

Jersey Shore Matters

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Show airs Sunday morning at 6am on all stations.

Length: 15 minutes

7/4/21 ROSS LICITRA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, discussed the shelter reopening for adoptions to the public again since the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges the agency faced, programs its offers for cats and dogs, and fundraising efforts.

7/11/21 SHARI DIBRITO, THE NEW JERSEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GRASS ROOTS GROUP LASAGNA LOVE, discussed how the organization got started during the COVID-19 pandemic, how she got involved and became a volunteer home cook to provide meals to local residents in need no matter what their circumstances, how the program works, how to become a volunteer or recipient, and ways people can donate.

7/18/21 180 JANET LEE, CLINICAL SUPERVISOR WITH 180 TURNING LIVES AROUND, discussed how victims of domestic violence can seek help unanimously through the agency's 24-hour hotline in the wake of the recent murder of young New Jersey mother Yasmine Uyar allegedly at the hands of her estranged boyfriend in Tennessee, how to encourage a victim to seek help when children are involved, how an abuser gains power, and a success story in which an abuser received counseling and was able to change his behavior.

7/25/21 CINDY ZYPF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLEAN OCEAN ACTION, discussed wind farm projects approved off the Jersey Coast and pending projects, pros and cons of allowing wind farms, the non-profit's position on wind farms, how residents can get involved in environmental issues and take action, and volunteer opportunities.

8/1/21 KEVIN MCGEE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR LUNCH BREAK, discussed the non-profit's \$12-million capital campaign to fund an expansion of its Red Bank facilities to accommodate the growing needs of the community, how programs to help with food insecurity and social services have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency's Life Skills Center, and the reopening of dine-in services.

8/8/21 COVID, DR. STANLEY WEISS, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT RUTGERS MEDICAL SCHOOL AND BIostatISTICS AND EPI-DEMIology AT RUTGERS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, discussed the surge in

new COVID-19 cases statewide due to the Delta variant as well as two new strains of concern, scientific facts about the vaccine, and whether the benefits of vaccinating children ages 12 and up outweigh the risks of contracting the virus.

8/15/21 CHERYL PARKER, PRESIDENT OF CONTACT OF OCEAN & MONMOUTH COUNTIES, discussed an upcoming 5k the non-profit is hosting to remember those lost to suicide, mental illness and addiction, the volume of calls to the 24-hour hotline pre-COVID-19 to current, volunteer opportunities and training, and success stories.

8/22/21 JOE ROTH, PRESIDENT & CEO OF NJ SHARING NETWORK, discussed #DONATIONSNEEDDIVERSITY, the organization's awareness campaign encouraging organ and tissue donation in local multicultural communities, myths and misconceptions that might cause people to be hesitant to register to be an organ and tissue donor, how the process works, and how organization has adapted in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

9/5/21 SHEILA MARTELLO, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF STEPHY'S PLACE, discussed how she lost her husband in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and how she channeled that grief to start the non-profit support and resource center for grief and loss in Red Bank in 2015, the woman she named the group after who died of cancer, the type of programs and help they offer, including free one-on-one, and group counseling support, volunteers, and how people can seek help.

9/12/21 FRANK COSTELLO, RACE DIRECTOR SEMPER FIVE 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN, discussed how he got involved in launching the first race in Seaside Heights in 2014, how the event benefits the Marine Raider Founder, how much the event has raised over the years, and how it has rebounded since the COVID-19 pandemic and being cancelled in 2016 after a pipe bomb was detonated before the start of the race.

9/19/21 SUSAN TELLONE, CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF TEEN SUICIDE IN MONMOUTH COUNTY, discussed how "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" is helping raise shift public perception about a topic considered taboo, warning signs that a teen might be struggling, its youth counsel, and programs the organization offers for teachers, coaches and parents.

9/26/21 NICK NOVOTNY, A MARINE VETERAN FROM HIGHLANDS AND BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, discussed his recent completion of a cross-country bicycle ride from Oregon to New Jersey to raise money in honor of his fallen friend Corporal James Currie and to raise awareness about mental health issues, difficulties he encountered on his journey, his expectations, what he learned about himself, how much money he raised for Currie's Family and the Wounded Warrior Project, and future plans.