

WVPH Quarterly Issues and Programs List

October - December, 2023

Issue: How do litter and trash impact Piscataway?

In contemporary times, waste and waste management have become a big concern for citizens across the country. Without proper waste management, debris litters our towns and causes health hazards and harms nature. As such, community efforts to clean up additional trash the town won't are especially important, and notable contributors to this trash should be highlighted and held accountable.

Core of the Matter: 10/28/2023 - 1:30 AM (0.5 hours)

In this segment, we talked about the main causes of litter and errant trash in Piscataway due to geographical location, notable landmarks and mediums of travel, and what community efforts are being used to mitigate these concerns. We talked with a Rutgers student and Piscataway native discussing litter in Piscataway, and the impacts of large Rutgers sporting events on the town.

Issue: How do large-scale cultural and sporting events impact the community?

In Piscataway, the frequency of sports events attended by many spectators is greater due to the proximity to Rutgers University, a Big Ten school that participates in many Division I sporting programs including football, baseball, soccer, and swimming. As such, these events draw large crowds. In addition, due to the religious and cultural diversity, many different religious and arts-based events are held within the community.

Eye on Piscataway – 11/30/2023 10:00 PM (1 hour)

In Eye on Piscataway, Piscataway Township Mayor Brian C. Wahler explores a few different large-scale events that happen in Piscataway, NJ. First, he sits down with Rutgers Football Coach Greg Schiano to discuss the impact that Rutgers sporting events, especially football, have on Piscataway. In addition, Wahler follows a few other events, including a religious event and a musical event.

Issue: What are our rights as U.S. citizens, and how are they changing?

The U.S. Constitution grants citizens the right to vote, but elections are run by the state and local governments, who may enact policies that make it difficult for some people to vote. Healthcare and privacy rights are also changing as some states add restrictions on abortions.

What You Need to Know About Voting And Why: 11/17/2023 - 10:00 PM (1 hour)

In “A Conversation with Professor Kimberly Wehle - What You Need to Know About Voting And Why,” provided by the Center for Youth Political Participation of the Eagleton Institute, Lawyer Kimberly Wehle sits down with Eagleton to discuss the importance in youth voting, how to get involved, electoral processes, and other political topics. They discussed issues that directly impact voting participation such as polling locations, transportation, and information about political candidates.

The 26th Amendment: 12/15/2023 - 10:00 PM (1 hour)

2023 marks the 52nd anniversary of the ratification of the 26th Amendment, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 years old and outlawing age discrimination in access to the ballot. Its ratification ushered in the country’s last seismic expansion to the franchise, yet barriers to the youth vote persist 50 years later. In a moderated conversation, Patricia Keefer, an original youth organizer behind the 1971 push for ratification, joined today’s youth organizers from across the country in a discussion of youth voting rights. Constitutional litigator and Twenty-Sixth Amendment legal scholar Yael Bromberg will facilitate the discussion around the ongoing project of fulfilling the promise of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment today.

Democracy Now: Tuesday - Saturday - 5:00 AM (5 hours per week)

Democracy Now is a news hour produced five days a week in New York City covering current events affecting our local community and the world. This quarter, they covered topics including the removal of Speaker McCarthy, the death and replacement of Senator Feinstein, climate change, and U.S. involvement in wars in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.