

## WEZQ 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Community Issues Report

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The **WEZQ News Department** covers issues and community concerns during weekend programming with the Sunday morning show **Maine Concerns**. Our News Director is in regular contact with local, county, state and federal officials. In addition, community leaders and nonprofit organizations are contacted to determine what issues are of greatest concern to our listening audience.

**The WEZQ community issues program, Maine Concerns, airs Sundays at 6:05 a.m. and some of our news stories are also posted on line on our website at 929theticket.com.** Stories covered generally fall into the following categories:

**Crime-** WEZQ covers stories we think are important to Maine residents from drug trafficking to scams and security related issues. When necessary, we support efforts of law enforcement by releasing names and information pertaining to missing person's cases or searches. We're in regular contact with the Maine Public Safety spokesman, Maine Emergency Management Agency, and Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. We also cover marine crime related stories with information provided by U.S. Coast Guard and Marine Patrol.

**Health-** WEZQ covers a wide variety of health related stories and work with regional hospitals, the Maine CDC, and other organizations to get the word out about conferences, medical developments, viruses, and seasonal concerns like Lyme Disease or flu. Many of our stories dealing with public safety can be considered health related as well, citing our warnings about CO poisoning during power outages as one example.

**Economy-**The economic struggles faced by Maine and the nation continue to dominate our news coverage. We continue to report on laws and initiatives affecting the economy as it relates to municipal, state and federal programs and services. We report on training and development opportunities in the state as well as job fair activities.

**Environment-**Our environmental coverage spans a wide variety of stories to promoting public hearings such as the DEP hearings for the Juniper Landfill in Old Town, or the public hearings on the DCP Midstream proposed liquid propane tank in Searsport, to stories about necropsies on whales.

**Education-** WEZQ covers stories in Maine from school budgets to school safety initiatives. Stories about innovative college studies and research are also covered.

**Community-** WEZQ recognizes the work of community non-profit groups who utilize volunteers to promote the general welfare of Maine citizens. From food drives to help feed those struggling seniors Downeast, to matching grant challenges to serve single mothers, to charity runs and concerts, WEZQ provides a lot of coverage for these kinds of events.

**Public Safety-** WEZQ covers stories that impact the public safety of community which can run the gamut from natural disasters to police emergencies like shootings or standoffs.

**If the situation warrants, the News Director will include stories of national significance and those stories might include anything from National Security, Natural Disasters, Congressional activities or Presidential declarations.**

**The following is an extensive sampling of our community issues content during the second quarter of 2018:**

**4-1-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Maine Bear Biologist Jen Vachon about how to avoid attracting bears into private yards. She has suggestions like taking in pet food, pulling bird feeders in at night, and cleaning up seed that's dropped on the ground. In addition, she discusses what to do when encountering a bear. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Chief Information Officer Andrew Putnam from Katahdin Trust about protecting yourself from identity theft. He has advice like not giving personal information on the phone, shredding sensitive documents, and using online banking to keep track of your accounts on a day-to-day basis. (8:36 Environment, Economy, Crime, Community)

**4-8-18**

Our program today focuses on Child Abuse Prevention week. Cindy Campbell talks with Denise Trafton, Program Manager for the Penquis Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council about the issue in Maine. She discusses warning signs folks can look for that a child may be a victim of abuse or neglect, and what to do if you suspect they're being abused. She also offers suggestions to parent about how to prevent falling victim to frustration and anger, by having realistic expectations of the children and taking breaks. In addition, she talks about the importance of community and family members' help in giving those breaks. (8:06 Health, Community)

**4-14-18**

Our program today is dedicated to the American Red Cross and an upcoming training session for disaster response volunteers. Cindy Campbell chats with Kristen Simas, Disaster Program Manager for Northern and Eastern Maine, about what it takes to be a volunteer and what types of disasters they respond to. She discusses the qualities needed in effective volunteers. In addition, she emphasizes that most of the work they do is in the local communities, rather than traveling to large-scale disasters. (9:15 Public Safety, Community)

**4-22-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Father Anthony Cipolle of the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish about an upcoming Interfaith Community Opiate Healing Service at the church. The event will bring together faith leaders, healthcare workers, law enforcement representatives, and members of the addiction recovery community to work on lifting the stigma and finding a more supportive way of communicating and helping those in recovery. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Kayla Kalel, one of the organizers of the Brewer chapter of Young People in Recovery. Kalel talks about the importance of recovery ready communities and the educational work her organization is doing to help children learn early how to avoid drugs. (9:47 Community, Public Safety, Health, Education)

#### **4-29-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Lynn Hempen, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor. The group is building a three-condo building and is looking for families to qualify for ownership. She explains the financial requirements and how the process works. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Maine Bear Biologist Jen Vachon about the animals that are waking up from hibernation. Vachon discusses the bear's need for food, and how residents can help avoid attracting them to their property. (10:00 Economy, Community, Environment)

#### **5-6-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Doctor Siiri Bennett of the Maine Center for Disease Control about Lyme disease. She discusses early warning signs and the effects of Lyme, if it's left untreated. In addition, Dr. Bennet talks about the best ways to avoid contracting Lyme. In our second segment, Cindy chats with American Folk Festival Executive Director Heather McCarthy about Color Bangor, a color fun run-walk in Bangor that benefits the festival. She discusses the details of the run, but also how important the fundraising is to the festival, which is offered free-of-charge on the Bangor Waterfront. (9:13 Health, Economy, Community)

#### **5-13-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Pest Specialist Jim Dill, from the University of Maine's Tick Lab, about this year's tick problem, and the importance of doing regular tick checks. He discusses the varieties of ticks and the fact that only a deer tick can spread Lyme disease. Dill also talks about the tick lab, where residents can have the tick that bit them identified, so they know whether they may be at risk. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Stacey Duran of the American Cancer Society about the upcoming Relay for Life in Penobscot County, which will raise money that stays with local cancer patients, providing rides and other services to help them in their fight. She explains what the event entails, how teams can get signed up, and the desire to have many cancer survivors for their special relay survivor's lap. (9:01 Environment, Health, Community)

#### **5-20-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Kayla Kael of Young People In Recovery about an upcoming day-long conference, that will focus on creating 'Recovery Ready Communities.' Kayla explains the mission of the nationwide organization that works to help remove the stigma of addiction, educated school children about avoiding becoming addicted, and help those in recovery to thrive. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Dr. Gillian Gordon Perue of Eastern Maine Medical Center about Stroke Awareness Month. Dr. Perue discusses causes and warning signs of stroke, as well as the importance of seeking care as soon as possible. (9:44 Community, Health, Education)

#### **5-27-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Paul Trommer, founder of the Barbara Sosman Cancer Center and Vicky Mead of the organization Women Empowering Women. Together, they're planning a

fundraiser for the center, which will give cancer patients a comfortable, homey place to go for support from other cancer patients, a place of respite, and a place to network about possible treatment options. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Stacey Duran of the American Cancer Society about the Relay for Life event in Hancock County and the Greater Bangor Bark for Life. Both events raise money for the Cancer society that helps patients in Maine. (9:38 Health, Community, Education)

### **6-3-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Dr. Christopher Pezzullo about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning in the summer months. He chats about the signs and symptoms of poisoning as well as what to do in the event that you think you've been exposed, as well as talking about things like venting generators and checking for gas line leaks at camp and not swimming behind a boat. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Maine Bear Biologist Jen Vachon about how to avoid attracting hungry bears to your property. She discusses things like bringing in bird feeders and securing trash, as well as what to do in the event that you come face-to-face with a bear. (10:02 Health, Public Safety, Environment)

### **6-10-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Bob Potts of the Bangor Rotary about 'Music Off Broadway,' the organization's biggest fundraiser. He chats about the good works done by Bangor Rotary Charities and how the money raised by the community event will be used. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Harvey Chesley of Camp Capella about its fundraising golf tournament. Chesley talks about the services provided by the camp, that works with children with disabilities and gives them a full camp experience, while also providing the necessary medical team and provisions to help a wide scope of challenges. (9:24 Community, Health)

### **6-17-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with both Detective Dottie Small of the Ellsworth Police Department and Laura Schneider of the Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists about Downeast Project Hope. Detective Small describes the program that works to find rehab beds for folks who are seeking recovery from drug addiction. She discusses the need for volunteers and the importance of finding hard-to-come-by rehab facilities for addicts in the moment that they need and want them. Schneider talks about a fundraising 5K and Golf Tournament that will help fund the transportation needed to get these folks to rehab facilities out of state, when none are available in Maine. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Deb Maxwell of Maine Adaptive about an upcoming adaptive cycling clinic. The organization works to make sports adaptive to people with physical disabilities, including wheelchair accessible bicycles. (9:58 Health, Community, Public Safety)

### **6-24-18**

Today's program focuses on Tick-borne illnesses. So, in our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Dr. Siiri Bennett of the Maine Center for Disease Control about Lyme disease. Dr. Bennett explains the

symptoms, long-term effects, and the importance of being treated within the first few months in order to eliminate the disease. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Dr. Jonathan Busko, head of emergency services at St. Joseph's Hospital about the Powassan Virus. He explains that it's not as common as lyme, is usually flushed out of the system on its own, but can have long-term neurological effects. Dr. Busko also discusses the importance of not ignoring flu-like symptoms in the summer where ticks are present. (9:34 Health, Community )