

## **WEZQ 1st Quarter Community Issues Report**

**January, 1-March 31, 2018**

The **WEZQ News Department** covers a variety of topics and issues through its news coverage Monday through Friday, with additional focus on issues and community concerns covered 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.

**It's also important to note many 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.

**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.

**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, Q 106.5 provides a lot of coverage for these kinds of events.

**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.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER MAINE CONCERNS TOPICS 2018**

**"Townsquare Media Maine Concerns" is a long-form interview segment running every Sunday morning at 6:20 A.M. (WWMJ), 11:10 A.M. (WDEA), 8:00am (WQCB), 7:55am (WBZN), and 6:05AM (WEZQ)**

**Each of the Maine Concerns reports runs between 8 and 10 minutes. The following reports aired during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018.**

#### **1-8-17**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Mary Gagne of Health Affiliates Maine about suicide prevention. She discusses the early warning signs, what to do if you think someone is contemplating taking their own life, and how to find available resources. Gagne also discusses what can lead someone to consider suicide. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Dr. Sirii Bennett of the Maine Center for Disease Control about flu season. Dr. Bennett explains the symptoms of the flu, and some tips on how to avoid getting sick. In addition, she talks about the importance of not spreading the virus to others, and what to do once you realize that you're sick. (9:00 Health + Community)

#### **1-14-18**

We focus our program today on carbon monoxide poisoning, an issue that increases during the winter months. Adam Smith, State Toxicologist with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention chats with Cindy Campbell about the many ways people can be exposed to the deadly gas, and the best ways to avoid getting sick. He also discusses the symptoms to watch for, and the importance of carbon monoxide detectors. (9:36 Health + Environment)

#### **1-21-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Andrea Littlefield, Director of Operations and Communications at the Health Equity Alliance. She discusses the many services offered by the organization including social and medical testing services for AIDS patients, needle exchanges and outreach for those addicted to drugs, and education and services for those in the LGBTQ community. The non-profit is currently holding a collection drive for blankets and sleeping bags which will be given to those in need of some warmth. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Joan Jagolinzer, Program

Director for AARP's Tax Aide. She explains who is eligible for the free tax prep services, what folks need to bring to their prep appointment, and how they can find a prep site near them. (9:45 Health, Community, Economy, Education)

### **1-28-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Facilities Director Harvey Chesley of Camp Capella about the upcoming Polar Dip. Chesley discusses the challenges and rewards of a camp for children with special needs, and the details of the event in which people jump through the ice into a freezing lake. He chats about how the camp is not only important to the campers, but also the caregivers who get their only break all year from having to meet the needs of their children. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Andrea Littlefield of the Health Equity Alliance about the organization's blanket drive. She explains the needs for warm blankets and sleeping bags for the area's homeless population and how folks can also donate to their food pantry. (9:02 Community, Health)

### **2-4-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Kayla Kalel about Young People in Recovery. Kayla is one of the organizers of the Brewer chapter of this national grassroots organization. She discusses some of the outreach efforts, including educating school children about substance abuse, and helping the recovery community. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile association about snowmobile safety. He talks about the importance of leaving trails as you found them, never drinking and riding, and leaving a trip plan. (9:52 Health, Community, Education, Public Safety, Environment)

### **2-11-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Facilities Director Harvey Chesley, from Camp Capella, about the upcoming Polar Dip. He explains the event that involves volunteers jumping in a frozen lake, and how the money they raise will be used to help enable children with disabilities to go to camp. He also discusses some of the allowances that must be made to accommodate children with a variety of disabilities. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Noel Sullivan, Executive Director of the Pine Tree Society, about the many services offered by the agency. The organization helps with a variety of adaptive services for children and adult, including speech and language services, educational outreach, and parent education. (9:57 Community, Health, Education)

### **2-25-18**

On today's program, Cindy Campbell chats with local chapter President Ann Dederer of P.E.O. International, which is an organization that provides scholarships, financial awards, and grants to women who are pursuing higher education. The local organization has given out thousands of dollars to local women, including a special award for women who are going back to school and supporting a family. (8:07 Education, Economy, Community)

### **3-4-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Mary Marin Lyons, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor about their upcoming tutor training. She explains the many services they offer, from teaching someone to become a more competent and confident reader to helping others achieve their GED certification. Mary talks about the qualities that make a good tutor and how to go about signing up. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Kayla Kalel, one of the organizers of YPR, a grassroots organization that helps Young People in Recovery. She discusses the organization's efforts to educate students by giving talks in schools, to change legislation by speaking in Augusta, and in supporting others in recovery through people-first language. The group has a meeting coming up this week that will educate the public more about what they do. (10:00 Education, Community, Health)

### **3-11-18**

After a snowfall that dropped nearly two feet of snow on the state, our entire program today is dedicated to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. Adam Smith, State Toxicologist with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention chats with Cindy Campbell about the many ways people can be exposed to the deadly gas, including what to avoid if their car gets stuck in the snow and the importance of clearing heating and dryer vents. Smith also discusses the best ways to avoid getting sick and what to do if someone thinks they've been exposed.. He also discusses the symptoms to watch for, and the importance of carbon monoxide detectors. (9:36 Health + Environment)

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

With another record snowfall under our belts, today's program is dedicated to safety. The first segment features the Bangor Fire department's Education Officer, Jake Johnson, who chats with Cindy Campbell about fire safety. Johnson discusses everything from cleaning heat systems, to safely disposing of ashes, and the importance of having smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. In addition, the segment addresses the importance of clearing snow away from heating and dryer vents to avoid CO poisoning in deep snow. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association about being safe on sleds. The deep snow will have excited riders taking to the trails, but that enthusiasm is dangerous if they ride recklessly. Meyers talks about the basic rules of the trails and the importance of letting someone know your trip plan. (8:16 Community, Public safety, Health)

### **3-25-18**

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Lynn Hempen, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity about its latest build project. For the first time, the organization is building a condo complex that will serve three families, instead of a single house for only one. Hempen talks about the financial requirements to be eligible for a house, and how to go about applying for one. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Brewer High School teacher Cindy McLaughlin about the school's Outdoor Education program. This unique alternative to Phys Ed gives teens a chance to hike, fish, camp, and more for their PE credit, including weekend camping trips and afterschool paddles. The group is holding a fundraising yard sale and is in need of donated items. (10:02 Economy, Education, Environment, Community)