate Brown of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club  
Topic and Brief Description: **Education, Fundraising.** Hering and Brown discussed the upcoming "Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Annual Taste of the Town" event. With eleven local restaurants participating, there will be a wide variety of dishes on the menu. All proceeds will benefit the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. The club is awarding three scholarships this year; recipients will include a pair of local students and an adult seeking to return to school to further their education.

Program Date: Sunday, July 2, 2023

Time / Length: 6:40 - 7 am

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Former New Bedford Mayor, John Bullard

Topic and Brief Description: **Art and Culture, Local Politics.** Bullard discussed his new book, "Hometown" and his career in public life.

Program Date: July 7, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 30 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 1 Councilor Brad Markey

Topic And Brief Description: **Public Services.** Morad and Markey discussed the City's new trash contract and other issues.

Program Date: Sunday, July 9, 2023

Time / Length: 6 - 6:20 am

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, Hetty Green character actress in New Bedford

Topic and Brief Description: **Education, Art and Culture.** Duprey-Gutierrez discussed the return of Hetty Green to the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. The infamous "Witch of Wall Street," is part of New Bedford's history when whaling made the city one of the wealthiest in the world. Duprey-Gutierrez gave details about the performances and her admiration for the famed spinster.

Program Date: July 9, 2023

Time / Length: 6:25 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Ray Paul Biron, Theresa Street Group

Topic and Brief Description: **Community Support.** Biron talked about the work of Theresa Street, a non-profit organization that began with a wiffle ball tournament in Dartmouth and now is dedicated to raising money, awareness, and mutual aid for organizations doing meaningful and measurable work on the SouthCoast.

Program Date: July 9, 2023

Time / Length: 6:40 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Dartmouth Cultural Center President Pauline Santos and Vice President Enid Silva

Topic and Brief Description: **Arts and Culture.** Dartmouth Cultural Center President Pauline Santos and Vice President Enid Silva discuss the next two months' worth of events at the center, as well as the \$160,000 grant received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to upgrade the center's building.

Program Date: July 10, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Elections.** New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane discusses the upcoming election in New Bedford, including the potential for a ballot question regarding term limits for city councilors and whether or not Mayor Jon Mitchell will run again.

Program Date: July 16, 2023

Time / Length: 6:40 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Seaport Art Walk founder Jessica Bregoli and artist Eric Lintala

Topic and Brief Description: **Arts and Culture.** Bregoli and Lintala discuss the 10th anniversary of the Art Walk and its place in public art, including the return of Seagull Cinderella to New Bedford.

Program Date: July 18, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: 50s Night organizers Scott Pemberton and Dawn Mahler

Topic and Brief Description: **Recreation.** Scott Pemberton and Dawn Mahler about the upcoming Joe Jesus' 50s Night in downtown New Bedford.

Program Date: July 21, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 30 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 6 Councilor Ryan Pereira

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Services, Policing.** Morad and Pereira discussed the new police contract, easements and more.

Program Date: July 23, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Traci Welch of M.O. L.I.F.E. and Jessica Fidalgo of the Fairhaven Belonging Committee.

Topic and Brief Description: **Inclusion, Disabilities**. Welch and Fidalgo discussed the DisABILITY Pride Day coming up on July 30 at the Fairhaven Council on Aging and the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Program Date: July 23, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Paul Mendonca

Topic and Brief Description: **Fundraising**. Mendonca discussed a hockey tournament he is putting on in Cranston, Rhode Island to benefit his daughter Maggie, who is afflicted with two very rare forms of epilepsy.

Program Date: July 24, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Civics, Crime, Safety**. Jack Spillane discussed the proposed nip bottle ban in New Bedford, the upcoming mayoral election, and the investigation into the shooting of a police detective.

Program Date: July 26, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 20 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: John "Buddy" Andrade, Old Bedford Village

Topic and Brief Description: **Economics**. Andrade talked about some upcoming seminars to help residents find careers in the new offshore wind industry.

Program Date: July 28, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 30 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad and Councilor at Large Shane Burgo

Topic and Brief Description: **Education**. Morad and Burgo discussed the proposed site for a new combined DeValles-Congdon school.

Program Date: July 30, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Artist Keith Francis and Adelsa Mendes of MassDevelopment

Topic and Brief Description: **Arts and Culture**. Francis and Mendes discussed "Love Locks," the latest example of public art in New Bedford, and the work being done to boost business along Acushnet Avenue.

Program Date: August 1, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane  
Topic and Brief Description: **CIVICS**. Jack Spillane discussed the failure of the citizen effort to get term limits for city councilors.

Program Date: August 2, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police Capt. Derek Belong and Lt. Scott Carola  
Topic and Brief Description: **Public Safety**. Belong and Carola discussed the new security measures for the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

Program Date: August 4, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police City Council President Linda Morad and Councilor at Large Naomi Carney  
Topic and Brief Description: **Civics**. Morad and Carney discussed the potential of a charter review commission.

Program Date: August 6, 2023  
Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Wayne Oliveira  
Topic and Brief Description: **Local History**. History buff Wayne Oliveira discussed the upcoming Night of History at Fort Phoenix, focusing on the Fairhaven fort's role in both the American Revolution and the Civil War.

Program Date: August 6, 2023  
Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Executive Director Laura Orleans  
Topic and Brief Description: **Local History**. Orleans talked about the center's exhibit on sea monsters and its slate of programming for August and September.

Program Date: August 7, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **CIVICS**. Spillane discussed his investigation into what happened with the failed ballot question for city councilor term limits in New Bedford.

Program Date: August 11, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 3 Councilor Shawn Oliver

Topic and Brief Description: **CIVICS**. Morad and Oliver discussed the upcoming smoke tests for the city's sewer lines, the proposed charter review commission and more.

Program Date: August 13, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: John "Buddy" Andrade, Old Bedford Village Development Corp.

Topic and Brief Description: **Economic Opportunities**. Andrade discussed an upcoming forum in Wareham that will inform people of the job opportunities in the new offshore wind industry.

Program Date: August 13, 2023

Time / Length: 6:45 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Coastal Foodshed Co-Founder and Executive Director Stephanie Perks and Program Manager Maisy McVicar

Topic and Brief Description: **Food Economy**. Perks and McVicar discuss Coastal Foodshed's work to strengthen the local food economy by supporting small farms and making it easier for people to purchase local food.

Program Date: August 13, 2023

Time / Length: 6:30 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Civics, Local Government**. Spillane looks at the 2023 New Bedford municipal election.

Program Date: August 14 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Safety, Politics**. Spillane discussed the upcoming city council races and the Jensen Hughes report on the New Bedford Police Department.

Program Date: August 18, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police City Council President Linda Morad and Councilor at Large Brian Gomes

Topic and Brief Description: **Pollution**. Morad and Gomes discussed the council's request that the licensing board reverse its ban on nip bottle sales in the city.

Program Date: August 20, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Wes and Kelly Faulkner

Topic and Brief Description: **Fundraising For Veterans**. Wes and Kelly Faulkner discuss an upcoming fundraiser at the Black Bass Grille in Dartmouth to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project, helping disabled veterans.

Program Date: August 20, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Joel Baptiste

Topic and Brief Description: **Mental Health**. Joel Baptiste of the Tyler Joseph Leonard Memorial Foundation discusses his nephew's life, his tragic suicide, and how the foundation raises money to help with mental health awareness in the local area.

Program Date: August 21, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Education**. Spillane discussed UMass Dartmouth moving out of the Star Store campus, and who the real villain is in the situation.

Program Date: August 27, 2023

Time / Length: 6 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Victoria Grasela, the United Way's Vice President of Marketing and Community Engagement,

Topic and Brief Description: **Volunteerism, Fundraising**. The United Way of Greater New Bedford kicks off its 2023 campaign with its "Live United Week" in September. It's a week of fundraising, fun activities and community service. Live United Week includes dress-down days at local businesses, dining at local restaurants that pledge contributions to the United Way, and Day of Caring - during which volunteers spend time painting, landscaping or cleaning at nonprofits in the community.

Program Date: August 28, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Spillane discussed his reporting on what went wrong with Star Store and how UMass Dartmouth art students will cope with the loss

Program Date: September 1, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 2 Councilor Maria Giesta

Topic and Brief Description: **Civics**. Morad and Giesta discussed Mayor Jon Mitchell's veto of a proposed combination of the City Council and Clerk of Committees offices.

Program Date: September 8, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Police City Council President Linda Morad and Councilor at Large Shane Burgo

Topic and Brief Description: **Housing**. Morad and Burgo discussed the upcoming housing forum that the city council is holding and more.

Program Date: September 10, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Cheryl Bartlett, CEO of the New Bedford Community Health Center

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Health**. Bartlett discussed the latest surge of COVID-19 cases and how it differs from the virus of the past.

Program Date: September 10, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Nanci Winterhalter

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Health**. Certified yoga instructor Nanci Winterhalter discusses an upcoming Posture Workshop that will benefit Our Sisters' School in Dartmouth.

Program Date: September 10, 2023

Time / Length: 6:45 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Pauline Santos, President of the Dartmouth Cultural Center

Topic and Brief Description: **Arts and Culture**. Santos discussed the center's fifth annual Wet Paint Day on Sept. 23, a day to celebrate artists and their art.

Program Date: September 11, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane



Topic and Brief Description: **Education.** Spillane discussed the latest developments with UMass Dartmouth moving out of the Star Store in downtown New Bedford.

Program Date: September 11, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 1 Councilor Brad Markey

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Safety.** Morad and Markey discussed the departure of police officers from New Bedford, Parallel Products and more.

Program Date: September 17, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Kelly Isenor, Regional Director of External Communications for the Red Cross

Topic and Brief Description: **Public Health and Disaster Relief.** Kelly Isenor discussed the organization's response to recent flooding in Massachusetts as well as a nationwide blood shortage.

Program Date: September 17, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Jason Olivera and Bonnie Gregorio, Scouting BSA

Topic and Brief Description: **Youth Activities.** Jason Olivera and Gregorio provide a rundown of the upcoming Scouting BSA recruiting event and their own experiences with scouting.

Program Date: September 19, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Education.** Spillane discussed his latest piece on his investigation into what went wrong with UMass Dartmouth's Star Store campus.

Program Date: September 22, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad and Ward 2 Councilor Maria Giesta

Topic and Brief Description: **Housing.** Morad and Giesta discussed the council's hearing for a proposed sober home in the West End, and why the forum on affordable housing had to be postponed.

Program Date: September 24, 2023

Time / Length: 6:00 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Katie Greene, One SouthCoast Chamber

Topic and Brief Description: **Community Event.** Greene discussed what to expect from the 18th annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport ChowderFest.

Program Date: September 24, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Michael Benevides

Topic and Brief Description: **Art and Culture.** Fall River Fabric Arts Festival founder Michael Benevides discussed the decision this year to expand the festival with a more regional approach.

Program Date: September 24, 2023

Time / Length: 6:45 a.m., 15 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Local politics.** Spillane updated the ongoing saga of UMass Dartmouth pulling out of the Star Store building in downtown New Bedford, and also discusses the proposed sober house in the city's West End.

Program Date: September 25, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 60 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Light columnist Jack Spillane

Topic and Brief Description: **Arts and Culture.** Spillane shared the latest on the Star Store saga and the Zeiterion PAC's proposed 99-year lease.