

QUARTERLY ISSUES & PROGRAM LISTS

STATION: WMVY-FM

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The following is a list of some of the significant issues covered by WMVY-FM, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period listed above. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

ISSUES:

1. HEALTH
2. CRIME
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4. BENEFITS
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PROGRAM LISTS

1. HEALTH

Some health issues that WMVY covered this quarter:

- Covid vaccine boosters targeting the omicron variant were offered at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, via both inside and drive-through appointments.
- The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission approved a project costing over a quarter million dollars that will mitigate the effects of PFAS contamination in the groundwater tied to airport firefighting equipment. It is also expected to improve transportation infrastructure.
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital warned Islanders about a surge in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases, while Covid-19 and the flu viruses continued to circulate around the community.
- A proposal to develop hospital workforce housing and a skilled nursing facility on a 29-acre forested plot on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road was approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
- The Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Island Health Care and Martha's Vineyard boards of health announced three flu vaccination clinics.
- The Dukes County Commission approved a request for \$600,000 from the Island towns for a renovation to the Vineyard Health Care Access Program building in Oak Bluffs. The funding will be considered at town meetings in 2023.
- The Dukes County fire chiefs hosted an Open House for prospective EMT volunteers, as there is a statewide shortage.

- Main Street Medicals, the first marijuana-growing operation in Vineyard Haven, was approved for a special permit by the Tisbury planning board to produce cannabis candies. The company's owner assured board members that wastewater from the growing operation will be collected in tanks and trucked off-island for disposal.
- The Martha's Vineyard Hospital was awarded two 2023 Women's Choice Awards, including a national rank of 70 of 837 in patient satisfaction. The hospital was honored among "America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience" with 86% of all patients reporting they would definitely recommend the facility

2. CRIME

This is a small community out here on the Cape and Islands and the impact of one small crime can send ripples to every corner. WMVY covers crime in a manner that is considerate and respectful of both the accused and the victims. Here are some of the incidents that MVY reported:

- Chilmark resident Wayne Iacono was sentenced to two and a half years in the Dukes County House of Corrections following charges of child rape, statutory rape and indecent assault and battery. The Commonwealth chose not to prosecute the charges of child rape and statutory rape. Mr. Iacono will serve one year in the house of corrections on indecent assault charges followed by a 3-year probation during which his remaining sentence will be suspended.
- Oak Bluffs resident Craig Atkison went back to court after being released on \$20,000 bail for charges relating to rape and kidnapping of a minor. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.
- An 8-member jury heard opening arguments in a case brought by Choying Rangdol against Dr. Pieter Pil of Martha's Vineyard Hospital alleging medical malpractice in connection with an appendectomy the doctor performed more than eight years ago.
- An 80-year-old Oak Bluffs man faces gun possession charges after he was found with a revolver in the parking lot of Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home. A firearm was not discharged, and no injuries were reported. He will be arraigned in Edgartown District Court after the completion of a mental health evaluation.
- A Vineyard Haven man was arraigned on a series of charges stemming from a multi-town, high-speed chase that ended with him crashing into a utility pole.
- Three masked robbers armed with handguns held up the Vineyard Haven branch of Rockland Trust, binding bank tellers and prompting a major police manhunt, resulting in three men being arrested.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Issues regarding the environment are always of paramount concern. MVY made its listeners aware of many of them, including the following:

- The Edgartown select board heard from the energy committee about a series of recommendations to make the town greener, including replacing the Edgartown School's high luminosity LED lights with remote-controlled dimmable lighting and new wastewater pumps.
- Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission members and staff raised concerns over some provisions of the Dukes County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. They felt that much of the area proposed was unsuitable either due to density of nearby development, presence of rare species, topology or other ecological conditions.
- The Edgartown select board agreed to write a letter of support for the Island to participate in an Island-wide energy coalition sponsored by Mass Save, a coalition of energy and gas utilities that work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.
- Single-use plastic bottles of water can no longer be purchased aboard the Steamship Authority ferries, as the boat line's food and beverage concessionaire is transitioning to 100% recyclable aluminum cans.
- Island towns may be forced to upgrade hundreds, even thousands, of septic systems, as state environmental officials weigh wastewater regulation amendments. A septic inspection business owner confirmed that updating septic systems to include enhanced nitrogen mitigation technology can be a complex and invasive process.
- West Tisbury select board pushed back on a proposed location change for two inductive electric bus chargers on Music Street. Several board members were concerned the chargers would potentially block a view to the town playground. The Vineyard Transit Authority has been asked to create an alternative plan.
- The West Tisbury advisory board to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank voted unanimously to approve a draft management plan to connect the trail systems between three land bank properties near Indian Hill Road in West Tisbury, including Arrowhead Farm, Christiantown Woods and a 7.3-acre parcel purchased in 2019.
- After months of back-and-forth, the company behind a large commercial wind farm planned for south of Martha's Vineyard requested the state pull its' project contracts, citing rising construction costs and an inability to renegotiate pricing. The parent company said in a filing that its 1200 megawatt development was no longer commercially viable, and that the state should include it in its next round of offshore wind solicitation, which is set to occur this spring.

- For the first time in over a decade, a breach at Norton Point beach officially made Chappaquiddick an island once more. The rangers also found that the water had completely submerged the trail's fence posts. Both the bayside and beachside trails closed until the water subsided.

4. BENEFITS

Those who live on the Cape and Islands participated in many public service-oriented events that WMVY publicized through PSAs and newscasts.

- A regional funding agreement to renovate the Howes House, headquarters of the Up-Island Council on Aging in West Tisbury, was discussed at a joint meeting with representatives from all three towns. The assistant director detailed how the structure needed updating to accommodate the island's growing elderly population.
- Representatives from both Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket gathered for a rare joint meeting, where they discussed topics such as housing, short-term rentals, and climate change resiliency. Almost 100 people joined the session.
- Three non-profits, the Island Housing Trust, Island Health Care Inc., and the Foundation for Underway Experiential Learning, were awarded a total of \$600,000 from the Martha's Vineyard Bank Charitable Foundation. It also created a \$250,000 scholarship in honor of the lifetime contributions of Philip Norton.
- West Tisbury brought back its annual town holiday party at the Agricultural Hall after a couple years of Covid absence.
- Plans for the Southern Tier development, as an affordable housing project near the Island's YMCA, were presented to the Oak Bluffs select board. A set of community meetings are planned for the near future.
- All six Island towns approved draft housing bank legislation, clearing the way for the bill to head to the state legislature, unaltered.
- Polly Hill Arboretum held its second annual Holiday Wreath Celebration, a free event that offered wintertime nature crafts, plant-based holiday decorations and a bonfire.
- Vineyard Haven held a series of "Tis the Season" events, including a December edition of First Friday at the Martha's Vineyard Museum, and a Winter Wonderland on Main Street.
- The Town of Tisbury announced plans to convert the space above Town Hall back into the performance space it once was, known as the Katharine Cornell Theatre. It is currently serving as office space for the growing numbers of town staff.
- The African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard announced it will partner with 5D Ventures, a Black financial coaching business, to offer financial literacy workshops on the Island.

- The Farm Neck Foundation announced just over \$100,000 in grants awarded to Island organizations, including Island Community Chorus and the Garden Gate Development Center, among others.
- Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard received a 10-year grant totaling \$25 million, enabling the agency to move ahead with plans for a permanent emergency shelter to better serve the Island's unhoused population. They served 125 individuals in the last year.
- The Tisbury School kicked off a new chapter in its 90-year history with a symbolic ground-breaking for a long-awaited \$81 million renovation and addition.
- Martha's Vineyard Youth awarded \$750,000 to two Island non-profits, Sail Martha's Vineyard and Martha's Vineyard Community Services, whose grant will go to a pilot program that began last year to support individuals developing at-home early childhood education programs.

5. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is a constant concern, as both Islanders and commuters rely on the Steamship Authority, among other transportation, for their everyday necessities.

- The Vineyard Transit Authority's Transit Holiday 2022 program offered free bus service between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.
- Representatives from the state's Department of Transportation held a Zoom meeting to unveil three potential replacements for the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges.
- Chappy Ferry owner Peter Wells sought a rate hike for the boat line connecting the small rural island to downtown Edgartown, that would affect every form of travel: passenger, vehicle, bicycle and year-rounder tickets.
- The Steamship Authority unanimously approved the \$5.6 million purchase of a third former offshore supply vessel to convert into a freight ferry. Funding for the new vessel comes from part of a recent \$28 million federal package. The name of the new ferry will be drawn from an existing list of public suggestions.
- The Martha's Vineyard Commission approved a sweeping redesign for the North Bluff ferry dock and parking lot in Oak Bluffs, including a roundabout.
- The Steamship Authority considered purchasing a fourth sister ship from the same Louisiana seller that sold the authority the M/ V North Star. While the recently purchased vessels are being converted, the vessels, Gay Head, Katama and Sankaty, will continue to carry freight between the Islands and mainland along with the Governor.
- Spring Street was temporarily closed between Franklin and Main Streets while the steeple was reinstalled atop Tisbury Town Hall.

6. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Cape and Islands are full of interesting people who are making a valuable contribution through their work. People in the community are spotlighted every week in a segment called “WMVY’s PERSON OF THE WEEK”. In this segment, the station recognizes individuals across the Cape and Islands who are involved in various pursuits. Guests were chosen for their contribution to people on the Cape and Islands.

The following is a list of WMVY’s “PERSON OF THE WEEK” guests for the quarter, which airs on Thursdays at 8am and Noon. On MVY Radio's Person of the Week, we bring you a 3-minute segment on the work, the stories and the lives of people who make a difference.

December 29 – Tim O'Connell
December 22 – Wendy Webster
December 15 – Jeni Wheeler
December 8 – Charles Coe
December 1 – Gwynne Guzzeau
November 17 – Christin Marshall
November 10 – Nicole Spencer
November 3 -- Kerin Delaney
October 27 – Erica Tso Haidas
October 20 – Annemarie Donahue (MV Cancer Support Group)
October 13 – Cindy Horgan (Cape Cod Children's Place)
October 6 – Jan Butler (Yarmouth Seaside Festival)

VINEYARD CURRENT is a public affairs program that spotlights people and topics relevant to residents of Martha’s Vineyard. The following is a list of VINEYARD CURRENT guests for this quarter, which airs weekly on Sundays at 10:00AM:

December 18 (37:08)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville;
Guinevere Cramer of The MV Chamber Of Commerce about A Very Vineyard Holiday;
Rabbi Caryn Broitman of The MV Hebrew Center about Hanukkah And religion

December 11 (33:17)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Sean Driscoll about the SSA purchasing a 3rd vessel; Mary Holmes, the supportive day supervisor at The MV Center For Living; Kathie Skinner of The Friends of West Tisbury Library and the pop up book sale coming up

December 4 (34:16)

CoCo and Heather Capece about CoCo's take on Peter Pan, and the MVPCS heading to the Fringe Festival in Scotland to perform this new take on a classic; Betty Burton of The Vineyard Committee on Hunger.

November 20 (31:55)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Lama Tsony about the connection between Buddhism and the blues; Sean Driscoll about the SSA moving to canned water; Mark Alan Lovewell about naming houses; Emily Miller about the benefit for new stage and sound at the PA Club; Interesting events happening this week on and around Martha's Vineyard; Curt a first time visitor to MV from Alaska

November 13 (31:17)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Retired 2 Star Admiral Kyle Cozad talks about his book **RELENTLESS POSITIVITY**; Bart Barthelemy about his new book **GOD LIGHT**, considering the universal link between all things being **LIGHT**.

November 6 (32:55)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Robin Meader who has passed the Flying Horses Management job onto her daughter Jamie; Retired 2 Star Admiral Kyle Cozad talks about his book **RELENTLESS POSITIVITY**.

October 30 (33:09)

Thomas Dresser about his latest book about Island Ghost Stories; Gina deBettencourt from the Portuguese American Club tells us about FAMILY DAY

October 23 (29:09)

Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Sound Engineer/Inventor, Peter Lederman talks about his passion, poetry, and DIRECT GRACE RECORDS

October 16 (33:57)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Island Creative, Abby Bender talks about her and Jesse Jame's Halloween experience "RIZING"; Founding Member of the MVCSG, Annemarie Donahue talks about the history of their support group; Dr. Lorna Andrade talks about the Annual AD ME TECH Prostate Cancer Screening Summit

October 9 (29:21)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; Mary Gosselin talks about Island Elderly Housing needs; Greg Orcutt, President of Habitat for Humanity MV shares the history and news about present projects.

October 2 (28:27)

Vineyard news of the week with Vineyard Gazette managing editor Bill Eville; MV Climate Action Director, Liz Durkee unveils the Island Climate Action Plan; Sean Driscoll talks about the naming of the SSA's new freight vessels; Darcie Lee Hanaway tells us about the Annual Island Innovation Summit!

CAPE COD CURRENT is a public affairs program that spotlights people and topics relevant to the residents of Cape Cod. The following is a list of CAPE COD CURRENT guests for this quarter, which airs monthly on the last Sunday of each month, directly following the Vineyard Current:

December 18 (25:57)

Tim O'Connell, the founder of Tommy's Place Foundation; Stephen Hengst, the Executive Director of The Provincetown Business Guild

December 11 (24:25)

Poet, writer and musician Charles Coe about "Symphony of Crickets"; Wendy Webster who is the Executive Director of The Happy Hope Foundation.

December 4 (25:53)

Jennifer Allard about the upcoming Chatham Christmas Stroll; Cape Cod Beer brew master and president Todd Marcus about their new Mindbender beer and upcoming benefit for MVYRADIO

November 27 (28:45)

Executive Director of the Mashpee Chamber of Commerce Julie Quintero Schultz about the upcoming Mashpee Christmas Parade; Jeni Wheeler, the Co-founder of Family Table Collaborative.

November 20 (27:46)

Greg Pavlov from the Nauset Railroad Club about their Holiday Open House days; Gwynne Guzzeau from Helping Our Women Cape Cod

November 13 (24:19)

Christin Marshall from Entrepreneurship for All Cape Cod about their upcoming All Ideas Pitch contest; Marianne Sinopoli about the upcoming Eastham Turnip Festival.

November 6 (25:35)

Lynn St. Cyr (co-vice president of the Cape Cod Athletic Club) about the upcoming Chatham in the Fall 10K; Nicole Spencer (Executive Director of Heroes in Transition Cape Cod) about their upcoming Fall Gala.

October 30 (26:34)

Kerin Delaney of the Falmouth Service Center; Matt King, the creator and events director of the upcoming Provincetown food and wine festival.

October 23 (33:04)

Erica Teo Haidas from Belonging Books; Susan Vaughn Harris from The Historical Society of Old Yarmouth; Brian and Rosi Amador from the band Sol Y Canto.

October 16 (27:16)

Anastaci Pacella from The Cordial Eye; Jessica O'Connor from the Falmouth Library

October 9 (32:04)

Fran Schofield from Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative; Cindy Horgan from Cape Cod Children's Place.

October 2 (27:38)

Wendy Northcross from Cape & Islands License Plates; Jan Butler from Yarmouth Seaside Festival.