

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW 2022
Sunday 6am - "Jersey Shore Matters"
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FOURTH QUARTER 2022

10/02/22 EVELYN MURPHY, CO-PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, discussed the recent merger of the Greater Red Bank, Southern Monmouth, and Western Monmouth Leagues to form a unified front, how the idea came about, how the merger will strengthen the league, the league's mission, upcoming virtual candidate forums and how to become a member.

10/09/22 JIM VACCARO, CEO OF MANASQUAN BANK, discussed the rising interest rates and the impact on various loans, mortgage rates and the housing market, provided advice on investing money with higher interest rates and future increases expected as well as the threat of recession, impact to 401k plans, and insight to possible recession.

10/16/22 RACHEL SMITH, MANAGER OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR EASTER SEALS NEW JERSEY, discussed the agency's push during National Disability Employment Awareness month to encourage employers statewide to consider hiring an often overlooked talent pool, most common reasons employers give for not hiring someone with a disability, obstacles leading to fewer job opportunities or fewer employers willing to take a chance, and Easter Seals updated "Inclusive Hiring Guide" to inspire and assist employers in recruiting, training and retaining a diverse talent pool.

10/30/22 JODY STEWART, ORGANIZER WITH NEW JERSEY ORGANIZING PROJECT, discussed the lingering impacts of Superstorm Sandy 10-years after the hurricane devastated the Jersey Shore, how the grassroots nonprofit continues to stand-up and speak-out on a multitude of issues still impacting working families that were displaced by the storm, and changes the group was instrumental in helping accomplish.

11/6/22 CARLY FREDERICKS, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF AVA'S VOICE, discussed a unique way her daughter Ava plans to celebrate her 17th birthday to raise awareness and funds for children living with Usher Syndrome by hosting a dinner that involves participants experiencing sight and sound the way she does, how Ava has been able to thrive in public school, despite living with the rare genetic disease that affects both hearing and vision, current research, and projects to raise awareness.

11/13/22 CLIFF BAKER, PRESIDENT & FOUNDER, DINE ON US, discussed how the non-profit is doing one-year after he started the group to help families of active military members dealing with economic hardships, detailed the group's holiday fundraiser and toy drive as well as a holiday dinner at a local base, and how people can donate or volunteer.

11/20/22 TRIADA STAMPAS, PRESIDENT & CEO FULFILL FOOD BANK OF MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES IN NEPTUNE, discussed how much the food insecurity has worsened for families since the Covid-19 pandemic and in the wake of rising inflation, the number of people and children the food bank currently is helping, current food drives, Fulfill's new hospital partnership program, ways people can donate and volunteer, as well as her challenges, accomplishments, and new goals one-year after becoming head of the food bank.

11/27/22 TOM ARNONE, MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECTOR, discussed the county's first Holiday Made in Monmouth event following the success of its annual Made in Monmouth event in April, ways the event benefits residents and small business owners, how the county's recovery is going since the Covid-19 pandemic, programs available to help small business owners, as well as the County's new Brewed and Distilled program.

12/4/22 REPEAT SHOW WITH TOM ARNONE, MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECTOR, discussed the county's first Holiday Made in Monmouth event following the success of its annual Made in Monmouth event in April, ways it benefits residents and small business owners, how the county's recovery is going from the Covid-19 pandemic, programs available to help small business owners, as well as the County's new Brewed and Distilled program.

12/11/22 ROBERT HEUGLE, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRANCES FOUNDATION FOR KIDS FIGHTING CANCER, discussed how the non-profit has been helping young cancer patients all year with acts of kindness and compassion for the past 20-years, the upcoming meet and greet with Santa, and success stories of young cancer patients thriving, despite battling the disease.

12/18/22 PAUL HULSE, CEO JUST BELIEVE INC, discussed the non-profit group's latest plans to build a transitional home for men trying to overcome addiction with a focus on veterans, including the story behind "Larry's Home," and how the group received donated land in Little Egg Harbor from a local business, current fundraising for the project, and when actual construction is expected.

12/25/22 JANET PALUMBO, JACKSON MOTHER, discussed the New Jersey Sharing Network's planned memorial for her late daughter, 15-year-old Hailey, at the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 2, 2023, her reaction to seeing Hailey's floragraph for the first time that will be featured on the "Donate Life" float in the parade, how her family has been coping since the 2017 car accident that claimed her daughter's life, and the ultimate reason why her family made the decision to donate her daughter's organs.