

**WILI- FM**

**Responsive Community Programming**

**4th Quarter 2017**

# QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST

WILI 98.3 & 95.3 FM, Willimantic, Ct.

Monthly Listing of the most significant Community Issues

Responded to by The WILI News Department.

October 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017

## **News Package: Windham Bridge Replacement**

### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/2/17 Time: 7,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration :58

Description: A long planned bridge replacement project in North Windham has been hit with a complication.....The state D-O-T says sewer lines under the span will have to be moved, adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cost of the project.....

## **News Package: Windham Funeral Home Expands**

### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/03/17 Time: 6,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration: 47

Description: The Potter Funeral Home on Jackson Street is expanding...The owners have purchased the Manchester Funeral Home and do not plan to change the name...The Potter Funeral Home has been a fixture in Willimantic for more than 50 years.....

## **News Package: Windham Hurricane Relief**

### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/08/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The Willimantic Community has stepped up to help Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.....Windham Town council members have organized several relief efforts, collecting thousands of dollars for the relief effort.....

## **News Package: CT U-S Senator Visits Willimantic**

### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/11/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration: 47

Description: Connecticut US Senator Chris Murphy stopped in Willimantic to meet with local citizens concerned about the crisis in Puerto Rico...Willimantic has a large Hispanic population and the city is expecting an influx of people coming to live with extended family members.....

## **News Package: Windham High School Project**

### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/17/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The Windham Board of Education is completing the paperwork to help them get state reimbursement for a school project....The board of floating a 112-million dollar plan to renovate and reconfigure Windham High School...The plan will be considered by local residents on election day.....

**News Package: Willimantic NAACP**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/18/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The Windham county chapter of the NAACP was reactivated earlier this year and plans top hold a rally on Jillson Square.. Chapter President Leah Ralls was interviewed by WILL as a basis for the story package.....

**News Package: Region 11 Survey**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/23/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Residents of towns in Regional school district 11 are urged to attend a meeting to hear the results of a study to looked at the possibility of adding or removing grades from Parish Hill High School.. A study committee has worked for more than a year to develop recommendations which will be voted on next year.....

**News Package: Windham Hospital Finances**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/25/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Windham Hospital is on solid financial ground... That news comes from Donna Handley who was named president of the hospital last month.. Handley previously served as president of Hartford Healthcares cancer institute.....

**News Package: Safe Halloween Events**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/29/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Many towns—including Willimantic will hold safe celebrations for kids on and around Halloween.....Willimantic merchants will pass out candy to kids during the Trick or treat on Main street.....

**News Package: Storm Causes Lots of Damage**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 10/29/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Many towns—including Willimantic are cleaning up after a wind and rain storm hit the state, causing more than 150-thousand power outages...In Windham, the storm blew down four of the towns decorative Victorian style lamp posts and caused the closure of many local roads and streets due to downed trees and wires...Eversource energy is telling customers that they could be dealing with a multi-day restoration effort.

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### **News Package: Lions Club Fundraiser**

#### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/2/17 Time: 7,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration :58

Description: The Willimantic Lions Club is constantly raising money for good causes.. The group is hosting a pancake breakfast this weekend at the Elks Club with proceeds aimed at defraying the cost of vision exams for Windham youngsters.....

### **News Package: O’Reilly Auto sets up shop in Windham**

#### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/7/17 Time: 6,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration: 47

Description: Another Windham Economic Development Project is taking shape....The “Lots and More store” at 1029 main street has been demolished to make way for an O’Reilly Auto Parts Store.....

### **News Package: Willimantic No Freeze Opens**

#### **(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/7/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Another sign indicating that Winter is just around the corner.....The Windham No Freeze shelter opened its doors to a capacity crowd—housing 30 people on opening night.....Officials say the shelter is in need of cash donations----cleaning supplies and volunteers.....

### **News Package: Election Day Coverage**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/8/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: WILL news provided information on the location of various polling places in surrounding towns along with 2 hours of live election coverage after the polls closed.....Additionally, the news department interviewed each local candidate running to help present their platform to listeners.....Various exit polls were also taken during the day and results were included in hourly newscasts.....

**News Package: Gift of Mobility**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/13/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: A 67 year old Vietnam veteran from Canterbury is now in his 7<sup>th</sup> year of providing the disabled with a way to get around...Phil Pavone runs a program called "Gift of Mobility" where he provides motorized wheelchairs to those who can't afford them....The next giveaway is planned in mid December.....

**News Package: Local Murder Suspects captured**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/16/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12 and 5pm Newscasts. Duration: 47

Description: The two Willimantic men suspected in the brutal weekend slaying of a city man have been captured..24 year old Juan Chach and 26 year old Ignacio Chach were caught by border patrol authorities in Arizona.....Both will be extradited to Willimantic to face charges in the stabbing death of Francisco Delacruz on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**News Package: Windham Walk for Warmth**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/18/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Organizers of the Windham's Walk for Warmth event don't like the soggy forecast but say the event will take place as usual.....The 24<sup>th</sup> annual event is a major fundraiser for the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry.....Last years event raised 42-thousand dollars.....

**News Package: Scotland Church Closes**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/22/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Parishioners of St. Margaret's Church in Scotland are being told Sunday mass is being discontinued due to a dwindling number of clergy..Officials say the church will remain open for funerals and weddings.....

**News Package: Willimantic Housing Complex Condemned**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/26/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Windham has condemned the Jonothan Trumball Terrace Housing complex due to health and safety issues and the buildings tenants are being moved.....To date, 34 have been placed in other housing...Housing Authority officials are looking for a funding mechanism to rebuild the dilapidated building which was constructed back in 1967.....

**News Package: Willimantic Library Renamed**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 11/30/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The Willimantic Public Library is undergoing a major renovation project and will be renamed.....The Windham Town Council has voted unanimously to rename the new children’s wing in honor of the late Mary Lou Devivo.....Devivo’s name will appear on the exterior of the building in large steel letters.....

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**News Package: Willimantic White Water park**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/04/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Willimantic’s White Water Partnership keeps churning along...The group continues to seek grants to funds the project...The main goal of the project is to recapture the waterfront of the Willimantic River for recreational use....

**News Package: Windham High Renovation**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/6/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The 112-million dollar project to renovate Windham High School to “like new” condition has suffered a setback....The new state budget put limits on the amount the state can bond

for school construction projects, so Windham will have to go back to the drawing board and develop plans with a lower pricetag

**News Package: Windham Stuff a Cruiser**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/8/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Stuff a Fire truck event will be held in Windham and Willimantic this weekend...Trucks will be stationed at the Willimantic Shopping Plaza as well as the North Windham Wall Mart collecting unwrapped toys and monetary donations for those in need.....

**News Package: ECSU Timpani Toy**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/10/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Each year the early Childhood Education Center at ECSU chooses a “timpani toy” appropriate for pre-school children....The selection this year is a simple set of wooden blocks which resemble lego’s.....

**News Package: Windham Senior Center**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/14/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Work continues on Windham’s new Senior/Community center...The former Jillson square Cinema building has been demolished and construction is expected to begin within weeks.....

**News Package: Mansfield Open Space**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/21/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: A Mansfield town meeting has approved the purchase of 61 acres of land off of Pudding Lane to be preserved as open space....The purchase price is 375-thousand dollars and the state will reimburse the town 234-thousand dollars...The town will also use 131-thousand dollars from the existing open space acquisition fund.....

**News Package: Windham Population Migration**

**(Locally Produced)**

Date: 12/22/17 Time: 6,7,8,10,12,5pm Newscasts Duration: 52

Description: Windham continues to see an influx of Puerto Rico residents seeking shelter from an October Hurricane....Officials say about 80 families have relocated to town, bringing about 80

new children to the Windham school system..School officials say resources are being stretched to the max.....

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## **The Best of Wayne Norman**

### **WILI FM 98.3**

October 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **Connecticut Witch Trials**

Connecticut State Historian Walter Woodward discusses the state's history and the Connecticut Witch Trials.

**November 5th**

#### **Windham wind storm response**

Windham Town Manager Jim Rivers updates Windham's response to the damaging wind storm.

**November 12**

#### **Lebanon Winter Farmers Market**

Lebanon Town Planner Philip Chester talks about the Lebanon Winter Farmer's Market.

**November 1**

Gail Zeiba, Youth Services Librarian at the Willimantic Public Library and UConn School of Social Work student Brianna Gavigan talk about a new project between the Library, The Dodd Research Center at UConn and UConn education students: "Art From The Heart--An Exhibition of Human Rights in Children's Literature."

**November 26**

Marie Goodine. Supervisor of Counseling Services at Masonicare Home & Hospice Care talks about the veterans to veterans hospice volunteer program.

**December 3rd**

Jennifer Uttley-Rosado, Social Worker Supervisor, Connecticut Department of Children and Families, discusses domestic minor sex trafficking. Airdate: December 1, 2017.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Tom DeVivo and Turkish tailor Mehmet Ibic, Proprietor of Neriman's Tailor Shop in Willimantic talk about Mehmet taking the oath of U. S. citizenship

**December 17**

Author Tony Coscia talks about "Tony's 50,000 Co-incidence Miracles."



December 24th

**Solarize Windham**

Solarize Windham: Jean de Smet, Chair of the Windham Energy Commission, Liz Ostwald, Member of Windham Energy Commission and solar owner, Brenden Smith, Design Manager of Sunlight Solar- -Windham's chosen solar installer, and Kate Donnelly, Outreach Manager of SmartPower, coordinating Solarize Windham campaign and solar owner

December 31st

Rick Schiller and Cheslea Cayer from Schiller's Sewing Circle talk about the Brother Dream Machine 2--the most advanced sewing machine ever--and the Brother ScanNCut digital scanner

January 4th

Attorney Dan Klau, preeminent First Amendment lawyer, President of the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information (CCFOI) and Past President of the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government.

**DIALOGUE 2017 QUARTERLY REPORT: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER**  
**GUESTS AND SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTIONS**

Oct. 1, 2017 – Phillip Cunningham, assistant professor of media studies, Quinnipiac University.

Subject Matter: Cunningham delved into this fall's "take a knee" controversy with various pro athletes and others choosing to get on one knee during the playing of the national anthem to protest police brutality against minorities and related issues. He broadened the discussion by commenting on the historic record of politics and sports colliding over controversial issues, including such stars as Muhammed Ali, Jackie Robinson, and Olympic medal-winners. Cunningham talked about how racism, work rules, and career ambitions play into this story.

Oct. 8, 2017 – Ron Pinciario, executive director of Connecticut Against Gun Violence.

Subject Matter: Pinciario discusses the renewed potential for additional gun control measures in reaction to the mass shooting incident in Las Vegas. He advises that Congress is looking at loosening of some existing restrictions such as rules on the sales of silencers. Pinciario is pessimistic about any Congressional action on gun control in the current session. He also discusses the political power of the NRA—the National Rifle Association.

Oct. 15, 2017 – Alan Bruce, professor of sociology at Quinnipiac University.

Subject Matter: Bruce explains a letter he and 150 other scholars, professors, and law enforcement officials have sent to the national news media urging them not to publicize the names and images of shooters in mass killings present, past, and future. He noted that extensive media coverage of these individuals can tempt other psychologically unbalanced individuals to plot violent actions to "top" or "best" the killing records of previous incidents. Bruce comments on the likelihood that the

historically independent U.S. media might respond to the letters. He offers some examples when media outlets do restrict the personal information they use on the air or in print.

Oct. 22, 201 -- Bill Seymour, chief of staff at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Subject Matter: Over the last several years, Connecticut approved various teen driving restrictions and guidelines designed to curb teen driving fatalities and injuries. In the program, Seymour describes the success of those laws, discusses the annual high school driving safety video competition, and zero tolerance for drinking, texting, and cell phone use of any kind for teens who drive. He also discusses the importance of parental involvement in influencing and monitoring their teens driving activity.

Oct. 29, 2017 – Mick Bolduc, epidemiologist at the State Department of Public Health.

Subject Matter: Bolduc, who deals with vaccines in his work at the Public Health Department, talks about the importance of getting an annual flu shot. He dispels myths surrounding flu shots, and describes the dramatic difference between the common cold and the flu, and their impacts on an individual's health. Bolduc discusses flu vaccine production and distribution. He also offers insights about a new vaccine against the shingles virus that will be ready for use in about 90 days. It will likely replace the existing vaccine as the primary protection against shingles.

Nov. 5, 2017 – Jim Wadleigh, CEO of Access Health CT.

Subject Matter: Despite Republican efforts in Washington to restrict or repeal "Obamacare", Wadleigh says the health insurance coverage program is still alive, and currently in the enrollment period for 2018. He discusses changes in the cost of individual health coverage as well as the limited options available for Connecticut residents. Wadleigh discusses the challenges his organization faces in promoting public awareness about the ACA, or "Obamacare" in the face of political controversy in Washington.

Nov. 12, 2017 – State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-Derby), the Republican leader in the State House.

Subject Matter: Klarides offer a GOP leader's view on why the effort to pass a state budget this year went on much longer than most observers had predicted. She describes structural changes in budgeting and bonding that are included in the budget, items that persuaded Republicans to vote for the document. Klarides talks about the strained relationship between legislative leaders in both parties and Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy. Klarides also is asked about her potential interest in running for governor in 2018.

Nov. 19, 2017 – State Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney (D-New Haven).

Subject Matter: In the show, Looney offers his Democratic viewpoint of the bipartisan process that produced a state budget after months of wrangling and delays. He discusses the politics of the deal, including the highly unusual passage of a Republican-inspired budget plan that was ultimately vetoed by Gov. Malloy. Looney also discusses whether the agreed-to budget will stay "in balance" for long, or become part of a continuing deficit struggle for lawmakers.

Nov. 26, 2017 – Timothy Phelan, president of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association.

Subject Matter: In this annual interview, Phelan offers some predictions on the holiday gift-shopping season and its impact on merchants and consumers. He discusses the growing challenge of online shopping that is cutting into sales for so-called “brick and mortar” retail outlets across Connecticut and the nation. Phelan explains the sales tax problem—local retailers must charge this tax, while many out-of-state online outlets do not collect the tax, tempting shoppers with lower costs on big ticket items. Phelan also discusses holiday shopping trends.

Dec. 3, 2017 - Jay Kaplan, director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton.

Subject Matter: Kaplan describes the history of the annual Christmas Bird Count conducted across North America for more than a century. He explains why this “citizen science” exercise is important to scientists and birders alike. Kaplan offers some insights on how our birds are coping with the threats posed by land development and global warming. He also explains the process of counting the birds in winter.

Dec. 10, 2017 - Howard Schwartz, executive communications director for the Connecticut Better Business Bureau.

Subject Matter: Schwartz discusses holiday shopping strategies for consumers including the topic of shopping online vs. in local stores and malls. He discusses the value of seasonal jobs for people seeking to make some extra money before year’s end. Schwartz advises consumers about the rules on “return” policies for gifts. He also discusses how best to sign up at a health club, to lose the extra pounds you may put on during the holiday season.

Dec. 17, 2017 – Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman (D-CT).

Subject Matter: Wyman explains the personal and political factors linked to her recent decision not to run for governor in 2018. She rejects the so-called “rubber stamp” theory that any campaign she mounted would be hurt by her close association with Gov. Malloy. Wyman also discusses the continuing struggle to keep the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) thriving in Connecticut, despite Republican efforts in Congress to cripple or repeal the health insurance program. Wyman also weighs in on her “tie-breaking” activity in the State Senate as presiding officer for that body because of the 18 to 18 makeup of Democrats and Republicans.

Dec. 24, 2017 – Brenda Watson, acting director of Operation Fuel.

Subject Matter: Watson describes the history and role of Operation Fuel which helps low-income families pay their heating bills each year. She explains how the program works, its limitations, and the challenges of finding enough money in a tight economy. Watson talks about the ongoing effort Operation Fuel makes to advise low-income families how to better insulate their homes, so fuel costs can be kept down. She also describes the limitations on state and federal aid used to ease the home heating fuel cost crisis.

Dec. 31, 2017 – Ray Noonan, associate policy fellow at Connecticut Voices for Children.

Subject Matter: Noonan delves into new census data that shows some progress in Connecticut: overall poverty is down, so is the population that does not have health insurance. Racial and ethnic disparities also are down a bit. Noonan explains that despite this good news, great challenges remain. He said the data shows median household income remains flat in Connecticut. Noonan also warns that

governmental and tax changes at the state and federal levels threaten to wipe out the slight gains that have been made