

WTTG-TV/Channel 5
Program Information Report
Third Quarter 2015

Short-Form Programming

The following contains information on locally produced public service announcements as well as a list of community organizations and government agencies that addressed local issues through public service announcements.

Public service announcements that aired included but were not limited to the following issues:

Community
Crime
Education
Environment
Government
Health
Substance Abuse
Youth

Public service announcements provided by the following organizations:

Act against AIDS PSA
Alcoholics Anonymous
American Heart Association
America's Diabetes Challenge PSA w/ Tim McGraw
American Red Cross Storytellers
Arbor Day Foundation
Best Friends Animal Society
Coalition to Salute America's Heroes
Easter Seals Dixon Center
FCC PSA for Children's Programming
Flu + You Onstage
Help Hospitalized Vets
Horatio Alger Association
Lupus Foundation of America
Music Education in Schools
National Allegiance on Mental Illness
National Crime Prevention Council
Oral Cancer
Pool Safely
Shelter Pet Adoption
Shula Foundation for Breast Cancer
Skin Cancer

Speak Up for Mental Health
Stop Violence against Women
St. Jude Hospitals
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services
Tackle PBA PSA w/ Barry Sanders
We Can Stop HIV

PSAs produced by WTTG/WDCA: **Children's Miracle Network- Hospital Heroes w/
Shawn Yancy**

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Allison Seymour- September 18, 2015- Invited as a speaker for the HBCU College and Career Fair. This Career Fair will connect high school students to HBCUs and HBCU undergraduates to jobs, with the additional goal of creating relationships between educational institutions and corporate employers. The session will open with a panel discussion that includes prominent HBCU alumni and companies invested in working with HBCUs to create a skilled and diversified workforce. HBCUs will recruit high school students and employers recruit potential employees.

Allison Seymour- September 25, 2015- Invited as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Flourish Conference for Women in Leadership at the Mayflower Hotel.

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Fox 5 Morning News at 4:25am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:25-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30-10:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 News at Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 News Edge at Six – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

Fox 5 News at Ten – A daily one hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

Fox 5 News Edge at Eleven – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

Fox News Sunday – A one hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers.

Origination: Network



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Animal Rescue

Each episode of *Animal Rescue* shows real life, in-the-field experiences of professional and ordinary people taking care of, treating, and helping various animals, as well as exhibiting good social responsibility and promoting strong personal and community values.

Dog Tales

Each episode of *Dog Tales* includes dog safety and care tips, as well as lessons for teenagers on the responsibility of owning a dog. The show also provides informative segments on various dog breeds and showcases various veterinary experts explaining different issues affecting canines.

Stanley on the Go

Stanley on the Go is a weekly educational program that showcases the importance of learning about various historical places around the world. The series visits museums, castles, monuments and other interesting places across the United States and throughout Asia and Europe.

3rd Quarter 2015 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report

July 5, 2015-September 27 2015

July 5

2016

Gov Chris Christie (R-NJ) / Presidential Candidate

Religious Freedom

Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO of Liberty Institute

Evan Wolfson, President and Founder, Freedom to Marry

July 12

Bret Baier Anchors

Iran

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Majority Leader

2016

Former Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA), Democratic Presidential Candidate

Followed by

Gov. Bobby Jindal (R-LA), Republican Presidential Candidate

July 19

Iran

John Kerry, Secretary of State

Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy

Iran

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), Foreign Relations Committee

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), Ranking Member, Foreign Relations Committee

July 26

Planned Parenthood

Carly Fiorina, Republican Presidential Candidate / Former Hewlett Packard CEO

Jess McIntosh, Vice President of Communications at Emily's List

2016

Sen Rand Paul (R-KY), Republican Presidential Candidate

August 2

2016

Gov John Kasich (R-OH), Presidential Candidate

2016

Former Gov Rick Perry (R-TX), Presidential Candidate

August 9

2016/Debate

Carly Fiorina, Republican Presidential Candidate

2016/Debate

Sen Rand Paul (R-KY), Republican Presidential Candidate

August 16

2016

Dr Ben Carson (R), Presidential Candidate

Hillary Clinton Emails

Rep Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Chairman, Benghazi Select Committee

August 23

****SHANNON BREAM HOSTS****

HRC Emails

Michael Mukasey, Former U.S. Attorney General

☐ **THEN**

Ellen Tauscher, Former California Congresswoman (D)/Clinton Campaign Surrogate

2016

Josh Alcorn, Senior Advisor to Draft Biden 2016

2016/Iran

Mike Huckabee (R), Presidential Candidate

August 30

2016

Chris Christie (R), New Jersey Governor/Presidential Candidate

China & The Economy

Liz Ann Sonders, Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Strategist, Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

Nicholas Lardy, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

September 6

Crime/Police Brutality

Charles Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Commissioner
Edward Flynn, Milwaukee Police Chief

Iran

Dick Cheney, Former Vice President/ Author, "Exceptional"
Liz Cheney, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State/Fox News Contributor/ Author,
"Exceptional"

September 13

2016

Gov John Kasich (R-OH), Presidential Candidate

Refugee Crisis

Sen Ron Johnson (R-WI), Chair, Homeland Security Committee
Sen Chris Murphy (D-CT), Foreign Relations Committee

September 20

2016

Carly Fiorina (R), Presidential Candidate

Papal U.S. Visit

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington
Father Thomas Rosica, CEO, Salt and Light Television Network

September 27

2016

Jeb Bush (R), Presidential Candidate

Potential Government Shutdown

Rep Tom Cole (R-OK), Appropriations Committee
Rep Mick Mulvaney (R-SC), Financial Services Committee

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

3Q 2015

"PG SCHOOLS IMMUNIZATION"

CHILDREN 09/29/15

(TAKE PKG)

[PACKAGE]

FACING A DEADLINE THAT COULD BLOCK HIS KIDS AT THE SCHOOL DOOR - PARENTS LIKE EUGENE ALLEN ARE RACING TO GET THEIR KIDS IMMUNIZED

Byte @ 01.11.01 'you know honestly, it's a necessity, you gotta do it, you gotta do it" get it done"
Eugene Allen, Tallia & Eugene Jr.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY SCHOOLS SAY NEARLY 3,000 STUDENTS WON'T BE ALLOWED IN CLASS THEY DON'T GET INOCULATIONS. MIDDLE SCHOOL-ER JOSLYN FLORES, SAYS SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL SHE GOT THIS LETTER FROM SCHOOL.

Byte @ 01.07.51 "they told me that I need shots" Joslyn Flores/Middle School

WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE, YOU'D EXPECT TO SEE A STEADY STREAM OF PARENTS AND KIDS TRYING TO GET THEIR SHOTS AT THIS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE IN CLEVERLY, WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT EXPECT ARE COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS TRYING TO STOP FOX 5'S INTERVIEW WITH A 7TH GRADER.....

Byte @ 01.08.35 "Ok I'm going to call county! So you're telling u? You're not supposed to be here! You're not allowed to touch people! Do not put me on camera!

PUSHING FOX 5'S CAMERA AWAY, THE OFFICER RETREATED INTO THE BUILDING.

Byte @ 01.08.46 "Mam you are not allowed to touch a photographer that was way out of line"

THE SECURITY GUARD WENT AWAY, BUT THE REASON FOX 5 AND THESE FAMILIES ARE AT THIS HEALTH OFFICE HASN'T. MARYLAND UPDATED ITS IMMUNIZATION RULES FOR KINDERGARTNERS FOR CHICKEN POX, AND MENINGITIS AND TETNIS FOR 7TH GRADERS. PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY SCHOOLS KEESHA BULLOCK SAYS, THEY'VE SENT LETTERS AND WARNED PARENTS FOR MONTHS.

Byte @ 01.19.47 "unfortunately on October 1st they will not be allowed to go back to school.

THIS ALL IS HAPPENENING AS PRINCE GEORGES SCHOOL HEALTH DIRECTOR DR. ANGELA WAKHWEYA IS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, BUT SCHOOL OFFICIALS INSIST IT' UNREALTED.

Byte @ 01.18.19 "We are not giving out information, it's a personal issue. But has that affected these immunizations at all? I don't think so"

SOME PARENTS, STILL BLAME THE PRINCE GEORGES' SCHOOLS FOR THE THOUSANDS OF NON-IMMUNIZED STUDENTS.

Byte @ 01.14.41 "I'm outraged that's ridiculous, this should have been done over the summertime"

BUT FOR KINDERGARTNERS LIKE ANGEL...

Nats - Angel High Five"

NOW, JUST IMMUNIZED - IT'S AN EARLY LESSON FOR PARENTS AND KIDS...

Byte @ 01.03.35 "The child needed a shot to go back to school, and if he now has every shot, no more school"

I'M NOT PUTTING OFF SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS...

"PLANNED PARENTHOOD"

HEALTH 09/29/15

TAKE PKG/CG -----

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SLUG: bc-fox-XX-PLANNED-PARENTHOOD-DEBATE-UPDATE-2-9-29-WALDMAN-PKG

(TAKE PKG/CG

CHYRONS:

REP. JASON CHAFFETZ / (R-UT) HOUSE OVERSIGHT CHAIRMAN

CECILE RICHARDS / PLANNED PARENTHOOD PRESIDENT

REP. CAROLYN B. MALONEY / (D-NY)

JOEL WALDMAN / FOX NEWS CORRESPONDENT / WASHINGTON, D.C. (on cam tag)

HOUSE NATS: 'We have been extremely cooperative// Chaffetz: And I just cited that.'

TENSION ON CAPITOL HILL...

THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE --- REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN JASON CHAFFETZ --- ACCUSING PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MISSPENDING MORE THAN 40-MILLION-DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS....

ON EVERYTHING FROM LAVISH TRAVEL ...TO THEMED PARTIESAND AN EXPENSIVE MANHATTAN OFFICE.

CHAFFETZ says 'This is an organization that doesn't need federal subsidy.'

THE CONGRESSIONAL GRILLING COMES AFTER TEN SECRETLY RECORDED VIDEOS SURFACED ... ALLEGEDLY SHOWING PLANNED PARENTHOOD EMPLOYEES NEGOTIATING OVER THE PRICE OF ORGANS AND TISSUES FROM ABORTED FETUSES.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S PRESIDENT --- CECILE RICHARDS --- QUESTIONED THE AUTHENTICITY OF THOSE VIDEOS.

RICHARDS says 'It is impossible for our patients to understand why Congress is once again threatening to prevent them from going to the health care provider of their choice.'

AS CONSERVATIVES CONTINUE THREATS TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, ITS PRESIDENT ARGUED MOST OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING IT RECEIVES ... IS REIMBURSEMENT UNDER MEDICAID AND OTHER PROGRAMS ... FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES LIKE BIRTH CONTROL AND CANCER SCREENINGS.

RICHARDS MADE IT CLEAR NO FEDERAL FUNDS PAY FOR ABORTION SERVICES - EXCEPT UNDER VERY LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED BY LAW.

AND DEMOCRATS STOOD WITH HER...

MALONEY says 'Republicans want to outlaw a women's right to choose.'

WALDMAN says (on cam tag)

'And, while the federal government remains open for now, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer said he fears the ongoing flap over Planned Parenthood could cause a shutdown come December. In Washington, Joel Waldman, Fox News.'

“LANIER UNION CONFIDENCE VOTE”

COMMUNITY- 08/31/15

TAKE PKG

5P PKG LANIER UNION CONFIDENCE VOTE

ADD WAGNER AUDIO SIGOUT PLEASE

(TAKE PKG)

THE VOTES WERE TAKEN ELECTRONICALLY OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE OFFICERS ASKED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE CHIEF LANIER IS ABLE TO PROPERLY MANAGE THE RESOURCES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND KEEP THE CITIZENS SAFE.

ONLY A THIRD OF THE FORCE CAST A SECRET BALLOT BUT IT WENT OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST THE CHIEF.

UNION PRESIDENT DELROY BURTON ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS ON FOX 5 MORNING.

SOT W/ DELROY "This means that the Mayor needs to do some thinking about the police chief because the public has to trust us--if we can't trust that our leadership is being honest the public can't trust that the leadership is being honest and then we can't work together on this very vexing problem of violence that we have in this community"

BUT THE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, ANC COMMISSIONER AND COUNCIL MEMBER WE SPOKE WITH TODAY WEREN'T NEARLY AS HARSH AND STILL HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE CHIEF.

SOT 00:51 "Only a third of the officers actually voted and what it represents I think on the face level is it shows a concern amongst the patrol officers, I think that number needs to be looked at, in my time working with the leadership, working with patrol officers I've heard genuine support about what's going on and wanting to work with the community".

BUTT TO

SOT 6:34 "I've lived here in Ward 7 for many, many years and have experienced a lot of violence to a murder in front of my house, men shooting and running down the street, so I have worked with the chief and the deputy chief on these issues, including when I went to testify against some of these bad actors, so I definitely know that the chief is working very hard, she has provided increased exposure here in ward 7".

BUTT TO

SOT 12:49 "I think the vote is a measure of how some of the officers feel about the department and I think their morale is essential for public safety at the same time Paul I know that the residents don't want us pointing fingers, we have more than a hundred homicides and residents want solutions".

IN A UNION FLYER ANNOUNCING THE VOTE--THE SITED TOXIC MANAGEMENT, THE DISBANDING OF SPECIALIZED UNITS AND NO COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AS JUST A FEW OF THE REASONS TO HOLD THE VOTE.

**"FAMILIES DISPLACED PRESSER"
HOUSING- 08/31/15**

TAKE PKG

0831- LIMON GRAPHICS NEED TO BE DROPPED INTO PKG
(TAKE PKG)
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3850 this cane down on me this whole thing came down on me

MIATTA HAS BEEN LIVING AT THE HAMPSHIRE TOWER APARTMENTS IN TAKOMA PARK MD FOR 26 YEARS. SHE'S UPSET ABOUT THE POOR STATE SHE SAYS HER APARTMENT IS IN --- YET SHES BEEN NOTIFIED HER RENT IS GOING UP 25%

MIATTA 35:33 they have never changed my rugs, my kitchen cabinets and the roaches and rats run around

SHES NOT THE OLY Angry RESIDENT
OTHERS GOT NOTICES OF RENT HIKES OF 40, 60 EVEN 78%

LEROY BOOKS / TENATA ASSOC. MEMBER 25:58 we have an older lady that makes 800 every two weeks. 1600 a month. Her rent increases ton1700. She's leaving and I met her Today I walked her into the office and I met her in tears.

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK HAS RENT STABILIZATION LAWS IN PLACE
BUT THIS BUILDING IS EXEMPT BECAUSE THE COUNTY REACHED AN AGREEMENT
EITH THE PREVIOUS OWNERS

MARC ELRICH / MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL 18:10 you guys are ground zero because of the purple line.

THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER
THE ORLO FUND SAYS WHEN THEY BOUGHT THE BUILDING IN MARCH IT WAS
DETERIORATING AND HAD 580 CODE VIOLATIONS

THEIR STATEMENT SAYS IN PART

¶W2 65]] C2.5 G 0 [[

0831- LIMON GRAPHICS NEED TO BE DROPPED INTO PKG
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A third party property condition assessment identified \$3.6 million dollars in needed repairs. The Tenant Association wanted the building fixed by a new owner, but the rents were too low to justify the significant investment required.

ORLO FUND ALSAYS THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION AGREED TO ALLOW RENT
INCREASES IN EXCHANGE FOR REPAIRS

MARGARET BURAIMOH / tenant association
1004 we ring the alarm that rental in Montgomery County that this can happen to younitnlooka come to your block your building

“METRO FRA OVERSIGHT”

TRANSPORTATION- 09/30/15

TAKE PKG

(PKG SCRIPT)

Metro needs help. Few would disagree.

From stressful delays to horrible accidents. Riders are fed up...and some scared to ride.

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Today - The NTSB sent a letter to the transportation secretary saying federal oversight needs to take the place of the current Tri state oversight committee which has little power to improve safety.

The NTSB Chairman wrote,

"There is now a lack of independent safety oversight of Metrorail." "This is an unacceptable gap in system safety."

((Jack Evans))

But Metro Board member Jack Evans says he doesn't think federal intervention is needed. He says metro knows the problems and are addressing them.

((Jack Evans))

If the Department of Transportation secretary agrees - he'll ask congress to a designate metro a Commuter authority - Giving the railroad administration the ability to take over safety issues and assign its team of hundreds of inspectors to look for problems - that agency also has enforcement power which the NTSB says is currently lacking.

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“PRIETO SERIAL KILLER”

CRIME 09/30/15

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W2 32]] C2.5 G 0 [[

SOT 4:09 TO 4:10

SOT "He's a monster".

W3 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

RAY MORROGH, THE FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMONWEALTHS ATTORNEY, HELPED PUT PRIETO AWAY AND WILL BE IN THE DEATH CHAMBER TO WITNESS THE EXECUTION THURSDAY NIGHT.

W4 27]] C2.5 G 0 [[

SOT 3:45 TO

SOT "You know, I was well aware that Mr. Prieto in fact has no conscience and could care less about anyone's life especially women, used his victims like Kleenex, raped and murdered three different women who were innocent--one of whom was 15 years old".

W5 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

FOX 5 HAS FOLLOWED THIS CASE VERY CLOSELY OVER THE YEARS--INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF RACHEL RAVERS FAMILY AND REPORTING EXTENSIVELY ON EVERY DEVELOPMENT.

W6 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

TODAY--RACHEL'S BROTHER--MATT TOLD US IN AN INTERVIEW VIA SKYPE--HE AND HIS SISTER WILL BOTH ATTEND THE EXECUTION.

W7 37]] C2.5 G 0 [[

SOT 10:56:39 TO SKYPE

SOT "He's sadistic, he enjoys it, he is head of a violent gang, he plotted these killings, he went on this rampage, he was eventually caught and now he needs to be held accountable".

W8 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

RACHEL RAVER AND WARREN FULTON WERE ABDUCTED BY PRIETO AFTER LEAVING MR. DAYS BAR IN DECEMBER OF 1988.

W9 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

DNA EVIDENCE ALSO LINKS HIM TO THE RAPE AND MURDER OF VERONICA JEFFERSON IN ARLINGTON IN MAY OF 1988 AND BALLISTICS EVIDENCE LINKS PRIETO TO THE MURDER OF A PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY MAN.

W10 31]] C2.5 G 0 [[

SOT 10:58:19 TO

SOT "I cannot speak more highly of the Fairfax County Police--when they finally told us they got him it was ecstatic relief he wasn't out there anymore".

⌘W11 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

AND NOW MATT RAVER SAYS HE WILL SEE JUSTICE THROUGH TO THE END.

⌘W12 31]] C2.5 G 0 [[

SOT 10:59:33 to

SOT "I assure everyone out there--especially the anti-death penalty people that we are not asking for reincarnation we are pleading for justice--we are saying if you take a human life intentionally, go out there and torture people and go on rampages and randomly kill people and take their lives and shatter families and you will be held accountable and that accountability will be capital punishment-the death penalty".

⌘W13 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

WARREN FULTON WAS CAPTAIN OF THE GW BASEBALL TEAM WHEN HE WAS KILLED AND RACHEL RAVER WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO LAW SCHOOL.

THEY WERE BOTH 22 YEARS OLD.

PAUL WAGNER FOX 5 LOCAL NEWS. ⌘W14 16]] C2.5 G 0 [[

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IRAN DEAL DEBATE

NATIONAL POLITICS 08/08/15

(TAKE PKG)

THE TOP TWO DEMOCRATS ON THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAVE ALSO COME OUT AGAINST THE DEAL.

BUT IT WAS SENATOR SCHUMER'S VOTE THAT REALLY MATTERED.

NOT ONLY IS HE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL JEWISH VOICE IN CONGRESS.

HE'S ALSO IN LINE TO BECOME THE NEXT SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

WELL NOW -- SEVERAL FORMER TOP OFFICIALS WITHIN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ARE OPENLY QUESTIONING IF SCHUMER SHOULD STILL GET THE JOB.

FORMER SENIOR ADVISER - DAN PFEIFFER - POSTED ON TWITTER: Senator Schumer siding with the GOP against Obama, Clinton, and most Democrats will make it hard for him to lead the Dems in '16

AND FORMER OBAMA SPEECHWRITER - JON FAVREAU - SAID: Schumer, who said it was a mistake to pass Obamacare, now comes out against the Iran Deal. This is our next Senate leader?

SCHUMER SAYS - QUOTE - To me, the very real risk that Iran will not moderate and will, instead, use the agreement to pursue its nefarious goals is too great. Therefore, I will vote to disapprove the agreement

HERE'S HOW THE DEAL'S CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR - SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY - RESPONDED YESTERDAY.

'I profoundly disagree with the judgment made // I would respectfully suggest that rejection is not a policy for the future, it does not offer any alternative.'

BUT REPUBLICANS ARE PRAISING SCHUMER'S DECISION.

TODAY... PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MIKE HUCAK BEE CALLED THE DEMOCRATIC DEFECTION - QUOTE - HUGE AND VERY SIGNIFICANT.

'This is an example of statesmanship over partisanship. I think we all owe Chuck Schumer a really sincere round of applause for standing up and putting America first, putting peace first, and saying no to the Iran deal.'

THE WHITE HOUSE IS DOWNPLAYING SCHUMER'S DEFECTION.

THEY SAY IT WON'T IMPACT THE DECISIONS OF OTHER DEMOCRATS.

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT -- THIS IS NOT THE NEWS THE PRESIDENT WANTED RIGHT BEFORE CONGRESS' AUGUST RECESS.

TOXIC TRAIL?

ENVIRONMENT 08/11/15 EMILY MILLER

SILVER SPRING, Md. -- Some people who live in Silver Spring are upset because a large portion of a popular trail is being temporarily closed as part of an environmental restoration project.

The Army, which controls a section of the Ireland Trail, says the ground and water have been contaminated by an old landfill on the Fort Detrick Annex property.

Starting in January, they will fence off about 40 percent of the trail to restore the area.

The community says the Army is exaggerating the risk because it is just afraid of toxicity lawsuits.

“So what they have done, in an excess of caution, they have invented exotic scenarios in which a person would burrow down in the soil, find an old test tube, suck on it, lie down in broken glass, get injured – and here’s the key part of the sentence – sue them. Because what they really care about is lawsuits,” said resident Steven Rosen.

The medical waste is from the Army’s own landfill, which is right next to the trail.

People who use the trail every day have banded together in a group called “Save Our Ireland Trail.” They do not want the trail closed off, even temporarily.

“If we thought it was a health hazard, rather than a health benefit, we’d be the first to be against it. We’re for it because it’s good for us. This is a 60-year-old problem, not a new one,” said resident Dennis Gallagher.

“It takes the prettiest part of the trail, which includes historic bridges, historic picnic houses. It’s just gorgeous. Plus, they’re going to cut off the stream,” said resident Barbara Schubert.

In a statement, the Army said its decision “best ensures that risk levels associated with the stream remain at or below the acceptable levels.”

The Army insists the trail will reopen when the environment has been restored, but not everyone believes that.

“We’re going to see this fence for the rest of our lives, our children’s lives and our grandchildren’s lives. This trail, which has been used for 200 years, is going to be closed to the public forever,” said Rosen.

An Army spokeswoman says work on the trail will take several years.

Full statement from U.S. Army:

“It is our responsibility to protect the public from exposure to potential hazardous material on Army property. It is also our responsibility to investigate and clean up past practices which have led to environmental contamination. The alternative selected provides the maximum and continued level of protection to human health and the environment and best ensures that risk levels associated with the stream remain at or below the acceptable levels, while still allowing continued public use of most of the Ireland Trail.

This is an interim action; it is not a permanent solution. The evaluation, selection and implementation of the final remedy will take at least several years to complete. A Non Time Critical Removal Action is being implemented to protect human health and the environment while the permanent remedy is determined and implemented. The Army is currently performing a Feasibility Study which is the next step in the [Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act] process to evaluate the final remedy.”

Lanessa Hill

Public Affairs Officer

United States Army Garrison Fort Detrick

GAITHERSBURG LABOR DAY PARADE IS A PRIME STOP FOR MD. POLITICIANS

LOCAL POLITICS 09/07/15 EMILY MILLER

GAITHERSBURG, Md. - The annual Gaithersburg Labor Day parade has always had a lot of politicians, but as the 2016 election gets closer, this year's parade was even more popular with those looking for votes.

Among the marching bands, superheroes, boy scouts and even R2-D2 showing off for the crowds, politicians and their supporters were working hard on Labor Day in the Gaithersburg parade.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) is running for U.S. Senate. He said he wants Capitol Hill to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Right now, you see worker productivity going up very quickly in America over the last many decades, but the wages and real benefits for workers have been flat," he said.

Republican Gus Alzona is running for Van Hollen's congressional seat. The House candidate said he opposes raising minimum wage.

"I'm a small businessman and I would favor policies which favor small business, which give a higher priority to a small business over corporate cronyism," said Alzona.

Gaithersburg is in Congressman John Delaney's district. He has a plan for more jobs.

"I think this country should engage in a national trillion dollar infrastructure program to rebuild America," said Delaney (D-Md.). "It will create over ten million jobs."

A family of self-described conservatives disagreed with the politicians who paraded past them.

"I think that's all well and good except who is going to pay for it?" said Montgomery County resident Castro Giovanni. "I mean, money does not grow on trees. It just sounds like one more thing that is going to make my paycheck just a little bit smaller."

But it wasn't all serious political issues and glad-handing here. What did the kids enjoy most about the parade?

"I like all the performers," said Jurnee Padgett.

"I got to ride a scooter," said Zane Hood.

"Riding on the back of my dad's truck," Isa Brant told us.

"Being able to hold onto the truck and ride my skateboard," said David Gonzalez.

The children here may not have a job to celebrate on Labor Day, but they had a great time at the parade.

FORMER MCPS SUPERINTENDENT JOSHUA STARR SPEAKS OUT AFTER RESIGNATION

EDUCATION 09/21/15 LAURA EVANS

WASHINGTON - It has been more than seven months since the resignation of Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Joshua Starr, and there are still questions surrounding his departure and who is taking over as the permanent replacement.

FOX 5's Laura Evans sat down with Dr. Starr in his first interview on the matter since he resigned in February.

"I've been having a lot of fun, writing a lot, speaking a lot," Starr said.

Photo

EXCLUSIVE: Former MCPS superintendent Joshua Starr speaks out after resignation

Starr is now chief executive of PDK International, a network of education professionals. Larry Bowers was named interim superintendent when Starr left, and with a failed search for a new superintendent going into this new school year, Bowers will stay at the helm until July 2016 when he intends to retire.

School spokesperson Dana Tofig provided the following statement to FOX 5:

The Board intends to relaunch its search for a new superintendent this fall and will have the next superintendent in place by July 1, 2016. In the meantime, interim superintendent Larry Bowers and the Board are continuing to implement the Board's vision and mission as outlined in the Strategic Planning Framework. This includes a strategic focus on improving outcomes in literacy and mathematics, and accountability.

The school board that oversees the nation's 17th largest school system continues to carry out the very same programs and agendas that Starr introduced.

"You have different leaders at different times, for different reasons. And I'm glad to see that the core work that we started when I got here in 2011 seems to be continuing," Starr said.

So, if the school board and the superintendent were all in agreement on the framework for education in Montgomery County, why was Starr forced out? The answer is still unclear. The school board will only say it is a personnel matter.

"Because I didn't have the votes, there was absolutely no point in trying to fight it out in any way, so I chose to resign," said Starr. "Not because I didn't want the job, but because it was clear, and I didn't feel it was appropriate or responsible to drag the board and the community into a fight about it that wouldn't serve anybody well."

After serving 10 years as a superintendent and 22 years in public schools, Starr says he is enjoying spending more time with his family. However, Starr says he misses spending time with the kids and supporting the principals and educators.

“There are things I miss about it. I loved being a superintendent,” Starr replied. “Everything you do in life, there are always regrets, but there are also opportunities to do new work, and that’s what I’m really focused on now.”

PDK International, Starr’s new employer, just released its 47th annual PDK/Gallup Poll of the public’s attitude toward public schools. The majority of parents surveyed are concerned about the amount of testing students face, want more qualified teachers and believe teachers in the U.S. do not make enough money.