

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. This air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News did a story on...

5/2: Hazmat scare—a Maryland hospital shuts down its emergency room after two men walk in with burns they say they got after opening a package that came in the mail. WJZ is live in Frederick and speaks to the two men who were treated.

5/3: A major sticking point for President Trump's health care plan had been whether or not people with serious health issues will still be able to get insurance for treatment. It is an emotional issue. WJZ reports—coverage could mean life or death for some people.

5/6: A new drug, 100-times more powerful than heroin, is finding its way onto Maryland's streets. It is responsible for several deaths in Anne Arundel County in recent weeks. WJZ is live with more on the pleas from police and the health department.

5/8: Tonight, where you live could determine how long you live. New statistics show life expectancy varies across the U.S. and here in Maryland—it is no different. WJZ is live and breaks down these new numbers and what counties have the lowest and highest life expectancy.

5/11: A warning to all patients—doctors now say Ibuprofen—a common go-to pill for pain relief—could trigger heart attacks for people with heart problems. WJZ breaks down what you need to know.

5/23: A new warning tonight that even a small glass of wine or beer a day could increase a person's chance of getting breast cancer. WJZ has more on what a shocking new report reveals.

5/30: Another wet spring day—following a mild winter—and biologists are predicting an explosion of ticks in Maryland. This could fuel an epidemic of Lyme Disease that can have a devastating impact on people's health.

6/4: Today is National Cancer Survivors Day and we are about to share a story with you of a woman who traveled halfway around the world for treatment here in Maryland. WJZ tells us about this form of cancer treatment that doctors say is less severe on the body.

6/6: Tonight, federal agents are warning police and first responders around the country—including right here in Maryland about the dangers of Fentanyl. They say law enforcement could end up being victims of an overdose—by just accidentally or even inhaling the powerful drug. WJZ tells us U.S. departments are worried about this risk.

6/9: A green light for Maryland's medical marijuana program to move forward. Last week, the industry hit a roadblock in court. The legal challenges are not over yet. WJZ is live and breaks down what comes next for the program.

6/12: First Warning Weather coverage continues in Fells Point—with the extreme heat mixed with humidity—and how some doctors are worried, people may not take it seriously.

ON TIME

4/2 Dr. Zoltan Mari, director of the Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center explains to Marcus Washington how Parkinson's is a neurodegenerative disease that is progressive and interferes with motor skills. He explains how the disease is controlled by treating the symptoms but no cure exists. He expresses optimism that a medical breakthrough will occur within the next several years. At the center, families of Parkinson's patients are helped and the Pacing for Parkinson's is a fundraising option for those who want to support the work of the center.

4/9 ROAR for Kids benefits sixteen of the children's programs offered at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Mark Furst and Theresa Macheski tell Marcus Washington that Kennedy Krieger has facilities in Baltimore, Columbia and Bethesda to assist children with medical issues from autism to cerebral palsy. They also offer a specialized daycare program for toddlers and young children with special needs.

4/23 Kidney Disease disproportionately affects African Americans. Dr. Deidra Crews tells Marcus Washington about the role of the kidneys in balancing body fluids and minerals. She discusses how the kidneys are affected by diabetes and hypertension. Sabrina Carter shares the story of her infant son who had a type of kidney disease that required surgery to repair the one functioning kidney. Their upcoming kidney walk hopes to raise funds for more research into kidney disease and local education programs.

4/30 Anne Joyner and Katelyn Zecchin from Talisman Therapeutic Riding tell Marcus Washington how horses are used to make a connection with children and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities – from autism to cerebral palsy. The horses in their program are certified therapy animals. Patients are taught to care for the horses before learning how to ride the gentle giants.

5/7 Dr. Ken Redcross tells Marcus Washington about the need to remain vigilant when it comes to virus. He discussed the three major virus; influenza, norovirus and coxsackie, that infect the very young to the very old. By practicing good hygiene including hand washing, many can avoid getting sick and passing the virus on to others. He explains the different symptoms and treatment options including building up your immune system with probiotics.

5/14 Ellicott Driscoll, the director of Resource Connect, a drug and alcohol treatment facility, tells Marcus Washington that many who have drug and alcohol addictions also have mental health issues. His program offers inpatient hospitalization, outpatient treatment and individual counseling to help patients overcome their addictions.

5/21 The National Kidney of Maryland's Rappel for Kidney Health is a unique way to raise funds and awareness of kidney disease. Mindi Lassiter explains that as a kidney dialysis technician she works with patients who undergo the procedure 5 hours a day for three times a week. They encouraged her to rappel. Greg Miller also took the plunge over the side of the Hyatt Regency Hotel as part of a Toss Your Boss challenge.

5/28 The new House of Representatives' proposed American Health Care Act would have dire consequences on the low income, elderly and medically frail according to Dr. Leana Wen, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner. She tells Marcus Washington how people with a preexisting medical condition would be put in "high risk pool" according to the new proposal. She fears that those with medical issues will not be able to afford coverage even with federal subsidies that are not adequately funded from the beginning. Without medical insurance, she said many people would die from their preexisting conditions because they cannot afford coverage and will not be able to get help.

5/28 Mindy Mintz Mordecai talks with Marcus Washington about the need to increase the public's awareness that reflux can lead to esophageal cancer. She discusses how chronic and on-going reflux can change the lining of the esophagus. Barrett's esophagus if left untreated develops into cancer but with an endoscopy; screening GI physicians can detect changes in cell linings and treat the disease before cancer develops.

6/4 Randi Woods and Dr. Clifford Jeng talk to Marcus Washington about the benefits of participating in the Mercy Baltimore Women's Classic. Dr. Jeng discusses classic foot and ankle injuries and what can be done to avoid injuries while running. Proceeds from this 42nd Annual event benefit Cancerve, a program that helps women who are going through cancer treatment with transportation needs, food preparation and other amenities to assist during their medical procedures.

6/11 Marcus Washington talks with Donna Jacobs and Erin Walton about a community dialogue on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. They discuss why the community should attend this daylong free event featuring a keynote speaker discussing living with bipolar disease and sessions on violence and trauma, elderly mental health issues, maternal and child health and substance abuse. They discuss the rise in incidents related to mental health and substance abuse that go hand in hand with one another.

6/11 Sara Scott Goone from There Goes My Hero and Christian Metzger from Moveable Feast tell Marcus Washington how both nonprofit organizations work together to help those fighting blood cancers. There Goes My Hero holds swab events designed to increase the number of people in the bone marrow registry. They are targeting African Americans, Hispanics and Asians in their outreach because minority groups have a difficult time finding a bone marrow match. Moveable Feast provides medically tailored nutritional meals to those fighting critical illnesses from HIV/AIDS to cancer.

6.25 Armor Up for LIFE began while founder Loriana Hernandez Aldama was battling leukemia while in Johns Hopkins. At the time of her diagnosis, she explains to Marcus Washington how she was in great physical shape and ate healthy foods and this gave her an advantage when it came to undergoing yearlong chemo treatments to battle her disease. Now she is advocating for others undergoing cancer treatments to get fit and change their lifestyle.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/11: A federal report says Baltimore City Schools need to do more to protect children who ride buses to school... that is after a collision between a city school bus and an MTA bus killed six people in November. WJZ reports—the NTSB is urging city schools to take a hard look at the way it chooses bus drivers.

4/18: Unexpected move... Baltimore County Schools superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance makes a surprising announcement—saying he will resign after leading the district for five years. Tonight, he spoke for the first time about his decision. WJZ is live with what the superintendent had to say.

5/3: The FBI called in to investigate several bananas hung from nooses at American University in D.C. WJZ reports on the search for the person responsible.

5/8: Safety concerns after a Baltimore County high school student posts pictures of himself with a gun on social media. The images also caught the attention of police and the school district. WJZ is live at Loch Raven High School with the posts that are now part of an ongoing investigation.

5/9: Tonight, a disturbing incident under investigation at a city school. A Baltimore City teacher is caught on video allegedly assaulting a student. It happened at Waverly Elementary-Middle School. WJZ is live at City Police Headquarters with the charges the teacher is facing and how parents are reacting tonight.

5/10: Frightening moments at Johns Hopkins University after four students overdose at a fraternity party just off campus. WJZ's investigator looks at whether this is a troubling sign of a problem at the school.

5/12: Budget balanced—tonight, Baltimore City Schools releases a budget proposal for next year—and say they've closed an over 100-million dollar deficit. But, as many as 300 layoffs are now on the way. WJZ is live at City Schools Headquarters with what is ahead.

6/1: City school layoffs—for the first time in a decade, teachers are among more than 100 Baltimore City public school employees now out of a job. The layoffs come as the cash-strapped school system works to balance its billion-dollar budget. WJZ is live at City Schools Headquarters and breaks down the positions being cut.

6/8: It's graduation season and today in Glen Burnie a fifth grader received his diploma. However, Mo Gaba is not just any fifth grader—in his short life, he is faced more than most of us will ever have to. WJZ reports, he had a lot of help along the way, but today was his moment of triumph.

6/25: Boosting enrollment in Baltimore public schools—local community leaders and organizations are teaming up to grow our neighborhood schools and expand opportunities for students. WJZ explains this new initiative.

ON TIME

6/4 The Baltimore County Public Library has many activities planned to engage young people while school is out for the summer. Tia Jennings and Marisa Conner explain that without activities including reading to stimulate the mind, student's academic achievements will decline in what is commonly called the "summer slide." This slide can put students 2-3 months behind in learning making it hard for them to catch up to other students who engaged in learning activities over the summer.

6/25 The CollegeBound Foundation has counselors in 14 city high schools to assist students prepare for college. Counselors help with SAT testing, college applications and provide access to scholarships and last dollar grants. Cassie Motz and Dr. Charlene Stewart explain to Marcus Washington how their new program works with students

who are struggling to complete college. Many of their students are the first generation in their family to attend college.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/1: A bright night in Baltimore as day 2 of Light City illuminates the skies of the Inner Harbor. This is the second year for the free event that has expanded to many neighborhoods around Charm City.

4/6: Light City Baltimore has expanded into neighborhoods all around the city... and tonight, hundreds of people partied inside a tunnel! WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor and explains-- people partied for hours.

4/19: "The Greatest Show on Earth" comes to Baltimore for the last time. Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus announced earlier this year that after nearly 150 years, the show would shut down for good in May of this year. WJZ is live outside Royal Farms Arena with details of the rise and fall of this iconic American spectacle.

4/27: A dream come true for a young Ravens fan recovering from cancer... he has the rare honor of announcing the Ravens pick in the NFL Draft tonight. WJZ's sports director has more on this truly special occasion.

5/7: An art installation covering an area once segregated in Baltimore—the exhibit brought together artists to decorate what was once Baltimore's only African-American city pool—which was located in Druid Hill Park. WJZ explains the message they hope to send.

5/13: The Pride of Baltimore II heads out to sea. She will be making stops in Charleston, Bermuda and Boston. WJZ explains the purpose of this voyage.

5/19: Record-breaking turnout! Fans fill Pimlico at today's 93rd Annual Black-Eyed Susan Day! You can feel the excitement in the air as we count down the hours to the 142nd running of the Preakness Stakes! WJZ is live with more on a Baltimore tradition that is making history.

5/20: The horseracing world turns its attention to Baltimore for the Preakness Stakes—and Maryland's big day of racing delivers.

5/20: A centennial celebration—Aberdeen Proving Ground hosts a special event to honor 100 years of service. WJZ has more on this remarkable achievement.

6/13: Ocean City street performers are preparing for their day in court. It is all over new restrictions on the Boardwalk dictating where they are allowed to entertain people. WJZ traveled to Ocean City to explain why their fight against the town will have to wait until after summer.

6/14: Today is Flag Day—a day which pays tribute to the stars and stripes. In addition, in Baltimore this afternoon, many people and local leaders came out for the patriotic celebration. WJZ is live on Federal Hill where the event took place.

ON TIME

4/9 Dr. John Singer tells Marcus Washington about the chef-throw-down, a local foodie event that pits two award-winning Baltimore chefs in a head-long competition with the winner from the first round competing against the winner from the 2016 event. The Supper, Sainly Dishes and Sinful Delights benefits St. Agnes Foundation and the centers of excellence at the hospital. Participants get to dine on culinary delights prepared by Linwoods while the chefs compete on stage.

4/16 Marcus Washington talks to Kwame Kwei-Armah about the renovations at Baltimore Center Stage that include exterior and interior enhancements focusing on 2 new theater stages as well as lobby and box office changes. The artistic director explains how the new theater configurations allow for better staging of plays including the current success of Twisted Melodies about the life of singer, composer Donny Hathaway and the upcoming Toni Morrison adaptation of JAZZ. He discusses how they are also taking productions to the people with their new mobile unit that will present plays at homeless shelters and community centers.

6/11 The Columbia Festival of the Arts is celebrating 30 years during Columbia's 50th Anniversary. David Phillips and Dave Simmons tell Marcus Washington how the festival started and continues to reflect the founder of Columbia, Jim Rouse's vision of inclusion. They discuss the free lakefront weekend and ticketed events including Aaron Neville and short films from the Sundance Film Festival.

6/18 Dr. James "Jazzy" Jordan explains to Marcus Washington why he wrote "Health is Wealth: How to Live Without Cancer, High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Disease, Where You Feel Good All the Time and You Have Plenty of Energy". He explains that he adopted a lifestyle change 27 years ago by eating plant-based and gave up meat, poultry, seafood and dairy products. His book outlines how to transition to a healthier lifestyle and includes recipes.

6/18 Author Blaque Diamond explains to Marcus Washington how she became a foster care parent and why she wrote a series of books aimed to children examining the foster care – adoption process. In the first book, "She Named Me Stacey", she discusses the many reasons that children are placed in foster care – and that, it is not the fault of the child. In the second book, "A Temporary Home for Stacey" she explores how foster care homes are a temporary placement for children who have been removed from their parent or guardian. The last book in the series, "Stacey F. My Forever Mommy," she discusses how children go from foster care placement into being adopted by a forever family.

6/25 Marcus Washington talks with Patti Crossman and Bill Grimmette about the Maryland Humanities program, Chautauqua. This year's theme, Voices from the Great War (WWI) features scholar actors portraying President Woodrow Wilson, General John J. Pershing and Civil Rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois. Bill Grimmette explains how he studied the life of W.E.B. Du Bois by reading the autobiography of the co-founder of the NAACP in developing his presentation. Chautauqua performances are held around the state. For 14 years, CCBC has hosted the performances in the Baltimore area.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/15: Rebirth in West Baltimore—a park takes the place of an area once blighted by abandoned homes. This is the same community hit with riots two years ago, following the death of Freddie Gray. WJZ is live with more on the project and the excitement it is bringing to the community.

5/11: State officials give the go ahead for two companies to put dozens of wind turbines off Maryland's coast—that could end up generating energy for homeowners. It still needs federal approval, but Maryland is one step closer to becoming a top leader in renewable energy. WJZ breaks down the importance of these projects and what it will mean for the state in the long run.

6/13: The deadly historic flooding in Ellicott City nearly one year ago proved to be a wake-up call for a number of businesses and homeowners when it came to dealing with flood insurance. Today several lawmakers including Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen are making it a point to say we can do better. WJZ explains what changes could be on the horizon.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/2: Trouble at the pump... experts predict a big jump in gas prices nationwide over the next several months. WJZ explains what this means for drivers in our area.

4/4: Maryland's comptroller says tax identity scams are at an all-time high and plaguing thousands across the state! Now, as WJZ reports, the comptroller says his office needs more power—to put criminals behind bars.

4/9: A warning tonight for all Maryland tax payers as thousands of fraudulent tax returns are filed—and one could belong to you. The state comptroller's office is trying to stop any illegal activity—putting out a warning for the third time this tax season.

5/26: its Memorial Day weekend and that means it is the start of Ocean City's busy summer season. With many schools now pushing their start dates to after Labor Day—Ocean City is expected to get an increase in tourism. WJZ is there and breaks down what it means for their economy.

5/27: Staying on budget in Ocean City. A trip to the Eastern Shore can be affordable if you plan it out right and take advantage of the free activities all summer long.

6/7: Baltimore's Light City attracts record numbers in its second year. The city says the annual illuminated celebration was a huge success—thousands of visitors poured millions into the economy. WJZ explains how artists and businesses are already looking forward to next year.

6/19: Grocery industry shake-up—Amazon is paying 14-billion dollars to take over Whole Foods and its more than 400 locations across the country. WJZ breaks down the deal and what it means for you.

6/24: The Port of Baltimore saw huge growth and success in 2016. According to a recent study, our port continues to set new records in cargo handled. WJZ explains why it is one of the fastest-growing ports in North America.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

6/22: Some lost everything—and now, they are taking legal action. A new lawsuit details attacks on business owners in the riots following Freddie Gray's death—as their stores were looted. The plaintiffs blame police and those at the highest levels of Baltimore City government. WJZ's investigator has their push for accountability.

6/24: The American Gaming Association is looking to make an impact with small businesses here in Maryland. The event—in conjunction with the 5th anniversary of Maryland Live Casino—is connecting minority and women-owned businesses—in hopes of creating stronger companies and creating more jobs.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/4: Tonight, a Maryland lawmaker's personal story of being sexually abused as a child helps to push through new legislation that may make it easier for victims to sue abusers. WJZ is live and tells us the bill, which had opposition for years, finally received majority support in Annapolis.

4/7: A long-serving Baltimore lawmaker is facing federal charges. A criminal complaint alleges that the 70-year-old senator accepted bribes—and was caught on tape in a secret government sting. WJZ is live with the investigation into Senator Nathaniel Oaks—that took months.

4/10: There is now less than one hour left in this year's session of the Maryland General Assembly... tonight, lawmakers are making their final push for bills to become laws. WJZ is live in Annapolis—and explains the big decisions already made and what is left for lawmakers to decide.

4/13: New reaction tonight to a public relations crisis—a bloodied man dragged from a United Airlines flight... now, for the first time, that man's family is speaking out. WJZ is live with the latest fallout from this scandal... and the Maryland senator who is now calling for a new law to ban passengers from being forcibly removed from planes.

4/14: Animal cruelty crackdown... Maryland lawmakers pass a law designed to help end animal suffering and increase the reporting of abuse. It passed in the final hours of this year's legislative session. WJZ explains what the bill would mean for both veterinarians and pets.

4/20: Taking city reform to Capitol Hill... tonight, hundreds of people lined up and asked Maryland's political leaders to fight—everything from education policies to immigration reform. WJZ sat in on the town hall.

4/21: Tomorrow, tens of thousands will march on Washington and more than 400 other cities across the globe. Entering the political arena—as the White House threatens to cut money from climate programs. WJZ spoke with scientists and students in Maryland who want to make sure they are a part of the policy conversation.

4/29: A final farewell... today, Maryland governor Larry Hogan eulogized his father, Lawrence Hogan, Sr. during a funeral mass in Annapolis. WJZ explains how the community paid tribute to former Maryland Congressman Hogan, Sr.

5/4: Animal cruelty crackdown—big action is taken against animal abuse in Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan signed four bills into law today. WJZ breaks down the new protections for animals.

5/12: The governor—taking on the FAA. For months, people in several Maryland counties have been complaining about unrelenting noise from planes flying low around BWI Airport. Now, Governor Hogan is backing them up. WJZ reports—he is demanding the federal agency make changes.

5/25: Saying “no” to sick leave. Governor Hogan vetoes a bill requiring some small businesses to provide paid sick leave for employees. WJZ reports—the governor's decision is generating both support and opposition tonight.

6/1: A Baltimore state senator is indicted on federal wire fraud and bribery charges. Tonight, Nathaniel Oaks is facing nine counts related to using his influence in exchange for cash. As WJZ's political, reporter explains—the investigation started when Oaks came to the attention of the FBI.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/3: WJZ is live throughout the newscasts with complete coverage of Orioles Opening Day— all the excitement as fans return to Camden Yards for the first time.

4/5: The Department of Justice asked for sweeping Baltimore police reforms to be put on hold—tonight, a federal judge is saying not so fast! WJZ is live outside U.S. District court downtown... with why the judge wants to move forward—and more on what happens now.

4/13: Tonight, two places of worship are suing Baltimore County after their construction plans are shot down! WJZ tells you this is a battle that is pitting neighbor against neighbor.

4/15: Creating a greener city... the Baltimore Tree Trust is restoring our urban forest one plant at a time at Oriole Park. WJZ explains how this non-profit is working toward a healthier Baltimore with eager volunteers.

4/16: While millions of Christians around the world celebrated Easter today, WJZ has more on the services held here in Maryland.

4/18: Fighting to change flight paths—angry residents are taking matters into their own hands as they try to pressure the FAA to change its airplane routes around BWI. WJZ is live and reports—after months of complaints, the FAA has made a commitment to respond.

4/30: Today runners tied up their laces and hit the pavement for a good cause. The 4th annual Brigance Brigade 5-K championship race was held raising awareness and support for people living with ALS.

5/12: Anne Arundel County Police arrested two suspects they say are responsible for hanging a noose at Crofton Middle School. The two 19-year-olds face a number of charges for the incident that sparked outrage and concern from police and the community. WJZ explains how the suspects were identified.

5/16: Baltimore drivers beware—those red light and speed light cameras are about to be back! They once generated millions in revenue, but have been shut down for years. WJZ tells you—now they are on the verge of making a return.

5/21: A group of Baltimore businesses are teaming up to raise money for a non-profit that provides aide to women and children around the world. WJZ explains how the public can join their effort.

5/25: Tonight, two Anne Arundel County men face new hate crime charges in connection with a noose found at Crofton Middle School. WJZ's investigator has more on why their lawyer says the charges are politically motivated.

5/29: City curfew—back in effect... the unofficial start to summer is here and in Baltimore City—that means children now have to get home by a certain time every night. WJZ reports—officials say the ultimate goal is to keep kids out of trouble this summer.

5/29: Cracking down on illegal dirt bike riding... the Baltimore City Police Department is stepping up its effort to keep this dangerous activity off our streets. WJZ explains how the dirt bike task force is also relying on the public for help.

6/2: It's called "Bike-lash"—residents expressing outrage over the recent decision to set up two-way bike lanes on Baltimore's narrow streets. While many cyclists say, it makes their ride safer—drivers are unhappy that it further narrows roads for cars and emergency vehicles. Now, as WJZ reports, more modifications are on the way.

6/3: In the wake of shootings and others—there are groups taking action to end gun violence. A nationwide campaign has brought together families, lawmakers and gun violence survivors. WJZ has details on the third annual event that spread here to Maryland—in hopes of making our communities safer.

6/5: A controversial immigration bill suffers a major blow in Baltimore County. The council voted tonight on whether to require the Baltimore County Detention Center to screen for illegal immigrants. WJZ is live and breaks down the contentious issue and what happened tonight.

6/8: This summer expect to potentially see more skin in Ocean City! Today, WJZ learned Ocean City beach patrol will no longer bother women who go topless at the beach. The decision comes as an advocate pushes for what she claims is her and every woman's legal right to go topless here in the state. WJZ hears from those on both sides of this controversial issue.

6/9: Monitoring the police—scores of people sign up for a job to keep an eye on the Baltimore Police Department. This was a requirement laid out by the Department of Justice after an investigation revealed deep-rooted problems in the police department. WJZ explains.

6/16: Bike lane battle—it is a contentious fight involving Baltimore City, neighbors and cyclists. WJZ's political reporter has the trouble brewing over a bike lane through the busy streets of Canton.

6/17: Big changes are coming to one of Baltimore's hottest summer spots at the Inner Harbor. Rash Field will soon undergo a multi-million dollar renovation. WJZ has the first look at what you can expect.

6/18: Baltimore's new bus system went into effect this morning and that means city routes you are familiar with—are a thing of the past... WJZ is live with what you need to know before you head to work tomorrow on BaltLink.

6/20: Ocean City's topless controversy could launch into a full on court battle! The woman who has been fighting the city on whether or not women can go bare on the beach... has now lawyered up! WJZ speaks with her attorney who says, it is about equal rights.

6/25: Starting tomorrow, if you drive above the speed limit near a Baltimore City school—you may get a traffic violation in the mail. The new speed cameras are being reactivated in less than 24 hours.

6/26: Baltimore bus route battle—tonight, furious and frustrated riders come together to voice their anger over the city's newly overhauled bus routes. WJZ is live and reports—many are demanding the city go back to the old bus routes.

ON TIME

4/2 Linda Frederick and Greg Jones tell Marcus Washington about the role of the Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library in raising additional funds for learning programs. They discuss how the foundation funded the story time village inside the Arbutus branch, purchased science kits, reading materials and additions that are used to promote additional learning.

4/2 The Rails to Trails Conservancy has a Baltimore office that is working with a coalition of neighborhoods & community associations to develop interconnecting trails to be used for transportation and recreation by bicyclists and pedestrians. Jim Brown, the Baltimore Greenway Coalition director explains to Marcus Washington how the conservancy is working to develop the 33rd Street corridor to link the parks – on the west Gwynns Falls and on the east Lake Montebello/Herring Run. A community forum is being held to solicit opinions and to explain development options for the thoroughfare.

4/9 Believe In Tomorrow is a local nonprofit organization that provides hospital and respite stays to families with children with critical illnesses. James Poisal tells Marcus Washington that Believe In Tomorrow has residential houses on the Hopkins campus and at St. Casimir's in East Baltimore that are used by over 1000 families each year. They also have respite facilities at the ocean, at Wisp in Deep Creek Lake and in Ashville. Megan Dodd explains that her family is able to stay at the St. Casimir's house while her 5-year-old son Alex undergoes treatments to combat his cancer. To help fund their housing programs Believe In Tomorrow holds an annual Port to Fort 6K for runners and walkers of all ages.

4/16 The South Baltimore Learning Center provides adults with the ability to earn their high school diploma. Tanya Terrell tells Marcus Washington how their teachers work with adult learners to pass the rigorous program. Learner Kevin Edwards discusses why he enrolled in the program and how he hopes it will benefit his career in electrical engineering. SBLC's upcoming gala provides needed funding for their educational programs.

4/16 The Pikesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Pikesville is a chance to highlight the different cuisines featured in Pikeville's many ethnic restaurants. Jessica Normington explains how the "Taste" will benefit both the chamber and the Baltimore Hunger Project. Lynne Kahn explains how her nonprofit provides weekend food for students who would otherwise go hungry when school lets off on Fridays. Her program has expanded to help more students during the school year with weekend meals.

4/23 Adam Rosenberg and Jamie Smith tell Marcus Washington about child abuse including sexual abuse and how most children know their abusers in 90% of the cases. They discuss how the abusers groom the children and other adults into accepting them as someone who cares about children. Jamie Smith shares her story of how her stepfather abused her from the age of two after creating an image of a caring family man. The center has forensic interviewers who work with abused children to uncover and document their abuse.

4/23 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest African American women's service organization that began on the campus of Howard University and now has a global presence. The AKA Sorority is holding their 86th Annual Regional Conference in Baltimore and expect to draw over 5,000 members to Charm City. The conference features several public events including a diversity career fair, public meeting honoring outstanding women, a HBCU fair for high school students and a concert featuring R&B vocalist Eric Benet, Be'la Dona, and DJ Kool.

4/30 Marcus Washington talks with Ricky Smith and Cedrick Johnson about the upcoming BWI Airport's Synergy Job Expo. They discuss the importance of targeting small and minority businesses opportunities at the state's largest airport. The Synergy Expo features keynote government and business leaders who will explain the state's contracting policies. Individual job seekers will also be able to talk with airport businesses about employment opportunities.

4/30 Becky Wagner, the executive director of Advocates for Children and Youth, talks with Marcus Washington about the recent laws enacted by the state that address children and youth issues. She discusses how her organization, which is celebrating 30 years, counts among its success the passing of the Thornton education legislation that requires equal state funding for all school children.

5/7 Marcus Washington talks with Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz about the county's budget and the spending priorities for fiscal year 2018. Mr. Kamenetz explains that over 60% of the county's budget is going towards education and includes new school construction, additional specialized teachers, libraries and the Community College of Baltimore County. He explains that the county's passport initiative plans to offer Spanish to all students in the 4th grade. He also explains his position on immigration and the importance of building trust between the community and law enforcement.

5/7 The Maryland Centenarians luncheon honors the state's senior citizens who will turn 100 this year. Founder Dr. Odessa Dorkins and committee member Rev. Edward Mason Jr. tell Marcus Washington how the number of centenarians have increased in numbers over the past 25 years that the luncheon has been held. Many seniors attribute their longevity to their faith, family and good gene pool.

5/14 Dr. Stanley Andrisse tells Marcus Washington how he went from a prison cell to getting his PhD. He discusses how he was able to overcome his criminal past and jail time through education opportunities including getting his MA and PhD. He discusses why he supported the "ban the box" on college applications. The "box" related to a criminal conviction and was used to by colleges to deny students acceptance into their programs. His new mentoring program works with other ex-offenders to pursue educational opportunities.

5/14 MCVET, the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, has been helping homeless veterans by offering housing, job training and employment. Jeffrey Kendrick and Roseline Taylor explain how MCVET's program has grown over the years and has helped thousands of Vets transition into civilian life. Their upcoming 10K and 5K race helps to fund their programs.

5/21 Marcus Washington talks with Jonathan Rondeau and Traci Callendar about the importance of summer programs to keep young people learning and motivated while school is on recess. They discuss collaborating with funding sources to secure programs to serve lower income neighborhoods. Providing meals – breakfast and lunch – is also a priority for many programs that serve impoverished areas.

5/21 Donna Curley and Tammi Ginsberg discuss the growing number of deaths by suicide especially by young people. They discuss the warning signs of suicide and how social media is adding to the problem. Parents need to monitor and talk with their children about incidents involving bullying at school and on social media as well as the recent 13 Reasons Netflix show on suicide.

5/28 Franklyn Baker, CEO of the United Way of Central Maryland, explains their new reporting system that documents real life poverty issues called ALICE, examines the struggles of the working poor – those who juggle 2-3 jobs and make over the federal poverty line but still don't have enough for housing, food, medical, and transportation. The upcoming ALICE forum is bringing together various stakeholders from policy makers to grass roots organizations to philanthropic funders to understand the complex struggles of Maryland's working poor.

6/4 Evelyn Gaines talks to Marcus Washington about the 20th anniversary of Suited to Succeed, a program that was designed to offer low-income women entering the workforce profession attire. They also offer soft-skills counseling, resume writing, and interview skills training.

6/4 The International Association of Black Triathletes is working with young urban youth to encourage them in this three discipline sport: running, swimming and bike riding. Dr. Tekemia Dorsey explains that triathlons are a good activity for youth as it addresses the obesity epidemic that is affecting the urban youth.

6/18 PGA Tournament Manager Joe Rotelli tells Marcus Washington why holding the Constellation Senior Players Tournament in Baltimore County at the Caves Valley Golf Course is prestigious and will add tourism dollars to the state's economy. He discusses which senior players are expected to tee off and how the players are accessible to fans who come to watch. Volunteers are needed to help staff the tournament that runs from July 11-16.