

WEZQ 3rd 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 third quarter of 2018:

7-1-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Clinical Nurse Specialist Carol Giggey and Registered Nurse Erica Davis about a support group at Eastern Maine Medical Center for new parents who are dealing with post partum depression. In addition, the group is open to fathers and grandparents who can be educated about what the Mom is going through and get support while learning how to deal with that new baby. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Corporal John MacDonald of the Maine Warden Service about safe boating tips. Corporal MacDonald discusses the importance of wearing life vests, taking a partner along if canoeing or kayaking, and letting someone know your plans. (9:56 Health, Education, Public Safety)

7-8-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Dr. Christopher Pezzullo about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning in the summer. He discusses topics like swimming behind a boat, working on lawn mowers and other equipment in garages, and using generators at camp. Dr. Pezzullo lists the symptoms of CO poisoning and talks about what to do if someone thinks they've been exposed. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Bill Rae, Executive Director of Manna in Bangor about their water program. The food pantry is handing out bottles of water to anyone in need during the hot summer months, and is opening its facility early to allow Bangor's homeless to have a place to get out of the sun. (10:00 Health, Community)

7-15-18

Our entire program this week is dedicated to Experience Camps, which offer a full camp experience to children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. As well as the normal camp activities, the kids learn about the grieving process, and are encouraged to share their own feelings, all while bonding with others who are dealing with the same types of experiences. In addition, the camp helps educate caregivers about how children grieve differently and what to expect, or not expect, from a child in pain. (9:03 Health, Education)

7-28-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Mary Brant of the American Red Cross about their urgent need for blood. Mary discusses why the need is so great and how folks can donate. In addition, she talks about the new app that will tell a donor when their donation is being used. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Clinical Nurse Specialist Carol Giggey and Registered Nurse Erica Davis about a Post Partum Depression support group at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Fathers and grandparents are invited to attend, as well as mothers, to learn about how to cope with post partum depression and educate other family members about how to be supportive of the Mom. (9:55 Health, Education)

8-5-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Maine Warden Service Corporal John MacDonald about boating safety. After two boating fatalities in a week, the tips like wearing a life jacket instead of just having it in the boat are timely. MacDonald also talks about not drinking and boating and letting someone know your plans if you're traveling alone. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Greg Spencer, President of the Orrington Fire-Rescue Association about its upcoming golf tournament. The 4-man scramble will help fund the organization's Christmas program and its support of local families. And finally, Cindy talked with Bill Rae of Manna in Bangor about its water drive, in which the organization hands out water to area homeless and others on the street in need of hydration. With temperatures currently in the 90's, it's a life-saving measure. (10:00 Public Safety, Community, Health)

8-12-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Matt and Jason Gross about the Ride For the Wet Nose. For the final time, the pair will ride 65 miles on their bicycles to raise money for two animal shelters and for the Furry Friends Network, that helps seniors afford food for their pets. 16-year-old Matt has been doing the ride since he was 10 years old. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Denise Trafton, Program Manager for the Penquis Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council about the issue of child abuse in Maine. Trafton discusses some of the warning signs that a child might be getting abused, and offers tips on what to do if you suspect abuse in a family. (9:09 Community, Health)

8-19-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Volunteer Coordinator Kate Sitton of the American Folk Festival. With the free event only days away, the festival is still in need of many volunteers, so Sitton discusses the flexibility in scheduling and the variety of duties that need to be covered. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Bear Biologist Jen Vachon of the Maine Warden Service about how to avoid attracting bears to your property and what to do if one wanders in. (9:40 Community, Environment)

8-26-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Mary Gagne of Health Affiliates Maine about suicide. Gagne discusses how someone gets to that point, the warning signs that may indicate someone is considering suicide, and what to do if you suspect someone of considering it. She offers websites and phone numbers, along with local resources that could help. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Mary Brant of the American Red Cross about importance of giving blood. Mary discusses why summer is an especially important time to help and how folks can donate. In addition, she talks about the new app that will tell a donor when their donation is being used. (9:55 Health, Community)

9-2-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Wayne Melanson, Volunteer Coordinator for VNA Home Health Hospice about a volunteer training course. Melanson explains what's involved in being a volunteer, assisting people at the end of their life and their caregivers, and what the training session

entails. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Andrea Littlefield, Executive Director of Health Equity Alliance, about the opioid crisis and the important role of overdose-reversal drug Naloxone. The organization is fundraising to buy Naloxone kits for people in need. (:9:58 Health, Community)

9-9-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Mary Marin Lyons, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor about an upcoming volunteer training session. She explains what's involved in being a tutor and what types of services they provide, from teaching someone to read English, to helping others improve their reading skills. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Camp Capella's Facilities and Developmental Director, Harvey Chesley, about the upcoming Touch a Truck fair that will benefit the camp. The event is heavily attended by local law enforcement and fire departments, who allow kids to climb onto the vehicles. Camp Capella serves children with physical and developmental disabilities, and Chesley discusses the types of activities they take part in, and the importance of having medical staff on hand at all times. (10:00 Education, Community, Public Safety, Health)

9-16-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Wayne Melanson, Volunteer Coordinator at VNA Home Health Hospice about upcoming home hospice volunteer training. He explains what's involved in being a volunteer and how valuable the position is, not only to the terminally ill patient, but especially to their caregivers because it gives them a break to take care of things in their own lives. In our second segment, Cindy chats with the Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor about an upcoming tutor training course, that will teach volunteers how to work with clients. The duties could include everything from teaching someone how to read, to helping a client improve their reading and comprehension skills, to teaching someone to read English. (10:00 Community, Health, Education)

9-23-18

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Mila Tappan of the Finance Authority of Maine about a series of workshops being held in area high schools. The focus of the workshops is to help students and their parents navigate the FAFSA and apply for financial aid for college. She explains the importance of applying early, the kinds of funds available to students, and how parents and students can get one-on-one attention, as well as the public forums. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Andrea Littlefield, Executive Director of Health Equity Alliance about the organization's work with 'fringe' societies, particularly people addicted to opioids. She talks about how easily people can become addicted and the importance of overdose-reversing drugs, like Naloxone. (9:55 Education, Economy, Health)

9-30-18

Our entire program today is dedicated to The Cabin in the Woods, a community of small houses on the grounds of the Togus Veterans Hospital that provides permanent housing for formerly homeless veterans. Cindy Campbell chatted with two representatives of Volunteers of the America of Northern New England, COO Terry Baldwin and Mike Merrill, who's in charge of Veterans' services. They discuss

the funding of the project, how handy it is for veterans in need of medical care, and the sense of supportive comradery that's been created by the community. (8:56 Health, Economy, Community)