## WDPN Issues/Program List 2021 – 4th Quarter

WDPN in Wilmington, Delaware has determined the following issues are matters of importance to its community of license:

- 1) Election 2021- Governor
- 2) Election 2021- Legislature
- 3) Election 2021- How to Vote
- 4) Covid-19 Delta and Omicron Variant
- 5) Covid-19: Holiday Spread
- 6) Covid-19: Vaccination Requirements for Work
- 7) Marijuana
- 8) Covid-19: Remote Learning
- 9) Threats in Schools
- 10) Infrastructure Bill

Jersey Matters - This 60-minute discussion program airs Saturdays at 5:00AM. It tackles issues of importance to the citizens of New Jersey.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Program: Jersey Matters 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 221, 225

Date: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/13, 12/11

Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration: 14:24, 4:54, 13:20, 13:00, 4:33, 9:12, 9:25 7:21, 13:00, 7:25, 8:41, 9:50

Topic- Election 2021- Governor

Description: We covered the NJ Governor's Race from the beginning, but in this period we started our coverage with Jack Ciattarelli, fresh off the stage of the Gubernatorial Debate. We also had our Phil Andrews at the debate, to give us the pulse on whether Phil Murphy or Ciattarelli made a bigger impact. Then, the following week we had one Republican Running-Mate, Diane Allen, who was running for lieutenant governor. Then, we had Jack back on the program to push his campaign after the second gubernatorial debate, along with Phil Andrews who was there on the stage. We continued to try requesting Governor Murphy, but kept getting ignored. We ha Ben Dworkin of Rider University Politics on to discuss and unpack both debates. Before the election, we had on a Republican and Democratic strategist on to discuss Project Veritas—Phil Swibinski of the NJ Dems and Alex Wilkes with the NJGOP. Then, prior to the election we had Jack on once again and we also had Ashley Koning, Pollster from Rutgers and Chris Russell of the GOP on to discuss the close race. After a few weeks post-election, Jack Ciattarelli said he would come back on the program and explain his next moves.

Program: Jersey Matters 220, 223, 224

Date: 11/16, 11/27, 12/4 Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration- 5:28, 9:05, 7:36, 11:41 Topic: *Election 2021- Legislature* 

Description: After the election, the red wave spilled over into the legislature changing up the party in the Senate and the Assembly. We had one Vince Polistina, Vin Gopal

and Jean Stansfield to talk about it. Then, in the Senate President seat, we had on Ed Durr to talk about his surprising win. Lastly, we had on Senate Majority Leader, Loretta Weinberg, who will be retiring from the legislature in January.

Program: Jersey Matters 217, 218, 219

Date: 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 Time: Saturday at 5AM Duration: 12:16, 4:06, 4:51

Topic: Election 2021- How to Vote

Description: One of the biggest takeaways from the 2021 Election was issues with voting. We wanted to explain the changes to our viewers, so we invited on Clerk Hanlon of Monmouth County before early voting started. Then, Kimberly Kravitz went out to ask the people which way they planned to vote- in person or by mail. There was also some confusion with the new machinery at the polls and Jen Marin showed us how to use it step-by-step.

Program: Jersey Matters 214, 217, 222, 224, 225, 226

Date: 9/25, 10/16, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration: 11:19, 11:58, 12:06, 7:16, 9:41, 9:28, 7:15

Topic: Covid-19 Delta and Omicron Variant

Description: To keep us up to date with the spread of Covid-19, Dr. Reynold Panettieri came on in late September to talk about the Delta Variant and the lessening of cases. In the same episode, we had on Senator Joe Pennachio to talk about natural immunity from those who already had Covid-19. A few weeks later, we had on Dr. Judith Lightfoot from Rowan to talk about what we could see in the future weeks to come before the new year. Then, we had Andy Aronson return to the show to talk about how Nursing Homes are doing this year compared to last. When the Omicron variant was first discovered, we had Dr. Shareef Elnahal from University Hospital on to discuss. Then, we had back on Dr. Reynold Panettieri to discuss the new variant now that it is in NJ. Lastly, we had on Dr. Edward Lifshitz from the State Dept. of Health to talk about some figures we see in the spike of Delta and Omicron.

Program: Jersey Matters 215, 222

Date: 10/2, 11/20 Time: Saturday at 5AM Duration: 11:23, 10:01

Topic: Covid-19: Holiday Spread

Description: First, we spoke to Dr. Stephanie Silvera about a Covid-19 winter and what we can expect with gathering for the holidays. Then, we had on Dr. Brian Strom, Chancellor at Rutgers to discuss how to handle non-vaccinated guests at the holidays.

Program: Jersey Matters 218, 220, 226

Date: 10/23, 11/6, 12/18 Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration: 4:43, 4:11 9:56, 4:24, 10:34, 9:24

Topic: Covid-19: Vaccination Requirements for Work

Description: Jennifer Marin did a story on a vaccine trial at one of the hospitals for children. Then, Phil Andrews did a story about protests having to do with vaccine mandates at the State House. We had Dr. Shobha Swaminathan back on the show to

talk about Boosters. Then, Kimberly Kravitz went out to Bloomfield and spoke to a group of first responders who were getting fired if they did not get their Vaccination. Then, we did a two-block segment on the Vaccine Controversy at the State House with Assemblyman Brian Bergen. Then, we paired it up with the ongoing Masks in Schools lawsuit in NJ with Bruce Afran.

Program: Jersey Matters 224

Date: 12/4

Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration: 5:25 Topic: *Marijuana* 

Description: Are all towns participating in the sale of marijuana just because it's now legal? Not the case, according to Kimberly Kravitz, who reported from the many towns who are banning the sale of marijuana.

Program: Jersey Matters 214, 217, 219, 220

Date: 9/25, 10/16, 10/30, 11/6 Time: Saturday at 5AM

Duration: 4:32, 8:47, 4:56, 4:25 Topic: *Covid-19: Remote Learning* 

Description: Phil Andrews tells us about a shortage of school bus drivers in the reopening of schools. We speak to NJ's Teacher of the Year, Theresa Maughan, about her time teaching during the pandemic. Then, Kimberly Kravitz did a report on the amount of parents who ran for school board to have more of a decision on school choice. Jennifer Marin spoke to parents who are frustrated with their children forced into remote learning for as long as they have been.

Program: Jersey Matters 216, 225

Date: 10/9, 12/11

Time: Saturday at 5AM Duration: 8:05, 8:45 Topic: *Threats in Schools* 

Description: Cybersecurity Director of NJ, Michael Geraghty, is on to talk about tele-school instruction and keeping our students safe. Howell Township was dealing with a threat from a student, in the weeks following the shootings in Michigan. We had on Police Chief Andrew Kudrick to discuss it.

Program: Jersey Matters 224, 226

Date: 12/4, 12/18

Time: Saturday at 5AM Duration: 8:33, 6:15
Topic: *Infrastructure Bill* 

Description: We spoke to Congressman Donald Payne about the Infrastructure Bill and what it will bring to NJ. Then, Kimberly Kravitz does an investigative piece on NJ roadway signs and how they are difficult to see at night.

## **THE 302**

1) Arts/Design

- 2) Arts
- 3) History/Entertainment
- 4) History/Entertainment
- 5) History/Entertainment
- 6) Art and Culture, History, Education, Tourism, Latino Artists
- 7) Education, History, Transportation, Military, Tourism
- 8) Economic Development, Business, Commerce, Community Interest
- 9) History, Education
- 10) Education, History, Tourism, Economy
- 11) History, Education, Tourism, Economy
- 12) History, Education, Tourism, Economy
- 13) History, Education, Tourism, Economy

The above issues were addressed on the following programs aired on **The 302**, which airs on WDPN-MeTV2 Saturdays at 6:00AM and re-airs Sundays at 8:00AM. The 302 features stories from around the area that impact our economy and the well-being of our citizens. Jacci Farris hosts the program.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Program #1: The 302 Date: October 2 & 3, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00 Topic: Arts/Design

Description: Delaware Contemporary Museum of Art. The 302 checks out Fields and

Formations a new exhibit.

Program #2: The 302

Date: October 9 & 10, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00 Topic: Arts

Description: Delaware Museum of Art. Join the 302 as it explores all that's new at the

museum.

Program #3: The 302

Date: October 16 & 17, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment

Description: Lewes Historical Society. Join the 302 as it learns about the spooky stories

connected to Lewes Founding Fathers.

Program #4: The 302

Date: October 23 & 24, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment

Description: Join the 302 for some spine tingling real life tales at one of Wilmington's

historic mansions.

Program #5: The 302

Date: October 30 & 31, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment

Description: Pirates and Shipwrecks. Join the 302 as it learns about pirates that terrorized

Delaware back in the day.

Program #6: The 302

Date: November 6 & 7, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Art and Culture, History, Education, Tourism, Latino Artists

Description: The 302 visits the Biggs Museum of American Art to explore the works of the

famous and ecletic Mexican artist Frieda Kahlo

Program #7: The 302

Date: November 13 & 14, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Education, History, Transportation, Military, Tourism

Description: Lightship Overfalls: The 302 learns about historic light ships and the modern-

day crew that keeps their memory alive.

Program #8: The 302

Date: November 20 & 21, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Economic Development, Business, Commerce, Community Interest

Description: New Castle Thanksgiving: The 302 explores the Newcastle Farmers market for

some Thanksgiving day finds you can get all year long.

Program #9: The 302

Date: November 27 & 28, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History, Education

Description: Dickinson plantation: The 302 visits the Dickinson plantation to learn about its

fascinating history.

Program #10: The 302 Date: December 4 & 5, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Education, History, Tourism, Economy

Description: Yule tide at Winterthur: The 302 visits Winterthur to check out its yearly

Christmas celebration.

Program #11: The 302

Date: December 11 & 12, 2021 Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History, Education, Tourism, Economy

Description: Christmas at Rockwood: The 302 visits historic Rockwood Mansion learn

about what the Bringhurst family Christmas traditions.

Program #12: The 302

Date: December 18 & 19, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History, Education, Tourism, Economy

Description: A Read House Christmas. The 302 finds out how Christmas is celebrated on the

strand.

Program #13: The 302

Date: December 25 & 26, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM Duration: 30:00

Topic: History, Education, Tourism, Economy

Description: Historic Lewes Christmas Past. The 302 learns about the history and the

traditions of one of Delawares' oldest cities.

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Below is a list of issues covered during newsbreaks which air 3 times a day, Monday through Friday and run for 1:00 long on WDPN.

WDPN/MeTV2		Newsbreaks		
	ISSUE	OUTLINE	DATE	LGTH
1	Crime/Legal System	Federal prosecutors say a man who threw a Molotov cocktail at an occupied Dover apartment building and smashed its gas meters last year has been sentenced to five years in prison.	10/01/21	:14
2	Covid Vaccine Mandate	Delaware governor John Carney has announced that all teachers and school staff will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination.	10/04/21	:14
3	Crime	A New Castle County grand jury has charged Delaware's State Auditor with felony counts of theft and witness intimidation.	10/12/21	:15
4	Public Safety	Delaware's Division of Public Health has announced that a 79-year-old Sussex County woman has been infected with the West Nile Virus.	10/12/21	:15
5	Penal System	Another University of Delaware student has died after what authorities described as a "medical emergency" in his prison cell.	10/14/21	:14
6	Government	The beach town of Lewes has decided to change the name of one of its beaches to honor a former black business owner.	10/19/21	:14
7	Guns	A 16-year-old Dover High School student was arrested after police discovered he had a gun on campus.	10/20/21	:15
8	Crime	Delaware state police have arrested two teenagers in Wilmington for their role in a carjacking.	10/21/21	:15
9	Climate	The Bancroft Bridge in Alapocas Run State Park sustained extensive damage from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.	10/22/21	:14

10	Covid Vaccine	State officals say vaccine providers can begin administering booster doses for vaccines made by Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.	10/22/21	:14
11	Crime/Embezzleme nt	A Delaware man has been sentenced to more than three years in prison for stealing three-point-25 million dollars of goods from a FedEx facility in Maryland.	10/22/21	:15
12	Public Safety	State officials are asking drivers to be on high alert to avoid collisions with deer, especially after the November 7th change from daylight saving time back to Eastern Standard Time.	10/26/21	:15
13	Environment	135-thousand dollars have been awarded for 36 tree projects.	10/26/21	:14
14	Child Safety	State police would like to remind parents, children, and drivers to remain vigilant this Halloween weekend.	10/26/21	:15
15	Taxes/Law	A Delaware judge has refused to allow taxpayers to foot the bill for a private attorney representing the state auditor on criminal corruption charges.	11/01/21	:15
16	Public Health	The state health department says a third person has become infected with West Nile Virus.	11/02/21	:15
17	Education	Fourteen schools across the state are being recognized for their English learner students' proficiency growth.	11/03/21	:14
18	Environment	More Delmarva fox squirrels are moving to Delaware. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control says four squirrels were trans-located from Maryland.	11/04/21	:14
19	Environment	Governor John Carney released a climate action plan.	11/05/21	:14
20	Business	The family-owned Delaware Park is being sold to a private equity firm and a gambling investor.	11/08/21	:15
21	Government	Governor John Carney signed into law eight pieces of legislation designed to restore public trust in Delaware's criminal justice system.	11/09/21	:14
22	Law/Government	State lawmakers have enlisted a retired Supreme Court justice to help them consider how to respond to public corruption charges against the state auditor.	11/10/21	:14
23	Veterans	The state Department of Motor Vehicles is highlighting military and veteran services.	11/11/21	:14
24	Public Health	Delaware is extending its school mask mandate until February.	11/12/21	:15
25	Public Health	Delaware health officials say a raccoon that bit and scratched a person in the Bear area last weekend has tested positive for rabies.	11/15/21	:15
26	Crime/Government	The former council president in Wilmington has been convicted of official misconduct.	11/16/21	:15

27	Environment	The state is improving the availability of public charging stations for the growing number of electric vehicles on the roads.	11/17/21	:14
28	Guns	A Laurel man is facing charges of making straw purchases of firearms for others.	11/18/21	:14
29	Public Health	Governor John Carney has announced that a two-million dollar investment will go towards establishing the first state integrated food system program.	11/19/21	:14
30	Government/Public	The state Division of Social Services will issue emergency benefits to eligible households for November.	11/23/21	:15
31	Charity	The Delaware Library Association is launching a Giving Tuesday campaign.	11/26/21	:14
32	Covid	Delaware's K-12 public schools are continuing to report less than 300 COVID-19 cases per week.	11/29/21	:14
33	Government/Land Rights	Two Native American tribes are buying back land in Delaware.	11/29/21	:14
34	Environment	The EPA has announced that more than one-point-two-million dollars in Clean Water Act funding.	11/30/21	:15
35	Environment	Low- to moderate-income homeowners who have found installation of solar panels beyond their reach could get assistance with a program expected to launch next year.	12/01/21	:15
36	Religion	Two pastors are asking a court to stop the governor from using emergency powers to restrict religious practices.	12/02/21	:14
37	Guns	A man from Little Creek faces a dozen illegal firearm ownership charges.	12/03/21	:15
38	Crime	Three people are dead in a stabbing at a home in Townsend Friday.	12/06/21	:15
39	Taxes	Delaware's volunteer fire service has saved taxpayers over 250-million dollars in 2021.	12/07/21	:15
40	Juvenile Crime	Police in Wilmington say a 13-year-old boy is charged with stabbing a 14-year-old boy.	12/09/21	:14
41	Drugs	A multiple month investigation by the Kent County drug unit has ended in an arrest.	12/10/21	:14
42	Public Health	Delaware health officials say they've shut down an unregulated tattoo parlor in Millsboro.	12/13/21	:14
43	Public Health	Governor John Carney has extended the mask requirement for schools.	12/14/21	:14
44	Covid	Delaware health officials have launched a toll-free number to help the homebound get vaccines.	12/15/21	:15
45	Drugs/Guns	A Selbyville man faces multiple drug and firearm charges.	12/16/21	:15
46	Enviroment	The state has adopted the White Clay Creek Master Plan after significant input from the public.	12/17/21	:15

47	Penal System	Two former inmates are suing a Delaware	12/20/21	:15
		prison alleging they were beat up while they		
		were in custody.		
48	Business	The division of small business has awarded	12/21/21	:15
		15 Delaware companies with grant funding.		
49	Religion	Congregations affiliated with the United	12/22/21	:15
		Methodist Church have agreed to contribute		
		30-million dollars to a fund for former boy		
		scouts who were molested.		
50	Guns	The Department of Justice has secured	12/23/21	:15
		multiple convictions and sentences in violent		
		gun cases.		
51	Education/Covid	Delaware State University will delay the	12/27/21	:15
		return of students to campus by two weeks		
		because of a surge in coronavirus cases.		
52	Covid	The Delaware division of public health is	12/29/21	:15
		making Covid testing more available.		