

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW 2022

Sunday 6am - "Jersey Shores Matters"

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1/2/22 ROBERT HUEGLE, PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE FRANCES FOUNDATION, discussed how the Holmdel-based organization helps children fighting cancer and their families through acts of kindness and compassion, such as funding trips and paying bills, fundraising efforts to support pediatric cancer research and how the organization has adjusted amid the COVID-19 pandemic. (HEALTH)

1/9/22 JOHN DUCEY, MAYOR OF BRICK TOWNSHIP, discussed goals for his third term and accomplishments of the the first two terms, the change in make-up of the Council with a Republican member on the governing body for the first time in eight years, and how he's trying to increase community participation in local government. (GOVERNMENT)

1/16/22 GWEN LOVE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LUNCH BREAK, discussed the merger between the Red Bank non-profit with Family Promise in Oceanport, how the new partnership will better serve those in need and why they decided to join forces, the impact the COVID-19 pandemic on services and homelessness, and ways to volunteer or donate. (HEALTH/COMMUNITY)

1/23/22 CARLY FREDERICKS, PRESIDENT OF AVA'S VOICE, discussed what prompted her to start the charity named for her daughter, how the non-profit educates the public about Usher Syndrome, a rare genetic disease that affects both hearing and vision, achievements Ava has been made a teen, fundraising efforts by the group, how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted operations, and ways people can get involved or donate. (HEALTH)

1/30/22 CHRISTIAN KANE, TOMS RIVER FATHER WHO STARTED THE "FIELD OF DREAMS" PROJECT, discussed how his disabled son Gavin became the inspiration for a new complex being built in the Township for children with physical limitations, how the design evolved from a baseball field to a full complex with a bocce court, basketball court, mini-golf course, bathrooms and snack bars, fundraising efforts and sponsorships making it possible for the project to come to fruition, reaction from the community and the tentative grand-opening in April. (ARTS)

2/13/22 RENEE' LEHRMAN, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER WITH THE ASBURY PARK KIWANIS CLUB,

discussed the organization's community service project to feed local families in need, the goal amount the group hopes to raise to purchase pre-packaged boxes of food to distribute, the difference between food hunger and food insecurity, how people can donate, and the details of the food box distribution in March. (COMMUNITY)

2/20/22 JIM RAFFONE, FOUNDER & CEO OF JAR OF HOPE, discussed the Asbury Park-based non-profit he started in his son's name, Anthony James Raffone, to raise awareness and funding for a possible cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, how the rare disease impacts mainly boys and has a short life expectancy, details of his latest fundraising quest to climb Mount Everest in April to fund clinical trials at Florida State University, and how to donate. (HEALTH)

2/27/22 KERWIN WEBB, PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP GREATER RED BANK CHAPTER, MINISTER AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IN ASBURY PARK AND LIASON FOR THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE, discussed ongoing efforts by volunteers to get a "Lynching in America" historic marker in Eatontown to honor the memory of 66-year-old Samuel "Mingo Jack" Johnson, who was beaten and lynched in 1886 by an angry mob who accused him of assaulting a white woman, how the project to share Johnson's story got started, the significance of erecting markers like these to encourage dialogue for future generations in light of recent current events involving racism, how he feels about what's happening in today's society, and messages of encouragement or hope for young men he mentors. (CRIME/HISTORY/GOVERNMENT)

3/6/22 JIM VACCARO, CEO OF MANASQUAN BANK, discussed how interests rates on home mortgages and loans might be impacted when the Federal Reserve raises its key interest rate this month as the agency signaled, programs for first-time homebuyers, tips on how to get a lower mortgage interest rate, what number is considered a good credit score, refinancing options, and reasons for the recent closing of several banks in Ocean County, and the outlook on the future of banks. (FINANCE)

3/13/22 RON CHALUISAN, NJ EDUCATION EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEWARK TRUST FOR EDUCATION, discussed how children can cope with anxiety they might be experiencing from the lifting of the state's mask mandate in schools, how to protect children by creating mentally safe spaces, how adults can recognize signs a student might be struggling, positive traits for children to follow, and tools to give kids to deal with stress. (HEALTH)

3/20/22 ALEXANDRA MCMENAMY, PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, (THE ONLY VOLUNTEER TRAINING ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN IN MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES), discussed how the organization started in 1939, ways it continues to promote volunteerism and helping

develop potential in women, principles the league values and how they are incorporated into current projects, examples of lasting change, membership requirements, and information on joining or donating to the league. (SOCIAL ISSUE)

3/27/22 KATHY KENNY, OWNER AND DIRECTOR OF KARING WITH KINDNESS, discussed how the all-female run business got started in 1998 and has grown to include a vocational school, boutique, and home health care service with offices in Toms River and Linwood, how one-on-one caring was impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for more caregivers. (HEALTH)