

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station: WPST-FM

Jan 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Population in New Jersey is Decreasing:** Why are people moving out of New Jersey?
- B. **Government Shutdown:** How are New Jersey residents effected by the government shutdown?
- C. **Bullying:** Bullying, in and out of schools, continues to be a major concern in New Jersey.
- D. **Drunk Driving:** An accident involving local college students brought the issue of Drinking & Driving to the forefront of the Mercer County community.
- E. **New Jersey Minimum Wage Increase:** A law was passed that will require incremental increases in the state's minimum wage.
- F. **Environmental Issues:** A new company in Trenton will deliver groceries in reusable bags.
- G. **Communication Skills:** People are concerned that technology is destroying communication skills.
- H. **Local Economy:** Are the number of vacant stores in Mercer County a reason to be concerned about the local economy?
- I. **Millennials in NJ Are Moving Back Home:** Poor economic conditions are causing some millennials to move back home after a divorce.
- J. **Legalized Marijuana in New Jersey:** New Jersey is very close to becoming the latest state to legalize marijuana.
- K. **Economy:** New Jersey passes a law that says businesses cannot refuse cash payments.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time and/or Frequency
1/6/2019	Community Focus	A new report shows that in 2018, twice as many people moved out of New Jersey as moved in. The study's data aligns with longer-term migration patterns to southern and western states, trends driven by job growth, lower costs of living, state budgetary challenges and more temperate climates	15:00	6:00am

1/13/2019	Community Focus	As the government shutdown continues, New Jersey residents enrolled in several state-administered programs that rely on federal funding, such as nutrition assistance, cash assistance for families with children and child care subsidies, could see critical benefits dry up.	15:00	6:00am
1/20/2019	Community Focus	New Jersey is in the Top 20 in a ranking of the number of reported cases of bullying. In addition, the New Jersey Department of Education reported that violence in schools was increasing even though the number of cases of bullying had lowered. According to stopbullying.org, bullying can verbal, social or physical.	15:00	6:00am
1/27/2019	Community Focus	A 20-year-old TCNJ student died after an impaired driver crashed into his car in New Jersey. His parents are suing the driver and the bar where he got drunk.	15:00	6:00am
2/3/2019	Community Focus	New Jersey will be in the fourth state in the U.S. to phase in a higher minimum wage. The rate will increase to \$10/hour on 7/1/19, \$11/hour on 1/1/20, \$12/hour on 1/1/21, \$13/hour on 1/1/22, \$14/hour on 1/1/23 and \$15/hour on 1/1/24.	15:00	6:00am
2/10/2019	Community Focus	A review of campus crime reports shows college drinking at schools across New Jersey is at an all-time high, increasing last year by 11 percent.	15:00	6:00am
2/17/2019	Community Focus	Trenton, New Jersey based company, TerraCycle, has created a program, Loop, that will deliver everyday home products to your door in reusable waste free packaging and containers.	15:00	6:00am
2/24/2019	Community Focus	Reports show that technology may be eliminating face-to-face communication. New Jersey residents are weighing the impact this could have on communities and businesses in the state.	15:00	6:00am

3/3/2019	Community Focus	Stores continue to close on the Route 1 corridor in Mercer County. This includes both national and local retailers. Is this a sign of a poor local economy or just a shift to people using online retailers?	15:00	6:00am
3/10/2019	Community Focus	A new survey shows that the most common reason millennials move back home with their parents is because of a divorce or breakup.	15:00	6:00am
3/17/2019	Community Focus	New Jersey appears to be on the verge of being the 11 th state to legalize marijuana. Residents of the state are debating how legalization will effect crime, the economy, and other issues.	15:00	6:00am
3/24/2019	Community Focus	Both houses of the New Jersey state Legislature passed a bill that would make New Jersey only the second state in the U.S. to bar no-cash policies at businesses. Proponents say banning cash is a form of discrimination. Opponents say requiring a business to accept cash can pose a financial burden.	15:00	6:00am