

WDPN Issues/Program List
2019 – First Quarter

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

- 1) Small businesses in Delaware
- 2) Homelessness
- 3) Economy/Government in Delaware
- 4) Drinking water in Delaware
- 5) Healthcare (doctor shortage in DE)
- 6) Property Taxes
- 7) Crime in DE (safety with the chief of police)
- 8) State Budget
- 9) Recycling Crisis
- 10) Employment in DE
- 11) Opioid Crisis
- 12) Government shutdown
- 13) Children with special needs

The above issues were addressed on the following programs aired on *The Delaware Way*, which airs on KJWP Saturdays at 4:30 and re-airs Sundays at noon. The Delaware Way features interviews with Delaware public officials, community leaders and newsmakers. The public affairs show tackles issues of importance to the people of Delaware. Larry Mendte hosts the show.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Program: The Delaware Way 276

Date: January 5th and January 6th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 5:30

Topic: Business in Delaware

Description: Larry sits with Damian DeStefano, Director of Division of Small Business to discuss the new help small business in Delaware are starting to get. He discusses how small business are the back bone of Delaware. Damian tries to connect talent with the Department of Labor to find people for jobs. They are trying to make Delaware the friendliest small business state in the country.

Program: The Delaware Way 277

Date: January 12th and January 13th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 6:10

Topic: Homelessness

Description: Larry sits with Carolyn Gordon, Executive Director of Family Promise in New Castle County to discuss her organization and what they do. They prevent and help end homelessness. Family Promise envisions a community in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the resources for lasting independence.

Program: The Delaware Way 278

Date: January 19th and January 20th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 5:15

Topic: Government/Economy

Description: Larry sits with Ben DuPont, Entrepreneur, Partner at ChartLine to discuss the economy and government in Delaware. He discusses the new way and the new technology we have helps us in the future of our government and economy.

Program: The Delaware Way 279

Date: January 26th and January 27th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:50

Topic: Quality of Water in DE

Description: Larry sits with Brenna Goggin from the Delaware Nature Society and Martha Narvaez Policy Scientist at UD to discuss drinking water in Delaware and flooding issues. They discuss the quality of the drinking water, the surface water and the waterways. She believes it's okay but needs to be better. The filtering and processing treatment needs to be updated.

Program: The Delaware Way 280

Date: February 2nd and February 3rd

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:58

Topic: Healthcare

Description: Larry sits with Andrew Dahlke, President of the Medical Society in Delaware to discuss the decline in General Practitioners - and what the solution needs to be. Part of the problem is the compensation primary care doctors receive, says Medical Society of Delaware president Dr. Andrew Dahlke. "There's a real problem with physician burnout, especially in the primary care venue because of how hard they have to work and how little they're reimbursed."

Program: The Delaware Way 281

Date: February 9th and February 10th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 6:27

Topic: Property Taxes

Description: Larry sits with Mayor Mike Purzycki to discuss property taxes. The Mayor finds himself with a fight in the county trying to get a reassessment happening. He said the values have fluctuated so much over time (34 years), and some people are over paying, and some are under. He has asked the court to essentially be plaintiffs in the case.

Program: The Delaware Way 282

Date: February 16th and February 17th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:09

Topic: Safety in DE

Description: Larry sits down Chief of Wilmington Police Robert Tracy to discuss safety in Delaware, and the historic low of crime in 2018, a spike has occurred. He discusses how they are dealing with the spike that occurred - how they prevent them from happening again.

Program: The Delaware Way 283

Date: February 23rd and February 24th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 8:46

Topic: State Budget

Description: Larry sits with the new State Treasurer Colleen Davis to discuss the state's budget. She discusses her new role, and what she is supposed to do. She says it's important to maintain their AAA bond rating – which is very important for local infrastructures and schools. They discuss the budget crisis, and the trends that have happened in previous years – and what she thinks about the crisis.

Program: The Delaware Way 284

Date: March 2nd and March 3rd

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 4:48

Topic: Garbage in DE

Description: Larry sits with Mike Parkowski, Chief of Business and Governmental Services, of Solid Waste Authority in Delaware to discuss the recycling in crisis. It is costing more than twice as much to dispose of single stream recyclables as it costs to dump trash.

Program: The Delaware Way 285

Date: March 9th and March 10th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:16

Topic: Employment in DE

Description: Larry sits with the Director of Employment and Training Stacey Laing and Kyle McGuire, Apprenticeship and Training Manager. The discussion of the labor force there are shortages in, where they are trying to find people for apprenticeships.

Program: The Delaware Way 286

Date: March 16th and 17th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:05

Topic: Opioid Crisis

Description:

Larry sits with Dr. Karyl Ratay Director of DHSS, Division of Public Health to discuss the opioid crisis. Especially in Delaware along the i-95 corridor has been hit especially hard. Delaware had a tragic year in 2018 with about 419 deaths linked to addiction and opioids. When we first talked to the doctor it was around 100. The biggest problem seems to be the fentanyl that is linked.

Program: The Delaware Way 287

Date: March 23rd and March 24th

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 7:49

Topic: Government shutdown

Description: Larry sits with Ray Fitzgerald, Director of the Division of Social Services to discuss the SNAP program that was greatly affected during the government shutdown. Delaware had to get a lot of support from their federal partners at USDA – food nutrition services. SNAP regulations allowed them to give benefits within 30 days of the day of the shutdown from December 21st.

Program: The Delaware Way 288

Date: March 30th and March 31st

Time: 4:30 and Noon

Duration: 6:28

Topic: Special Needs Adults

Description: Larry sits with Dr. Charmaine Wright of Christiana Care Health Systems to talk about how to help parents of children with special needs transition into adulthood.

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	LENGTH
Employment	New laws that take effect in Delaware today include a 50-cent increase in the state's minimum wage and a requirement that large employers provide sexual harassment training to their workers.	01/01/19	:14

Crime	A man and woman wanted in connection with a fatal shooting in Maryland have been arrested in Delaware and face murder charges.	01/01/19	:14
Health	Public health officials are reporting the first flu-related deaths in Delaware in the 2018-2019 flu season.	01/03/19	:14
Immigration	A parade float portraying children in cages at the U.S. border has drawn criticism from politicians and community activists, who say the event in a Delaware town has gone too far.	01/04/19	:15
Crime	State Police have charged two people in what's described as an organized shoplifting spree.	01/07/19	:14
Public Safety	A lawsuit alleges the city of Wilmington, former Mayor Dennis Williams and others are to blame for the deaths of three firefighters and the severe injury of another. It says a cost-saving policy prevented water from arriving within minutes at the scene of a fire.	01/08/19	:15
Government	Delaware lawmakers are convening a new session of the General Assembly with several new faces, and a few old issues. There will be five new lawmakers in the 21-seat Senate and 12 rookie lawmakers in the 41-seat House.	01/08/19	:14
Environment	A Delaware animal rescue official says a bald eagle has died of reported lead poisoning and another eagle is being treated for injuries sustained in a snare trap.	01/09/19	:15
Law	A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a Delaware lawmaker who owns a house that was damaged in a fire that broke out in an adjacent city-owned dwelling.	01/10/19	:14
Government	The state House has approved a proposed amendment to Delaware's constitution guaranteeing equal rights based on sex. The measure cleared the House on yesterday...and now goes to the Senate.	01/11/19	:14

Law	A federal appeals court has revived wireless provider T-Mobile's lawsuit against a Delaware city that denied its request to install a cellphone antenna atop a high-rise senior center to improve coverage.	01/11/19	:15
Public Safety	Authorities say a demolition company leader died while supervising work at the former G-M plant in Wilmington on Friday.	01/14/19	:14
Government	State officials say Delawareans receiving food stamps will receive their February benefits early because of the ongoing government shutdown.	01/15/19	:14
Crime	The second in a series of trials for 18 inmates charged in a deadly prison riot began with defense attorneys telling jurors that prosecutors will rely on testimony from convicted criminals who can't be trusted.	01/15/19	:14
Education	Delaware officials have unveiled a plan to provide more funding for low-income students and students whose native language is not English.	01/16/19	:15
Equal Rights	A proposed amendment to Delaware's constitution guaranteeing equal rights based on sex has won final legislative approval.	01/17/19	:14
Government	Governor John Carney says Delaware is strong, and getting stronger.	01/18/19	:15
Crime	Court records say a girl was raped last month by several boys after she was lured from a school bus stop by one of her attackers.	01/21/19	:14
Crime	Delaware State Police say eight Pennsylvania teenagers have been arrested for stealing cars from two companies at the Port of Wilmington.	01/23/19	:14
Government	The Delaware Senate has rejected a House bill to guarantee loans to federal workers affected by the	01/24/19	:14

	government shutdown but approved a bill protecting those workers from creditors.		
Child Safety	A 5-year-old Delaware boy was left on a school bus for hours in freezing weather despite multiple safeguards. Ibn Polk fell asleep on the bus to his Pike Creek school Tuesday morning and was found unharmed about six hours later.	01/24/19	:14
Government	Democratic lawmakers have introduced a bill to eliminate a new training wage they agreed to last year to break a budget stalemate. The wage was proposed by Republicans after Democrats rammed through a minimum-wage increase in the middle of the night on the final day of the session.	01/24/19	:14
Child Safety	A transportation company says it has fired the driver who left a 5-year-old boy on a school bus for hours in freezing weather.	01/24/19	:14
Public Safety	A busy Delaware bridge that spans the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal is set to reopen.	01/28/19	:14
Business	A state panel has reversed itself and ruled that two civic groups can challenge a permit allowing a Delaware oil refinery to ship unblended ethanol to other East Coast facilities.	01/29/19	:14
Business	State officials say the Delaware Bay's stock of blue crabs is continuing a four-year growth streak.	01/30/19	:15
Business	Delaware state officials say a manufacturing plant near Newport is being fined \$80,000 for dumping nearly 2 tons of excess pollution into the air.	01/31/19	:14
Health	Public health officials are reporting three more flu-related deaths in Delaware, bringing the current flu season's total to eight.	02/01/19	:14
Crime	Authorities say a police officer shot a carjacking suspect in Wilmington, then gave the man first aid before paramedics arrived.	02/04/19	:14
Public Safety	Delaware health officials have announced three recent flu-	02/04/19	:14

	related deaths, bringing the total number of people in the state who have died from flu this season to eight.		
Gambling	Football fans legally bet on the Super Bowl from states other than Nevada for the first time this year.	02/05/19	:14
Public Safety	A chemical plant owner has repaid the Delaware River and Bay Authority nearly \$150,000 in lost revenue after a toxic gas leak forced a bridge to close for hours in 2018. Croda employees found that toxic ethylene oxide was leaking from a new plant at the base of the Delaware Memorial Bridge in November.	02/06/19	:15
Politics	A Delaware boy named Joshua Trump attended the State of the Union address as a guest of the president and first lady who bear the same name, but aren't related.	02/07/19	:15
Business	Forever Media has agreed to buy Delmarva Broadcasting Company for 18-and-a-half-million dollars...pending approval from the FCC.	02/08/19	:15
Health	Delaware's medical director says last year, the state saw its lowest number of new HIV infections since it started keeping records in 2001.	02/11/19	:15
Health	Delaware state health officials say the flu has killed 11 residents so far this season and hundreds more have been hospitalized.	02/12/19	:14
Public Safety	Police in Delaware say an officer exposed himself to a woman and told her he'd let her go despite an active arrest warrant if she "performed a sexual act on him."	02/13/19	:15
Public Safety	State environmental officials say a poultry processing facility with a history of wastewater violations has reported an accidental discharge of up to 1 million gallons of partially treated wastewater.	02/14/19	:15
Drugs	A Pennsylvania drug bust has led to a new resident at a zoo in Delaware, an alligator.	02/15/19	:14

Crime	A Maryland man has been charged after a New Jersey man was fatally shot when he showed up at his ex-girlfriend's house.	02/18/19	:15
Drugs	A New York man is going to spend the next two years in prison for attempting to sell fake cocaine to an undercover agent in Delaware.	02/19/19	:15
Crime	A trial is set to begin for a man accused of fatally shooting a co-worker at a car wash in Delaware. Jury selection was scheduled to start today in Wilmington in the trial of Bobby Taylor.	02/20/19	:14
Crime	A murder suspect whose case led to Delaware's death penalty being overturned by the state Supreme Court is being sentenced after pleading guilty to manslaughter.	02/22/19	:15
Business	Delmarva Power is asking state utility regulators for permission to build a liquefied natural gas storage facility near Red Lion.	02/25/19	:14
Drugs	Authorities in Delaware say two men are facing charges after receiving a shipment of the drug MDMA in the mail.	02/26/19	:14
Crime	Two teens whose murder trial in the shooting of a 19-year-old Delaware woman ended in mistrial are facing sentencing after pleading guilty to lesser charges.	02/27/19	:14
Public Health	Delaware lawmakers are proposing to raise the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21.	02/28/19	:15
Law	A state panel recommends commuting a man's life sentence for the 1982 murder of a liquor store owner and says he should be immediately eligible for parole.	03/01/19	:15
Public Health	Public health officials are reporting 16 flu-related deaths so far this season in Delaware.	03/04/19	:14
Crime	A suspect in the kidnapping of a Massachusetts woman whose body was found in the	03/05/19	:14

	trunk of a car stopped by Delaware authorities has been extradited.		
Crime	A Delaware psychiatrist convicted of sexually abusing two girls and accused of carelessly prescribing drugs has lost his medical license.	03/06/19	:15
Politics	Republican lawmakers are facing an uphill battle to pass legislation aimed at limiting abortions in Delaware.	03/07/19	:14
Election	Delaware's new voting machines will get a test run with upcoming school board elections in two counties.	03/08/19	:14
Public Health	An investigation that found more than 20-percent of tested seafood is mis-labeled in the U-S found an even higher number in the Delmarva peninsula.	03/11/19	:14
Crime	Authorities in Delaware are investigating the killings of two teenagers found shot to death inside a home.	03/12/19	:14
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Drugs	A Delaware doctor is accused of prescribing opioids in exchange for sexual favors to a female patient who was undergoing treatment for long-term drug addiction.	03/14/19	:14
Election	Lawmakers have given final approval for Delaware to give its Electoral College presidential votes to whoever wins the national popular vote, not Delaware's vote.	03/15/19	:14
Politics	Former Vice President Joe Biden had a slip of the tongue that might have tipped off that he's leaning toward running for president.	03/18/19	:15

Government	Delaware's official government revenue forecast has inched up slightly as state lawmakers consider a proposed \$4.4 billion operating budget for next year.	03/19/19	:14
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