

WPHY-CD
Quarterly Issues and Programs List
2Q 2022
April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

In accordance with 47CFR 73.352 of the Federal Communications Commission’s rules, the following in the opinion of WPHY-CD are the problems and needs of the community for the period noted above. Each is identified by significant public affairs and or public service programming in response to these needs.

Section 1. Issues

- A.** Health: Issues relating to general health, medical conditions, and healthy lifestyles.
- B.** Education: Issues relating to education in our community, Covid’s effect on education, as well as informative topics of general interest on education.
- C.** Quality of Life: Activities, initiatives, and topics of general interest to the local community.
- D.** Religion/Faith: Guests reflect on their faith and how it influences their lives. Also included are faith-based community outreach initiatives.
- E.** Arts & Entertainment: Interviews with local guests from the world music, theater, and art.
- F.** Government, Elections, Civic Engagement: Issues and initiatives of local and national importance relating to federal, state, and local government, elections, and voting, as well as community activists and citizens speaking on local issues and civic engagement.
- G.** Business/Finance: Interviews with local entrepreneurs sharing about business, as well as information on funding for businesses and individuals.

Section 2. Responsive Programs

A. Health

“Trenton Talks: Covid Update with Dr. Philip Bonaparte” Broadcast May 25, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Vennie Stansbury is joined by Dr. Philip Bonaparte who provides an update on Covid, Omicron surge, new variants, and difference between Covid symptoms and allergy symptoms and when to use a home test kit. Dr. Bonaparte also reviews the changes to CDC guidelines, and new vaccine being developed to protect against Omicron and new variants.

“Trenton Talks: Men’s Health Awareness – Black Men Talk” Broadcast June 23, 2022, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Brenda Cusack interviews Rev. Dr. Vanessa Wilson of the Church of Good Shepherd in Willingboro, NJ who shares about herself, the church, and its ministry to eliminate healthcare disparities, with a focus on cancer awareness, prevention, and survivorship. The Church will host its 2nd Annual Men’s Health Breakfast to share vital health information with participants and provide a safe place for them to speak with one another and facilitators on health issues and concerns. Rev. Dr. Wilson shares that the cancer death rate among the Black and Brown community is higher than any other group.

B. Education

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Janet Wide Awake” Broadcast April 7, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosts Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss spotlight the Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School for the Arts production of “Janet Wide Awake.” Principal Adrienne Hill shares about the production, which was done in collaboration with Passage Theater. Students were able to work with teaching artists to help write the play and meld the past with the present. Kate Harrell, theater arts teacher shares about the unique learning opportunities this was for her students to have union professionals work with them on the play. Joining the show were students Jonathan and Nehemiah who shared about the characters they portrayed and spoke about their own experiences and what they learned from their participation.

“Trenton Talks: TRIO Upward Bound” Broadcast April 14, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart, Trenton Board of Education Member, features an interview with Stacy Denton, Director of the TRIO Upward Bound Program, Mercer County Community College. Our guest, a graduate of the program herself, shares about this federally funded program which assists students in grades 9 through 12 in completing high school and pursuing college. She shares that 90% of the students enrolled in this program through Mercer County College are from the Trenton School System. Joining the show to share their individual experiences with the program are parent Maria Carabajo whose son is currently enrolled in the program, and Trenton High Graduates, Casey Forston, a current Rutgers Student, and Alexis Brown, a Kean University Grad.

“Trenton Talks: Pierce College” Broadcast April 20, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Joseph Guzzardo features a conversation with Dr. Stephanie Gibbs-Emanaka, Dean of Admissions & Corporate Partnerships, Peirce College and Dr. Rita Toliver-Roberts, VP of Academic Affairs, & Provost of Peirce College. Our guests share about the College’s unique focus on higher education for adults by providing affordability and flexibility to assist adults upscale and prepare for careers in growing fields that pay family sustaining wages. Host and guests also discuss the ways adult student differ from those just graduating high school and what makes Peirce College different from other higher learning institutions in the marketplace serving adults. Our guests cite a few examples including college credit for prior professional, military, and on the job experience, imbedding specific professional certificates into a degree program, availability of finance and scholarships, as well as scholarships for career changers.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Parenting Workshop Series/9th Gr. Academy” Broadcast April 21, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss, features a conversation with Wilfredo Ortiz, Superintendent of School Support, around the Parent Leadership Series of Workshops for Parents of Trenton Public Schools. He explains the objective of this fun series to train parents on how to engage with the school system to promote healthy communication strategies. This workshop series is being held in collaboration with Parenting’s Inc. Joining the show is Bruce Boyd, CEO of Building Our Youth Development who shares about his collaboration with Trenton’s Ninth Grade Academy to deliver a Youth Leadership Series designed to put youth on the path to personal growth development.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Trenton Central High School Small Learning Communities, Part 1” Broadcast April 28, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosts Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss chat with the Vice Principals of the Restaurant and Small Business Learning Community, and Visual and Performing Arts Community, who shares about their specific community along with Teacher Leaders who speaks to program specifics and events highlighting student achievements and talents. Also joining the show are Kate Noonan of Big Brothers and Sister of Mercer County who shares about mentoring students in the Restaurant and Business Community and Lou Chen of Princeton University who shares about the Trenton Arts at Princeton program for students in the Visual and Performing Arts Community.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Trenton Central High School Small Learning Communities, Part 2” Broadcast May 5, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss, continues the conversation on TCHS Small Learning Communities with focus on the Communications Community and the STEAM Community. Vice Principals Gwen Hansen, and Dierdra Brown share about these small learning communities, and how students qualify for and enroll in them. Teachers from each community, share about their students, learning opportunities, and projects. Students representing these communities share about the learning experience they are acquiring that will be beneficial to them after high school.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Trenton Central High School Small Learning Community Part 3” Broadcast May 12, 11:00 PM and May 19, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, hosts Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss continue the conversation on TCHS Small Learning Communities with a focus this week on the Health Professionals Community. Vice Principal, Larry Parker and Teacher Leader, Ms. Bethea provide an overview of the Health Professionals Community, opportunities for students including the Dual Degree Program with Rutgers University where students can take college courses and earn up to seventeen (17) credits to transfer to a college. Vice Principal Parker shares about the Sports Medicine Certificate program in which the student will leave high school as a Certified Personal Trainer. Joining the show is Trenton Police Detective, Tamika Veal who provides information about the Trenton Police Department Summer Camp for children 10 to 15 years old. She also provides details on the application process, dates for the summer camp, and fun activities including horseback riding. The goal is to have

children engage in positive interactions and experiences with their local police officers during their week at camp.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Governance and Strategic Planning”

Broadcast May 26, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, hosts Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss engage with Board President Addie Daniels, and Board Members Gene Bouie, and Yolanda Lopez, who provide information about School Board Governance and how it works in New Jersey, and details on how the Board is structured to operate in the City of Trenton as a Type 1 School District with a Board of 9 Members appointed by the Mayor of Trenton to serve in 3-year terms. Hosts and guests also discuss the importance of the relationship between the Superintendent of Schools and the Board, a critical factor in determining how well the school system operates. Additionally, they discuss the Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 to prepare students to meet the challenges of a global society in the 21st Century.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Student Attendance” Broadcast June 1, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss features a deep conversation on student attendance, the importance of attendance, and how attendance impacts life beyond high school. Participating in this discussion are Principal Paula Bethea, and Vice Principal Dana Williamson of the Joyce Kilmer School, and Vice Principal Talaya Stoddard of the PJ Hill School. Joining them is Stacy Heading of Isles Youth Build who shares about his role motivating and incentivizing student attendance and overseeing this year’s Billboard Campaign which focuses on student attendance. Students participating in the Attendance Matters Billboard Campaign, also join the show to share their thoughts on the program, and what they have learned about the benefits of attendance. Additionally, they speak about the billboard campaign program itself where they learned about the creative process, including design and messaging as well as promotion.

Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – FY 2023 Budget & Challenge with City

Council” Broadcast June 8, 11:00 PM and June 16, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, hosts Gerald Truehardt and Denise Kriess along with Board Members Addie Daniels Lane, Gene Bouie, and Jennie Weaklim engage in an informative conversation on the FY 2023 Budget, and breakdown of Federal, State, and City funding needed to support the \$419M Budget. The FY 2023 Budget requires the City of Trenton to contribute \$24M

representing a 2% increase over the prior year's budget, much of which is aligned with the District's Strategic Plan. At this time, the Budget has been approved by Mayor Gucciara, however, City Council has withheld doing so as they are not in favor of a local tax levy to support the additional funding. The District and Council are at odds as this tax levy would represent a minor increase... property taxpayers in Trenton would see a two (2) cent increase per \$100.00 of assessed property tax value. Our Board Members provide information on the consequences to education should Council withhold their support for the Budget. The Board implores parents to read the budget to understand where the dollars are being allocated, and to get involved in supporting their children's education.

“Trenton Talks: HomeWorks” Broadcast June 24, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart and Denise Kreiss features an interview with the Co-Founder and Executive Director of HomeWorks, Natalie Tung. Our guest shares about this Trenton based free residential after school program for high school girls which provides them with support for academics, time to connect and bond with other scholars in the program, as well as engage in social and emotional enrichment activities. She also explains that it allows girls from marginalized communities to reclaim power over their cultures, identities, and experiences. Joining the conversation is HomeWorks' House Director, and Trenton Public School Teacher, Erica, who shares her thoughts about the program as a supplement to public school education without removing the girls from their home schools and community. Students Nkosazana, Giana, and Kayla share their personal stories of academic and emotional growth.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Board of Education – Summer Programs and Opportunities” Broadcast June 30, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Gerald Truehart features a discussion on the Trenton School District's Summer Programs. Starting off the show is Jonathan DeSimone, Supervisor of Guidance, who shares about the Early College Preparation Program in partnership with the College of New Jersey. This program offers Trenton high school students the opportunity to spend time on the TCNJ campus, where during this 3-week program they will engage in book studies, learn about expectations of college level reading and writing, career exploration and pathways, as well as access to tutoring services. Students will also learn how to research and review colleges, and about the application process. Joining the show is Micah Freeman, Supervisor of Nursing, who updates on the district's Covid practices, summer CPR training for staff, and the Henry J. Austin Mobile Clinic, which will be available from 10:00AM – 2:00PM Monday thru

Wednesday to provide health screenings and required vaccinations, as well as sports physicals to students in the district. Lastly, Wilfredo Ortiz, Asst. Superintendent updates on the Summer School Program, as well as the Trenton Explorers program, and the ESY program for special needs students.

C. Quality of Life

“Trenton Talks: Personal Development” Broadcast April 29, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program co-hosts Vennie Stansbury and Jacque Howard talk about developing your own style and being confident in who you are and what you look like. They also share about the importance of being grounded in your roots and family history, hometown pride, and community.

“Trenton Talks: Diversity & Inclusiveness” Broadcast May 4, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Vennie Stansbury, interviews Jacque Howard, an Ordained Elder at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, NJ. Host and guest discuss diversity and inclusiveness and loving they neighbor as yourself. To that, Jacque speaks about Westminster Presbyterian which is a multicultural church with a congregation that embodies diversity in everyday life and a deep caring about fellow neighbors. Led by Pastor, Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, the church embraces outreach in the areas of feeding and clothing those in need, after school programs, and sharing its space with other non-profits to offer additional services to meet the needs of the community. The second half of the program includes a discussion on the connection of religion to health, as well as the power of therapy and the stigma that exists within the Black community for seeking help with mental help problems. Additionally, they talk about the start of legalized recreational marijuana sales on April 21 in New Jersey and chat about the health benefits of the hemp plant and remember the war on drugs and how many Black people were locked up for carrying and dealing the drug, often receiving tougher sentencing than those committing harsher crimes such as rape.

“Trenton Talks: Tona Buck, R.O.S.A” Broadcast May 6, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Tona Buck, Sexual Abuse Survivor and Advocate, and Founder of R.O.S.A. (Rising Over Sexual Abuse). Our guest shares about the trauma of sexual abuse and the healing that can only begin once the abuse is voiced. Her non-profit R.O.S.A. provides a safe place for victims to share their stories and find the support to begin their healing journey.

“Trenton Talks: D&R Greenway” Broadcast May 13, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard focuses on the work of the D&R Greenway Land Trust. Guests Linda Meade and Maria Stahl share about the history of Greenway founded in 1989 and mission to preserve and care for land and inspire a conservation ethic now and forever. Over the past 31 years the Greenway has preserved over 21,196 acres of land in New Jersey as well as 315 historic properties. Host and guests discuss the open spaces created by the Greenway for the community to share, including walking trails and bike paths. During the Pandemic, these open spaces became especially important to communities as they provided a place to encourage good health, respite, and common ground. They also discuss the most recent acquisition of Point Breeze, in Bordentown, New Jersey. Point Breeze, former estate of Joseph Bonaparte, exiled King of Spain who resided in Bordentown during the period 1815-1839. What remains standing of the estate is Point Breeze, the Garden’s House for the estate. Located at the southern end of the historically significant Abbott Marshlands and gateway to the City of Bordentown, our guests share how through partnerships they have been able to acquire all 61 acres of this historic property and vision for creating a museum to focus on gateway land use and the re-creation of the gardens to historically reflect the period but make it relevant for today. Guest Maria Stahl shares about a program close to her heart geared to first generation Latino students which will introduce and educate them on the history and ecology of the Delaware River Watershed.

“Trenton Talks: Human Trafficking” Broadcast May 20, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury spotlights the problem of Human Trafficking. Our host provides information about human trafficking and the importance of talking to your children about the dangers that exist. Our host reviews a case from Dallas, Texas about a 15-year-old girl who was abducted from a Mavericks game.

“Trenton Talks: Gullah/Geechee Nation” May 20, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features an interview with Queen Quet, the elected Queen of the Gullah/Geechee Nation who shares about the Nation that exists from Jacksonville, NC to Jacksonville, FL and encompasses all the Sea Islands and 30 to 35 miles inland to the St. John’s River. Host and guest discuss the Gullah who are comprised of many African ethnic groups that linked with Indigenous Americans and created the unique Gullah language and traditions which later became Geechee. Queen Quet explains that the Gullah/Geechee

people have been considered a “nation within a nation” from the time of enslavement in the United States until they officially became an internationally recognized nation on July 2, 2000. Host and guest discuss the displacement of these people who have lived on the same coastal lands for generations and who are being pushed off by the development of these desirable locations and can no longer afford to live on their land because of increasingly high property taxes. She also discusses the Gullah/Geechee sensitivity and action around climate change especially as they affect the waterways and oceans which are so important in their culture.

“Trenton Talks: Spotlight Guests Vont Leek and Tyler Gentry” Broadcast June 2, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features interviews with Vont Leek and Tyler Gentry, two young men from the Trenton area who aspire to careers in the media industry. Our host shares about his connection to these two young men; Vont a rising Junior at William Patterson University served as a Trenton Talks intern during his senior year of high school and his friend Tyler, a Senior at Bordentown High School, who will be attending Syracuse University in the Fall. Both young people share about their passion for media and their collaboration on a web series titled “Latent in Color” and talk about their growing interest in politics, voting, social justice, and environmental issues.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Cycling Revolution” Broadcast June 15, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Jacque Howard shares about REACH, the acronym for his outreach work in the areas of Recreation, Environment, Art, Civics, and Health. In this episode, Jacque focuses on his outreach in Recreation, particularly, with the Trenton Cycling Revolution, a Trenton non-profit with a mission of advocating for bicycling and what that means. As President of the organization, he speaks about the various initiatives they are working on, such as the Complete Streets Initiative, promoting safe street accessibility with the hope of making Trenton a model town for bicycle and pedestrian access and equity, the Wheel Crew, a youth initiative to get young people involved in cycling and where they can learn about non-profits and how they operate, and lastly the COG (Community Outreach Garage) which supports anything human powered with wheels.

“Trenton Talks: Durango Mesa Park Foundation” Broadcast June 15, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program features an interview with Maura Compton, Executive Director, and Gage Sippe, Board Member who share about the Durango Mesa Park Foundation and how it all began with a businessperson, Mark Katz, who was searching out the right area to start his business

and landed on Durango, CO. Drawn to the vast mesa overlooking downtown Durango, in 2015 Mr. Katz purchased this land. Through his generosity, this land is currently owned by the Durango Mesa Park Foundation. Our guests share about the Foundation's partnership with LaPlata County, and the City of Durango who together are working toward realizing the shared vision of for the development of a multi-use park. Our guests expand on the multiple possibilities for the park while still preserving its natural beauty for generations to come. They would like to see the expansion of trails for cycling, hiking, running and horse riding as well as fairgrounds and an equine facility and even a world-class outdoor sports complex. The Park is not yet open to the public so they can continue to work on the infrastructure to support people and events. However, they are looking toward a 2023-2024 opening for the public to be up on the Mesa.

“Trenton Talks: Spotlight on Charlie Geter” Broadcast June 16, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Trenton resident, Charlie Geter. Host and guest discuss Charlie's firsts.... He was the first man of color to graduate from the Rider University School of Journalism, he was the first African American man to broadcast over Tokyo radio, he was the first General Manager of WIMG 1300 AM Radio in Trenton, NJ. Charlie shares that the firsts did not come easy and talks about the discrimination he experienced as one of only a few Black students at Rider, and while serving in the military. Charlie also provided some important Black history facts.

“Trenton Talks: Black History - Juneteenth” Broadcast June 22, 2022; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Deborah Hall features a discussion with members of Mothers in Support of Fair and Equal Treatment (MISFET). Ms. Hall who leads the organization shares about its mission to support causes that enhance the development of communities that promote economic justice and social welfare. She introduces her special guest, Mr. Joyner a radio podcast host, historian, and author, who talks about Black history and disenfranchisement throughout the years. He also shares about the 1862 Emancipation and how Africans were still being held in bondage in the state of Texas until 1867 when they were finally freed, as well as the origins of the Juneteenth Celebration.

D. Religion/Faith

“Trenton Talks: Pastor Felton Rowe” Broadcast April 13, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Vennie Stansbury interviews Felton Rowe, Pastor of New Bethlehem Temple in Ewing, New

Jersey. Pastor Rowe shares about the history of the church established in 1938 and taking over as Pastor from his father, Pastor Felton Rowe Sr. who served his congregation for 45 years and was the longest serving Pastor in Trenton until his retirement. Pastor Felton is also a well-known gospel music artist and was part of the group “Devoted.” He shares his vision for his church, his goal to bring young people back to the church and serve those who are hurting most. Host and guest talk about the Oscars and the message Will Smith sent to people when he demonstrated violence to Chris Rock.

“Trenton Talks: National Day of Prayer Broadcast April 27, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Willie Sturgis to discuss the National Day of Prayer, a day established for people of all faiths to come together to pray for the nation. Willie shares about the prayer event he has organized for this year’s National Day of Prayer on May 5th. Services will take place on the steps of City Hall from 12 – 4 PM and include a diverse group of religious leaders leading in prayer, and gospel song. He also talks about his second outreach which is Black Men Living in Recovery. This prayer/inspirational event brings Black Men in recovery together to share the horrific stories of their addiction as well as their journey to recovery as inspiration for others to join them in recovery and know there is hope and help for them. Willie also shares about the role and responsibilities of a church usher.

“Trenton Talks: Men for Christ Softball League” Broadcast May 13, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Bennie Macklin, Founder of the Men for Christ Softball League. Bennie shares how he got the idea for forming the league after participating and organizing a friendly softball game between two local churches. Guided by his Pastor at the Jerusalem House of God, the league was formed with teams from the community and beyond with a mission to bring men together in an atmosphere in which they were comfortable to connect with other brothers in Christ. The Men for Christ Softball League has been in existence for 12 years and has helped men find their place and become leaders in their homes and communities.

“Trenton Talks: A New Wave Ministries Women’s History Celebration – Pt. 1” Broadcast June 9, 11:00 PM Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features a discussion with Rev. Patricia Hall, Rev. Dr. Brenda Cusack, Rev. Karen Rogers, Prophetess Elaine Salit, Rev. Dr. Shirley Gaines, Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, and Rev. Diane Holloway who share about their calling and what is like to be a woman in a leadership role in ministry. Each

shares their shares the story of her challenges, and journey to acceptance as a leader in their Church.

“Trenton Talks: A New Wave Ministries Women’s History Celebration – Pt. 2”

Broadcast June 10, 11:00 PM Duration 60 minutes. During Part 2 of this episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury, the discussion continues with Rev. Patricia Hall, Rev. Dr. Brenda Cusack, Rev. Karen Rogers, Prophetess Elaine Salit, Rev. Dr. Shirley Gaines, Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, and Rev. Diane Holloway who share about their calling and what is like to be a woman in a leadership role in ministry. Each guest also speaks about women in the bible they most identify with, social justice, and what the words “grace” and “love” mean to them in terms of their ministry.

E. Arts & Entertainment

“Trenton Talks: Spotlight on Gospel Artist Brian Williams” Broadcast April 1, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Brian Williams who shares about his career in the gospel music industry and secular industry. Brian is an accomplished musician, writer, director and technician and chats about his experiences collaborating with Prince, and Chris Brown, as well as many well-known gospel choirs and shares about his newest position as John Gray’s assistant.

“Trenton Talks: Spotlight on Felton Rowe, Gospel Artist” Broadcast April 6, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Trenton’s Felton Rowe who shares about his musical family, and his upbringing singing in the church. Host and guest discuss the musicians and vocalists from the area he has worked with and his group “Devoted” and their performances at the Apollo Theater. Vennie and Felton also talk about Felton’s godmother, the late Sarah Dash, and how she inspired his career.

“Trenton Talks: Passage Theater” Broadcast May 6 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features an interview with Brishen Miller, the new Director of Passage Theater in Trenton. Host and guest discuss the new season which will feature three world premiere plays which are based on and rooted in Trenton. The first is “The OK Trenton Project” which addresses the removal of the “Helping Hands” sculpture at Perry and Montgomery Streets, the second is a play produced in conjunction with the Trenton School District, Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School, and is based on the 1940’s case of

Gladys Hedgepeth and Berline Williams who challenged the Trenton School formerly known as Junior High #2 and its policy of segregation after their children were not admitted due to race. Following a historic legal battle, the New Jersey Supreme Court struck down the widespread practice of segregation in New Jersey Public Schools. This case was the precursor to “Brown vs. the Board of Education.” The third play is a musical based on five women in a court mandated drug addiction program and explores the local opioid epidemic, generational addiction, and women’s addiction and mental health issues. Our guest shares about Passage Theater’s commitment to produce plays that resonate with the local community.

“Trenton Talks: Dray Tate, Music Artist” Broadcast May 11, 11:40 PM; Duration 20 minutes” This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Lisa Granville features an interview with Dray Tate, Music Artist. Dray, a son of Houston, Texas shares about his love for the sound and style of the gospel group, The Williams Brothers, and his dream of one day becoming a member. His dream was realized in 1998 when he was recruited by the group to play guitar, eventually becoming a background singer, and in 2010 a full-fledged member of this famous gospel group. Host and guest discuss Dray’s solo career, and the release of the music video of his song “Do It One MO ‘Gin.”

“Trenton Talks: Spotlight on Gospel Musician, Zak Williams” Broadcast May 18, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Vennie Stansbury interviews Zak Williams, who shares about his career in the Gospel Music Industry, his group One Akord, single Jehovah Jireh, his mentors, and work as a Music Minister at St. Phillips Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Host and guest also talk about some of their favorite choirs, including our hosts all-time favorite, Wilmington Chester Mass Choir. Zak, who played organ for Wilmington Chester Mass talks about what it meant to him to play and travel with this choir, and the doors it opened for him in his career. He also talks about his Stella Award nomination, and what it meant to him to be nominated in a category with such prestigious and talented people.

“Trenton Talks: Hassan James, Root Consulting” Broadcast June 3, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Hassan James, who shares about Root Consulting, an offshoot of Root Magazine, a niche magazine devoted to the Gospel Music Industry. Hassan explains how the shutdowns caused by the Covid Pandemic were the catalyst he needed to move into the consulting business. Root Consulting

began with the independent artist in mind... to provide the support services needed to move from performing artist to the “business” of being a recording artist. He works closely with each of his clients to develop their brand, as well as on publishing rights, marketing, public relations, contracts, and more.

F. Government, Elections, Civic Engagement

“Trenton Talks: Drayton v State of New Jersey” Broadcast April 8, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard spotlights the class action lawsuit Drayton v State of New Jersey filed by Attorney Bill Riback. Our host discusses the case with Attorney Bill Riback, who talks about this class-action lawsuit he filed in the Superior Court of Mercer County that addresses the State’s rollout of the new cannabis law and alleges disproportionately arresting people of color for cannabis prohibition possession was unlawful and is critical of cannabis crimes committed in drug-free school zones.

“Trenton Talks: Medical Marijuana” Broadcast April 8, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features an interview with Ken Wolski RN and Executive Director of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana in New Jersey. Our guest shares about his medical background and how he became an advocate for medical marijuana and the benefits of it. Host and guest talk about the Coalition founded in 2003 and its advocacy work which was instrumental to getting the original bill introduced in 2005 and signed into law in 2010 and full legalization in New Jersey in 2021. He also talks about the Cannabis Regulatory Commission which is tasked with establishing a legal industry which has social justice at its center.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora” Broadcast April 15, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora (D). Vennie and the Mayor discuss a variety of topics including his quick response to managing the Pandemic in Trenton, disseminating Covid information, safety protocols, availability of local testing sites, food banks and more. Mayor Gusciora also discusses the recent opening of the Neighborhood Health Clinic on North Olden Avenue which offers a variety of medical services including Covid testing and vaccination, with mental health counseling coming soon. He also addresses the gun violence in the City of Trenton, and improvements to community policing and provides information on the lead pipe water service replacement lines, street repairs, and refurbishment of Trenton’s 60 parks and public pools to provide safe entertainment areas for children and families.

“Trenton Talks: Princeton Community Works” Broadcast April 15, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features and interview with the Founder of Princeton Community

Works, Marge Smith. Marge along with fellow Princeton Rotarians founded this all-volunteer organization some 23 years ago, and which continues to operate today under the umbrella of the Rotary Club of Princeton. Host and guest discuss this organization that works to enable non-profits boards, staff, and volunteers to work more efficiently by providing them access to workshops where they can learn the tools and techniques for building relationships, team building, effective board governance and management, elements of grant writing, and so much more. The Annual Princeton Community Works Conference has become the #2 Best Conference in the United States for Non-Profits.

“Trenton Talks: Peace Coalition – What’s all the Fuss about NATO?” Broadcast April 22, 11:00 PM; Duration 60 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, Rev. Bob Moore, and the Coalition for Peace Action, hosts a discussion with Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, Adjunct Professor of Government and Public Policy, College of William and Mary, and former Chief of Staff to Secretary of State, Colin Powell on “Why All the Fuss about NATO, the Ukraine-Russia Crisis. Colonel Wilkerson presents valuable information and insight into NATO, particularly Article 5 which states that an attack on one member is an attack on all. He discusses the impact these words carry for NATO countries and their people, the risks of war, including nuclear components. Our guest also shares that Russia has approved small nuclear weapons for their battlefield use, and that the U.S. is looking at new nuclear weapons on submarines. Also discussed are how the U.S. views its military members, and potential risks to our democracy.

“Trenton Talks: Jasi Edwards, Candidate for Trenton Council at Large” Broadcast April 29, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Jacque Howard features a conversation with Jasi Edwards, Trenton resident of the South Ward who is running in the November 2022 election for one of three (3) Council At Large seats. Our guest shares about her work as an activist and advocate in Trenton over the past ten years in the areas of gun violence, and as Co-Founder of a Trenton focused non-profit “Rebuild Trenton” which works for the economic revitalization of the city, as well as for a clean environment for its citizens. Jasi also serves on the staff of U.S. Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman (D-NJ) and believes her experience makes a her a qualified to serve her community as a City Councilor At Large. Host and guest also discuss the traditionally low voter turnout in the City of Trenton, and what moving the election from May to the November General Election will do to improve voter turnout.

“Trenton Talks: Texas Shooting/Gun Laws” Broadcast May 27, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Vennie

Stansbury discusses the Texas School Shooting, gun regulations and how they vary from state to state. She also talks about seeing the change you want to happen with gun laws by voting for candidates that best represent your interests and learning to distinguish misinformation from truth. This year Trenton will see local elections for both Mayor and City Council, our host appeals to residents of the City to do their research and cast an educated vote for the candidate of their choice free of prejudice and bias.

“Trenton Talks: Gene Bouie” Broadcast June 2, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Jacque Howard interviews Trentonian, Gene Bouie, a civically engaged resident with a fervent desire to determine the root causes of gun violence that has been victimizing the residents of the City of Trenton. Host and guest discuss Gene’s approach which is to gather residents, students, public officials, and leaders from business and religious communities to brainstorm over multiple sessions with the purpose of identifying the contributing factors and establishing a plan of attack. He believes a successful plan of attack should be high impact, have low expense, and establishes accountability. He also believes it needs to be community led, and not overly policed. He also points to poverty and the failure of public education to meet the challenges of educating and preparing urban students for careers that can lift them out of poverty as major contributors.

“Trenton Talks: Teska Frisby, Candidate for City Council” Broadcast June 3, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Jacque Howard introduces Teska Frisby, who is running in the November Election for a position on Trenton’s City Council representing the West Ward. Teska shares about herself, a Trenton resident for the last 20 years, wife and mother of two sons, author, and community organizer. Teska shares why she has chosen to run for office, and her aspirations for the City of Trenton and its people.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Civics and Bridge the Vote” Broadcast June 29, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program features a conversation between hosts Vennie Stansbury and Jacque Howard on their home city of Trenton, NJ. Jacque shares how his grandfather instilled in him the civic spirit, interest in politics, and the importance of voting. Jacque and Vennie recall their first voting experiences and talk about every citizen’s responsibility to hold their elected officials accountable. They also talk about one of Jacque’s initiatives, Bridge the Vote Campaign, an online presence that gathers and shares information pertaining to Trenton, New Jersey Elections and Council positions. They also discuss some present-day issues with Trenton City Council.

“Trenton Talks: Trenton Downtown” Broadcast June 29, 11:30 PM; Duration 30 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, hosts Vennie Stansbury, and Jacque Howard discuss the resurgence of Downtown Trenton, and the group of dedicated Trentonians working to bring Trenton back to the vibrant City it once was. Our hosts recall some of their favorite childhood haunts in the downtown area, and the new energy bringing shops, restaurants, and businesses to once vacated buildings. Jacque and a few friends have invested in the old CWA Union building on West Front Street, just a half block from the historic site of the Old Barracks. The building now called HUB 13 will feature a working studio space with state-of-the-art equipment and provide access to services in artistic development, and business practices, and provide a free space for like-minded individuals to gather and exchange ideas at the first-floor café. Jacque also shares information for the Downtown Associations Civic Saturdays, starting July 2nd, from 10a – 2p at the HUB 13 location at 13 W. Front Street.

G. Business/Finance

“Trenton Talks: Dayna Marie, Financial Advisor” Broadcast May 11, 11:00 PM; Duration 40 minutes. During this episode of our locally produced public affairs program, host Lisa Granville interviews Financial Advisor, Dayna Marie who shares about her background in the Finance Industry, and her excitement in helping clients reach their financial goals and sustain growth. She also explains personal credit and how things like paying your bills on time, not using more than 30% of available credit, and the diversity of your credit affect your overall credit score. She also addresses the differences between personal credit and business credit and not falling into the pitfall of leveraging personal credit to start a business.

“Trenton Talks: Indiya Cook – Entrepreneur” Broadcast May 27, 11:00 PM; Duration 30 minutes. This episode of our locally produced public affairs program hosted by Vennie Stansbury features an interview with Trenton Entrepreneur, Indiya Cook. Indiya is a Wedding and Event Planner, who shares about her business, Lasting Impressions. She also discusses an upcoming event she is hosting on July 10, at the JFK Center in Willingboro, NJ. The event, “Business Brunch and Bubbly” will be a networking event for small business owners and entrepreneurs and will feature speakers from the Small Business Association, Insurance industry, as well as entrepreneurs sharing their experiences and tips for success.

