

WHTG-AM – The Breeze
JERSEY SHORE MATTERS
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1/2: BARBARA JO CREA, OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, discusses 2024 goals as the governing body's new Commissioner Director, being only the third female in the county's history to hold the position, the Homelessness Trust Fund she created and how it works, other accomplishments she's proud of, why she wants to provide more services for senior citizens and look at ways of alleviating traffic throughout the county.

1/7: TONY PALLAGROSI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LIGHT OF DAY FOUNDATION, discusses the organization's Winterfest 2024 fundraiser, that kicks off January 12, with performances over 16 days at venues in New Jersey and New York, to raise money for research and care for those suffering from Parkinson's Disease, ALS, and Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

1/14: TOM ARNONE, MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECTOR, discusses how he feels about being chosen to lead the governing body for a ninth year, challenges the county is facing due to unexpected and unanticipated costs from rising inflation and costs, goals for the new year, including planning for projects with future gains such as acquiring a former firehouse on the former Fort Monmouth site in Oceanport to provide regional EMS services, taking over roads on the base, and supporting redevelopment on property in Middletown near the Belford Ferry terminal.

1/21: Middletown Mayor Tony Perry discusses renewed efforts to redevelop the area around the Belford Ferry Terminal, including a parking garage, and short and long-term goals to create a seaport village along the Raritan-Bayshore waterfront and Route 36 corridor.

1/28: Long Branch Mayor John Pallone discusses the city's recently unveiled plans for a nearly 4-acre property donated by Monmouth Medical Center three years ago, including details of the new Health and Wellness Center, a new technology Center, and 2-acre park with bathrooms, how it's being funded, a time frame for bidding, construction, and completion of the projects,, and how the projects will enhance the city's "Transit Village" designation where residents can live, work and play.

(JSM-2-4.mp3) 2/5: Katie Lord, Associate Director HABcore, discusses how the Monmouth County-based agency's Street Outreach and Homeless Diversion Program is helping individuals and families in Ocean County get temporary housing, challenges with obtaining permanent housing, and success stories.

2/11: LAURA MASSINA, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADULT SERVICES AT PREFERRED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GROUP IN TOMS RIVER, discusses compulsive gambling and gambling addiction, how gambling is similar to other addictions, signs someone might have a

problem, how to approach an individual about seeking help, and ways adults can make Big Game parties fun for children without glorifying gambling or money pools.

2/18: PAT WRIGHT, CURRENT MEMBER AND FORMER CHAIR OF THE NEW JERSEY ANTI-BULLYING TASK FORCE, discusses the rise in bullying incidents in schools, recommendations the task force made to state legislature and Governor Phil Murphy at the end of 2023, the need for funding to implement the proposed changes, issues with social media, and the need to change the culture in schools.

2/25/24 - CHIP CAVANAGH, BELMAR ST. PATTY'S DAY PARADE CHAIRMAN discussed the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade and spoke about his responsibilities in the role as well as what parade-goers could expect from this year's event.

3/3/24 - WENDY BERK, CEO, BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF NJ discussed signs of brain injury for Brain Injury Awareness Month, as well as the services offered by BIANJ. A large focus was on how one can have a brain injury and not know it, thus making it important to prioritize brain health and seeking help when needed.

3/10/24 - LUANNE WOOD, DIRECTOR, DREAM FACTORY OF THE JERSEY SHORE, spoke about the non-profit foundation which aims to fulfill the dreams of critically and chronically ill children. Discussion was centered around the charity's mission, past "dreams" fulfilled, and how listeners could get involved either by donating or volunteering.

3/17/24 - DAWN TURNER, SENIOR SUPERVISOR OF CUSTOMER ADVOCACY, NJ AMERICAN WATER spoke about NJAW's H2O Help To Others Program, offering financial assistance to those in need following the end of the State's winter termination program. Also discussed were other offerings from NJAW such as how customers can make donations on their bills to help other customers in need.

3/24/24 - EVELYN MARS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JERSEY SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE spoke about their upcoming 2024 Biz Expo in Asbury Park. Discussion was centered around how the JSCC helps local businesses and ways to get involved, as well as the Biz Expo itself.

3/31/24 - LYNN HAWKINS, DIRECTOR, PINWHEEL PLACE discussed the nonprofit's mission as the only Crisis Nursery in the state of NJ, which is based in Monmouth County. Listeners learned what Pinwheel Place is and what it does, along with the multitude of volunteer and donation opportunities available.