

## Issues and Programs List

Quarterly Issues and Program List for Station WBSM-AM  
October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

### **Section I Issues.**

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

**Health and Wellness:** As the COVID-19 pandemic may have subsided, COVID itself is still a concern. Mental health challenges were also a big discussion point this quarter, as well as domestic violence.

**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.

**Local Economy:** With the SouthCoast still coming out of the harrows of the COVID-19 pandemic and now dealing with record inflation, economic issues have been a big concern.

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

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

**Education:** The SouthCoast has faced many challenges in education from needing to replace aging schools to the sudden closure of the UMass Dartmouth arts campus in downtown New Bedford.

### **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: October 1, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Paula Montgomery, Women United

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS.** Montgomery talked about the initiative through the United Way of Greater New Bedford to help women with financial literacy and other issues.

Program Date: October 1, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Chris Resendes, South Coast Business Alliance President, and Deb Aguiar, longtime SCBA member

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS**. Resendes and Aguiar discussed the upcoming Oktoberfest event and the work of the SCBA.

Program Date: October 1, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Schools Interim Superintendent Andrew O'Leary

Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Andrew O'Leary outlines some of the challenges the district faces and how his team plans to address them.

Program Date: October 6, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: John "Buddy" Andrade, Old Bedford Village Development Corp. and Dr. David Cash, Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS**. Andrade and Cash discussed a free program to train New Bedford residents in the Superfund Job Training Initiative

Program Date: October 6, 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 6 Councilor Ryan Pereira

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS**. Morad and Pereira discussed the Mitchell Administration's expected \$8 million supplemental budget and how the council will handle it.

Program Date: October 8, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches for the City of New Bedford, and Hazelwood Park Greens Coordinator Ann Marie Briand

Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Rapoza and Briand discussed lawn bowling and croquet at Hazelwood Park.

Program Date: October 8, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Michael Oliveira, Author

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Author Michael Oliveira discussed his book "Don't Take It For Granted: The Journey Within."

Program Date: October 8, 2023  
Time / Length: 6:40 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Joe Ritter, Programs Manager for the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center  
Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Joe Ritter discussed the upcoming slate of programs at the Fishing Heritage Center.

Program Date: October 9, 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 migrant protest in Fairhaven and the student protest regarding the Star Store shutdown by UMass Dartmouth.

Program Date: October 11, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 20 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Women's Center Executive Director Kristin Batstone and Program Manager Hassan Souto.  
Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Batstone and Souto discussed Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Program Date: October 13, 2023  
Time / Length: 7 a.m., 20 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Jason Lefferts, Chief of Communications and Public Affairs at the Massachusetts Health Connector  
Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Lefferts discussed the efforts underway to keep New Bedford residents covered at a time when thousands are at risk of losing MassHealth due to expiring COVID-19 protections.

Program Date: October 13, 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 city council's meeting on housing in the city.

Program Date: October 15, 2023  
Time / Length: 6 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Paulina Fuenzalida Guzman, Curator

Topic and Brief Description: **ARTS AND CULTURE**. Fuenzalida Guzman discussed an exhibit at the New Bedford Public Library that highlights the work of artists from South America and Central America that now live in the city.

Program Date: October 15, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Derek Santos, Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS**. Santos talked about NB100, which designates ARPA funds to support start-up businesses and new businesses that have opened within the last two years.

Program Date: October 16, 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 in the UMass/Star Store debacle.

Program Date: October 20, 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: **PUBLIC SAFETY**. Morad and Gomes discussed recent shootings in the city, the dirt bike/ATV issue and more.

Program Date: October 22, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Mercy Meals and More Board President Sally Goodman and Program Director David Motta

Topic and Brief Description: **HOUSING**. Goodman and Motta discussed the program's comeback story and the work it does feeding and providing medical care and clothing for the homeless.

Program Date: October 22, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Our Bodies Our Lives Coalition for Reproductive Justice and Bodily Autonomy Co-Chairs Andrew Pollock and Gail Fortes

Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Pollock and Fortes discuss their organization's work on reproductive health issues, abortion services, transgender health, access to contraception and maternal care.

Program Date: October 23, 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 column calling for the resignation of UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Mark Fuller.

Program Date: October 27, 2023

Time / Length: 6:30 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: **ECONOMICS**. Morad and Carney discussed the council's decisions regarding the administration's request to reinstate almost all of the \$8 million the council cut from the city budget.

Program Date: October 29, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Preservation Society President Mark Fuller

Topic and Brief Description: **FUNDRAISING**. Fuller reviewed the organization's history and outlined projects for its upcoming 50th anniversary year.

Program Date: October 29, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Festival Theatre's Armand Marchand and Wendy Hall

Topic and Brief Description: **FUNDRAISING**. Marchand and Hall discuss the theatre's upcoming fundraiser show at White's of Westport.

Program Date: October 30, 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 the upcoming election in New Bedford and Rep. Keating's comments supporting safe injection sites.

Program Date: November 3, 2023  
Time / Length: 7 a.m., 20 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Connie Merigo, President, and Executive Director of the National Marine Life Center  
Topic and Brief Description: **ENVIRONMENT**. Merigo talked about climate change and the impact it is having on cold stun season for sea turtles.

Program Date: November 3, 2023  
Time / Length: 8 a.m., 20 minutes  
Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show  
Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad  
Topic and Brief Description: **PUBLIC SAFETY**. Morad discussed the police union's vote of no confidence in Chief Paul Oliveira as well as increased staffing for the department.

Program Date: November 5, 2023  
Time / Length: 6 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Victoria Grasela, United Way of Greater New Bedford  
Topic and Brief Description: **GIVING**. Grasela talked about the upcoming Hunger Heroes Food Drop and how you can help local families in need this Thanksgiving.

Program Date: November 5, 2023  
Time / Length: 6:20 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**. Spillane previewed the upcoming election in New Bedford.

Program Date: November 5, 2023  
Time / Length: 6:40 a.m., 15 minutes  
Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips  
Guest(s) Name / Company: Joe Ritter, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center  
Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Joe Ritter discussed the upcoming slate of programs at the center.

Program Date: November 6, 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 previewed Tuesday's New Bedford election.

Program Date: November 7, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

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

Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Grasela discussed the organization's work battling hunger on the SouthCoast with programs such as the upcoming Hunger Heroes Food Drop.

Program Date: November 8, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: Irene Duprey-Gutierrez and Judy Roderiques

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Duprey-Gutierrez and Roderiques discussed the upcoming birthday celebration for the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

Program Date: November 10, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 20 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: **CIVICS**. Morad and Pereira discussed the city election and upcoming Veterans Day observances.

Program Date: November 13, 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 Light's bombshell report that UMass did not provide the accurate numbers in the work needed for the Star Store building.

Program Date: November 15, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

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

Topic and Brief Description: **ECONOMICS**. Andrade discussed some upcoming Access2Opportunity forums for free training for environmental jobs.

Program Date: November 19, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Melanie Edwards-Tavares, President and CEO of the SouthCoast Community Foundation

Topic and Brief Description: **COMMUNITY**. Edwards-Tavares discussed her return to her hometown of New Bedford and future plans for the Community Foundation.

Program Date: November 19, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Amanda Alcaidinho of 3GenLove

Topic and Brief Description: **GIVING**. Alcaidinho discussed the upcoming craft fair at Dartmouth High School that will feature over 100 businesses raising money for Toys for Tots.

Program Date: November 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: **CIVICS**. Spillane discussed the dysfunction on the New Bedford City Council and more.

Program Date: November 25, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Bryon Knight, President of the Shepherd Center for Performing Arts

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Knight talked about the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts in Fairhaven, and its upcoming holiday show.

Program Date: November 25, 2023

Time / Length: 6:20 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**. Spillane discussed the latest news on the Star Store saga and more.

Program Date: November 25, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Ballet President Melissa Scanlon and Artistic Director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Scanlon and Waskiel-Marchesseault discuss the Ballet and its upcoming performances of "A New England Nutcracker."

Program Date: November 27, 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 looked at the downward trend of vote-getting for three incumbents.

Program Date: November 30, 2023

Time / Length: 7 a.m., 20 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: Kristin Harris, Research Coordinator Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Harris shared the history of the Boston Tea Party, its connections to New Bedford and the planned events to commemorate its 250th anniversary.

Program Date: November 30, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

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

Topic and Brief Description: **CIVICS**. Morad and Giesta discussed setting the city's tax rate and cutting the mayor's supplemental budget.

Program Date: December 3, 2023

Time / Length: 6 a.m., 23 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Gisele Pappas, Musical Director St. Anthony of Padua

Topic and Brief Description: **RELIGION**. Pappas discussed two sacred music performances taking place in December at St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford's North End.

Program Date: December 8, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

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

Topic and Brief Description: **CIVICS**. Morad and Oliver discussed the controversy around the council's recent executive session and more.

Program Date: December 10, 2023

Time / Length: 6 a.m., 23 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Brittany Botelho, licensed social worker

Topic and Brief Description: **HEALTH**. Botelho talked about all the work she does to help people in and around New Bedford – especially the elderly.

Program Date: December 10, 2023

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

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Laura Orleans, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center

Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Orleans updated listeners on the center's upcoming programming.

Program Date: December 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: **ARTS**. Spillane discussed his column on the opening of the new Steeple Playhouse and what it means for the arts scene in New Bedford.

Program Date: December 14, 2023

Time / Length: 8:20 a.m., 10 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

Guest(s) Name / Company: New Bedford Educators Association President Tom Nickerson

Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Nickerson gave insight into the new dismissal time for New Bedford High students.

Program Date: December 15, 2023

Time / Length: 8:00 a.m., 20 minutes

Show Title / Host: The Tim Weisberg Show

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

Topic and Brief Description: **EDUCATION**. Morad and Gomes discussed topics such as the need for a new New Bedford High School and more.

Program Date: December 17, 2023

Time / Length: 6 a.m., 23 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Eric Paradis, Your Theatre

Topic and Brief Description: **CULTURE**. Paradis shared the exciting news about the long-awaited opening of the Steeple Playhouse and plans for the future.

Program Date: December 18, 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 updated us on the latest Star Store developments.

Program Date: December 22, 2023

Time / Length: 8:00 a.m., 20 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: **CIVICS**. Morad and Burgo look back at the city council's 2023.

Program Date: December 24, 2023

Time / Length: 6 a.m., 23 minutes

Show Title / Host: Townsquare Sunday with Jim Phillips

Guest(s) Name / Company: Rev. Sandra Bentley, Bethel AME Church; Martin Bentz, Outreach Coordinator for the Islamic Society of Southeastern Mass.; Rabbi Raphael Kanter, Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Topic and Brief Description: **RELIGION**. The trio discussed the turmoil in the Middle East, how that is impacting us locally, and how it works into this year's New Year's Eve service at the Seamen's Bethel.

Program Date: December 24, 2023

Time / Length: 6:40 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**. Spillane looks back at the year 2023 in New Bedford and on the SouthCoast.

Program Date: December 29, 2023

Time / Length: 8 a.m., 25 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: **CIVICS**. Morad and Markey reflect on Markey's time on the council.