

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. These 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...

10/15: Flu season is now underway – and the push is on to get more children vaccinated against the flu. But, parents may have a hard time finding the flu mist for their children. WJZ explains why.

10/18: AAA is targeting the leading cause of death among young drivers. Many of those accidents can be prevented by dropping distractions. As WJZ reports, the state is seeing a turnaround in the number of deadly crashes among teen drivers.

10/25: As big and small cities around the country, including Baltimore, target the heroin epidemic... a new treatment center is opening in the city. This comes as police make a big heroin bust this week. WJZ has more.

10/31: A statewide warning tonight as police are on high alert—on the lookout for drunk drivers. This as thousands of kids and adults are out in celebration of Halloween and police want to make sure people are safe.

11/1: Who could forget the botched roll-out of the affordable healthcare act a couple of years ago? Thousands were blocked from getting health insurance because of glitches in the system. Now, open enrollment in Obamacare begins again for the uninsured. As WJZ explains, the push to enroll millions across the country is on.

11/4: A fight over skyrocketing prescription drug costs—a Maryland Congressman is leading the charge to stop life-saving drugs from getting even harder to afford. WJZ is live and explains what's being done.

11/5: Tonight, a passionate plea from a popular Baltimore TV anchor many of you will remember. Marianne Banister lost her 17-year-old daughter to cancer one year ago. Now, she's on a mission to make sure it doesn't happen to someone you love.

11/6: A health warning tonight—as Maryland gets its first official flu case confirmed this season. Doctors are urging everyone if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, don't wait! WJZ has the push to protect people.

11/9: A warning to parents tonight—stop letting your kids drink underage! One Maryland high school principal is calling parents out... for hosting alcohol-filled parties for their kids. WJZ is live with the problem that could lead to deadly teen actions.

11/12: It affects tens of thousands of kids every year. Young soccer players – sidelined with dangerous concussions! Now, US Soccer is stepping up, enacting stringent new regulations that will change how kids play the game. WJZ is live to explain.

11/10: Baltimore's world-champion swimmer was in such a dark place, he no longer wanted to be alive. Michael Phelps opens up for the first time about the days following his second DUI arrest last September. In an emotional Sports Illustrated article—Phelps talks about rehab and his transformation since. WJZ is live with details.

12/1: Heroin deaths are reaching epidemic levels in Maryland. Now, a special Governor-appointed task force releases new ideas about how to stop the problem. WJZ is live with more on what they want to see.

12/6: The gridlock on some of Baltimore's busiest highways may be a headache, but a new study released this week shows that it may save your life. The report ranks the best and worst states for highway safety. WJZ explains why there's a silver lining for the heavy traffic on Maryland roads.

12/27: Bringing affordable and nutritious food to those in need—the city expands its virtual supermarket program helping neighborhoods where getting healthy food is limited. WJZ explains.

12/28: The new movie “Concussion” is about a Pennsylvania doctor who identified and named the brain trauma happening to NFL players. Now, as WJZ reports, a Columbia business says it can help many people with concussions.

ON TIME

10/4 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Athol Morgan and nurse Deborah King about sudden cardiac death. They discuss the different types of heart disease and how CPR can help save lives. Deborah King recalls how she survived sudden cardiac arrest because her husband performed CPR when she went into arrest. As a nurse she taught her family members how to perform CPR and continues to teach this life saving skill today. They tell Gigi Barnett that at the Greater Baltimore Heart Walk, CPR will be taught after the walk concludes.

10/4 Breast Cancer affects 1 in 7 women and a diagnosis can be devastating to many families. Gigi Barnett talks with Beth Lubben and Kamala Green from the American Cancer Society about the disease, how it's diagnosed and treated. They discuss the different types that affect different ethnic groups. Funding for research comes from their upcoming making strides event.

10/11 Alzheimer's disease is projected to dramatically increase unless a cure is found. Elizabeth Li and Kisha James tell Gigi Barnett about a new drug that's undergoing a clinical trial here at Hopkins. They discussed how the disease affects the African American community. They have an upcoming symposium targeting issues in the African American community. Funding for their programs and research comes from their community walks being held in multiple communities during October.

10/18: Gigi Barnett talks with Hopkins physician Dr. Lisa Ishii about the 21st Annual A Woman's Journey. This day-long event offers participants the opportunity to learn about the latest medical advances in a wide variety of topics – from gut health to excessive sweating and from cancer to hormonal changes. The day is divided into sessions, allowing women to select the topics they are most interested in. WJZ's Denise Koch is the luncheon speaker.

12/6 Gigi Barnett talks with medical oncologist Dr. Teresa Diaz-Montes about GYN cancers and the difficulty in diagnosing and treating the disease. Dr. Diaz-Montes discusses the 5 different types of GYN cancers, their symptoms, diagnostic and treatment options. Mercy Medical Center is the only community hospital to receive a grant from the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund to establish a Woman to Woman peer counseling program to help newly diagnosed women.

12/13 Gigi Barnett talks with Carolyn Quattrocki from the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange about upcoming deadlines to enroll in health care. She discusses the changes that have been made to the website that are easier to navigate for consumers. Nine out of ten who have applied for benefits through their program have received federal subsidies or qualified for Medicaid. She mentioned that the health care plans are affordable and new this year are dental options. The deadline to enroll is December 15 for coverage starting on January 1. The last open enrollment is January 31 for coverage that starts March 1.

12/20 Dr. Chloe Carmichael talks with Gigi Barnett about strategies to employ during the holidays when couples are faced with challenging situations ranging from difficult family members including pressures to get married or start a family. She discusses how the holidays can be very stressful on relationships. She offers recommendations from taking personal time out away from family gatherings to using technology and mobile apps to keep track of fertility sequences.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/3: Howard County's largest multi-cultural festival is taking place this weekend in Columbia. The festival offers Greek, Slavic, Ethiopian, Romanian, Lebanese and American homemade foods and desserts.

10/14: A beautiful sight on the waters of the Inner Harbor tonight as three dozen vessels sailed in the sunset. It was the "Parade of Sails" and it was all a prelude to tomorrow's great "Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race". WJZ reports from on-board Baltimore's Pride of Baltimore II.

10/23: Baltimore is playing host to a major college football game tomorrow afternoon. It's a showdown between Big Ten rivals Maryland and Penn State. WJZ is live outside M&T Bank Stadium – with the excitement building for the big game!

11/11: Major musical acts are coming to Baltimore. We've just learned Justin Bieber and Garth Brooks will both bring their tours to Royal Farms Arena in the New Year. They join other big names like Janet Jackson and Maroon 5. WJZ is live with the excitement for a star-studded 2016.

11/2: You could call it an ode to Annapolis—midshipmen at the Naval Academy produce a music video to the tune of "Uptown Funk"... all about "Naptown". WJZ reports from Annapolis... it has nearly 100,000 views and counting on YouTube.

11/20: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Tonight, Towson is shining bright—after its annual tree lighting ceremony! WJZ is live with all the excitement.

11/22: A call to action for Baltimore County residents to visit the city's arts and cultural attractions more often. That's the message from county leaders as they kick off a campaign to boost attendance and dollars at arts venues in the city. As WJZ explains, some of the places and events are a few of "the favorite things" Baltimore city has to offer.

11/27: It's a holiday tradition packed with family fun and it's all for a good cause. The Festival of Trees is underway at the Maryland Fairgrounds in Timonium. WJZ gives you a look at what this year's event has to offer.

12/3: Here in Baltimore, a Christmas tradition that comes with a bit more noise... WJZ is in Mount Vernon for the annual lighting of the Washington Monument.

12/9: The holidays are in full swing and people are flocking to the city to see the lights, get some shopping done and help give back! WJZ is live along 34th Street with more on what's bringing people in.

12/31: WJZ is live from the Inner Harbor for the annual New Year's Eve Spectacular featuring live music and fireworks. WJZ's 90-minute special captures all the festivities.

ON TIME

10/18: Gigi Barnett promotes Free Fall Baltimore, the city's annual open house for cultural arts organizations. During October, 300 participating groups provide free workshops, performances, exhibitions.

10/25 Gigi Barnett talks with Gamynne Guillotte and Oliver Shell from the Baltimore Museum of Art about their new Center for Art and People, and the new exhibition, Imagining Home. They discuss how the new center and exhibition are using technology and interactive elements to expand the art experience. Several elements in the new exhibition feature audio recorded from the location of the artwork in an effort to expand the art's dimension.

10/25 Randi Alper Pupkin, the founder and director of Art with a Heart tells Gigi Barnett how the visual arts program has expanded from four classes a week to over 10,000 classes being offered over the course of a year. She discusses how her program works with at-risk populations including homeless families with children, senior citizens living in shelters and nursing homes. Her program employs young people in the Summer Jobs program and trains them how to market and sell art. Once component of the program, HeartWares, is a retail store that sells artwork created by their participants. An upcoming concert featuring George Benson will help fund their programs.

10/25 Marco Merrick tells Gigi Barnett about the upcoming 6th Annual Fall Concert featuring the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore. This free concert features over 120 members singing sacred music, Negro spirituals, and gospel. The concert is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha and the concert benefits students like Alex Harper who was one of the 2010 Beattillion Scholars. He discusses how the fraternity mentors the young men in the program and guides them in their career path.

11/1 Wide Angle Youth Media offers after school programs to middle and high school students who want to learn about photography including video. Susan Malone and Breonna Roberson talk to Gigi Barnett about the program that helps young people express themselves through video. The youth films are shown at film festivals and at special showings. Their upcoming gala will help fund the after school programs.

11/8 Dr. Skipp Sanders and Dr. Barbara Paca discuss the new exhibition, Ruth Starr Rose (1887-1965) Revelations of African American Life in Maryland and the World that opens at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. They tell Gigi Barnett that Ruth Starr Rose was a Caucasian who lived on the Eastern Shore and who painted African American portraits. The artist was part of the community and personally knew those she painted – which was unheard of back at the turn of the century. In addition to the portraits, she illustrated religious manuscripts and documented African American spirituality.

11/15 Gigi Barnett talks with Darin Atwater, founder and artistic director of the Soulful Symphony about their upcoming 15 year anniversary concert being held at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. He discusses why he formed the orchestra comprised of African American and Latino musician. At the anniversary concert he is featuring a new suite he composed based on President Obama's political best-seller, The Audacity of Hope. The orchestra will also be performing in Washington at the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture for its countdown to the grand opening later in 2016.

11/22 Laurie Schwartz gives Gigi Barnett a preview of upcoming holiday events centered around the Baltimore harbor from the Inner Harbor to Harbor East. She discusses the economic benefits of the harbor to the city and stage.

Special activities planned in November and December are designed for locals to take advantage of dollar day discounts and special events – many of which are free.

11/29 Gigi Barnett talks with Ranger Vince Vaise about the Hampton National Historic Site's Annual Holidays at Hampden. He discusses how the mansion, the northern-most plantation in the National Park Service, is America's answer to Downton Abbey and is free and open to the public for tours. Each room represents a different era. Special activities include period dances, music and children's crafts.

11/29 Gigi Barnett talks with Amy Landau about the exhibition, Pearls on a String, which highlights the Walters Art Museum's collection of Islamic Art that is supplemented with additional paintings, manuscripts, and objects on loan from other collections. This exhibition focuses on a writer, painter and patron and spans the 16-18th centuries. The exhibition features special events including a calligraphy workshop.

12/6 Ursula Battle and Dr. Gregory Branch tell Gigi Barnett about their upcoming production of "My Big Phat ghetto FabuLESS Wedding" that benefits the Unified Voices of Hopkins, a choral group that performs at various community events. They discuss with Gigi Barnett how laughter is the best medicine as evidenced by the reaction of the patients at Hopkins who attend the dress rehearsals in Hopkins' Turner Auditorium.

12/13 Dr. Marco Merrick tells Gigi Barnett that the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore is preparing for their annual Christmas Concert on December 20. Over 200 choir members from Baltimore, DC, Virginia, Pennsylvania will be performing along with several guest artists. The concert is sponsored by the Open Church and is being held at New Shiloh Baptist Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

12/27 Tracy Baskerville tells Gigi Barnett about Baltimore's plans to usher in 2016. The New Year's Eve Spectacular is presented by Ports America Chesapeake and features a top 40 band performing at the Inner Harbor's amphitheater at 9pm followed by fireworks at midnight.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/1: As Hurricane Joaquin moves up the East Coast, leaders in Maryland aren't taking any chances. The governor declared a state of emergency this afternoon. WJZ has complete coverage and is live in Fells Point—an area vulnerable to flooding... and WJZ is also on the Eastern Shore as Maryland's coastal towns are most likely target for any Joaquin effects.

10/2: Coastal areas are taking steps to protect against the wind and water tonight. WJZ is in Ocean City where the beach is officially closed and conditions are rough... and in central Maryland, low-lying areas may also be in danger of flooding this weekend. A state of emergency is still in effect for Baltimore city and 16 counties. WJZ has the steps those flood-prone spots are taking.

10/8: Tonight, Baltimore's housing authority addresses what residents say have been chronic harassment at Gilmore Homes by housing maintenance employees. A letter to residents, comes a week after some women who live there filed a lawsuit. WJZ is live with more.

10/20: New victims are coming forward to join a sextortion federal lawsuit against the Baltimore Housing Authority. In addition to the lawsuit, other public housing residents are demanding repairs and accountability. WJZ is live and explains these latest developments.

10/21: The city's state's attorney launches a criminal probe into whether maintenance workers in Baltimore public housing demanded sex before making basic repairs. WJZ is live with a look inside the apartments, which some say are unlivable.

10/26: Demanding answers – amidst a sex scandal involving maintenance workers and deplorable conditions, the people who live in public housing finally get to meet with the city’s housing chief. And tonight we know – he will also face a city council hearing. WJZ is live at City Hall and talks to residents tonight.

11/2: New developments tonight in the Baltimore City housing scandal—an employee who joined the lawsuit against city housing is suspended without pay! According to our media partner The Baltimore Sun, Anthony Coates claims he and others previously told top officials that some workers were demanding sexual favors from tenants in exchange for repairs. Now, some City Council members fear the whistle-blower’s suspension is a retaliation move! Meantime, more women come forward, claiming to be victims. WJZ has the new accusations.

11/13: Maintenance workers accused of demanding sex in exchange for making repairs in public housing units—now, lawyers say there could be hundreds of alleged victims! And they want class action status for a lawsuit now filed against the Housing Authority. WJZ is live with these new details.

11/23: On the hot seat—the Housing Commissioner faces tough questions from the City Council about the sex-for-repairs scandal rocking his department... but he’s not answering a key question. WJZ is live with more on the fiery hearing.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/6: Baltimore’s Horseshoe Casino is seeing a decline in revenue—while Maryland’s other casinos are making gains. The Horseshoe brought in a little over \$22-million in September, that’s down more than \$242,000 compared to September of last year.

10/9: A fierce leasing debate between landlord and tenant could force one of the city’s most popular restaurants out of Baltimore. The future of Nacho Mama’s in Canton is in limbo. WJZ has details on a campaign that allows customers to choose a possible new location.

10/11: Computer problems are getting the blame for some big time delays for Southwest Airlines passengers across the country today. WJZ is live and explains those problems were even evident at BWI which is a major hub for Southwest.

10/11: The numbers are in—all but one of Maryland’s casinos are seeing a boost in their bottom line. As WJZ reports, altogether the gaming centers took in nearly \$88-million last month.

10/12: Baltimore’s Sports Legends Museum draws tens of thousands of visitors a year—but no more! The museum is leaving its home at Camden Yards because of a lease dispute with the Maryland Stadium Authority. WJZ explains what it means for the beloved museum’s future.

10/27: Six months after the Freddie Gray case sparked protests, riots and a citywide curfew... Baltimore businesses say they’re still suffering. Some, even forced to close. WJZ is live downtown, where business owners are talking about the damage done.

10/27: Scammers, stealing big bucks from unsuspecting ATM users! Dozens have become victim in recent days, at two popular downtown machines. ATM fraud is soaring across the country. WJZ is live on Boston Street and explains how the thieves are doing it.

10/29: For the first time in more than six years, gas prices are falling below the two dollar mark! And analysts say those costs may keep going down. WJZ is live and went on the hunt for the cheapest price.

11/9: Maryland is getting closer to a high-speed rail system. Nearly \$30-million in funding is approved to study one of the fastest trains in the world. It’s part of an effort to solve the massive transportation crunch up and down the East Coast. WJZ is live at Penn Station with details.

11/15: Luxury liner—British Airways is bringing a new way to travel in style to BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The company’s Boeing 787 Dreamliner will start making international flights. As WJZ explains, it’s an airplane enthusiast’s dream.

11/20: Gas prices are dropping fast—here in Maryland and across the country some places already seeing prices below two-dollars just in time for the holiday season! WJZ explains what’s driving the steep plunge at the pump.

11/25: Black Friday is just days away—and some deals are already available earlier than ever! We’re less than an hour from Black Friday, but some malls and stores opened early on Thanksgiving—giving shoppers a head start on the best deals for the holidays. WJZ is live and was out in the madness all day and has the details.

11/27: A battle for bargains—Black Friday is just about over and thousands of Marylanders took part in the madness to find some of the best deals of the year. WJZ is at the Inner Harbor with the latest on the shopping frenzy.

12/5: Small Business Saturday falls on the Thanksgiving weekend—but some small Baltimore businesses want it to go on. WJZ has more on how one holiday event is giving them a big boost.

12/13: A big tax break may be the carrot some grocery stores need to motivate owners to set up shop in the city. Many city neighborhoods are in what health workers call “food deserts”. WJZ explains how the city’s plan will work to bring more fresh foods to shoppers.

12/19: Less than a week left and the countdown to Christmas is officially on. Retailers call this Saturday—“Super Saturday”. As WJZ explains, a new survey reveals this year’s holiday shopping season is thriving.

12/20: It closes in the winter and opens in the spring—a long-standing tradition in Baltimore comes to an end for now. As WJZ explains, the Baltimore Farmers’ Market draws thousands of customers during the eight-month season.

12/23: The holiday getaway is in full swing! More than two-million Marylanders are expected to hit the road or fly this holiday season—which would set a new record! WJZ is live with complete coverage—what you need to know if you’re heading out over the next few days.

12/23: You may be comfy in bed, but even at this late hour, there are still people out there trying to finish up their holiday shopping! WJZ is live at the Toys-R-Us in Rosedale and explains the store is one of many operating on expanded hours.

12/29: The countdown to New Year’s Eve is on—it will be a fun-filled night in downtown Baltimore with everything from parties to fireworks. WJZ is live with more on how area businesses are preparing for all the excitement.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

11/28: Shopping local—Small Business Saturday is a national day designated to promoting our smaller neighborhood stores. WJZ explains how Baltimore leaders joined the effort.

ON TIME

12/13 Emerge, Inc. has been providing individualized services to people with disabilities for almost 40 years. David Wamsley and Tonya Williams tell Gigi Barnett about their programs from residential services to job placement. The program serves 450 individuals living in the Central Maryland corridor.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/4: A three hour, non-stop flight from Cuba ends at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport for a team of Anne Arundel County delegates. As WJZ explains, the group traveled to the island nation to begin building new economic opportunities.

10/7: Tonight, some Republican presidential candidates are pushing back against calls for new gun control laws... including former Johns Hopkins neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson. WJZ explains, Dr. Carson's comments are drawing criticism even from his own party!

10/7: In just a few days, Governor Larry Hogan begins his sixth and final round of chemotherapy to treat stage three non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Before the milestone, the governor makes a stop at Baltimore's Ronald McDonald House to celebrate. WJZ goes one-on-one with the governor and takes a look back at his journey.

10/8: World famous former neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson is once again trying to clear up controversial comments he made. The Republican presidential candidate's comments about the Oregon Community College massacre are causing a backlash—WJZ's political reporter has the story.

10/9: Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson takes aim at the media—the retired Johns Hopkins neurosurgeon attacking the press... for attacking him over his comments on gun control! WJZ's political reporter tells us what Carson had to say.

10/10: More public protests against Planned Parenthood—pro-lifers around the country and right here in Baltimore want millions of federal dollars stripped from the organization. WJZ has more on one of those protests this weekend.

10/12: With just six months until the Maryland Democratic primary, the burning question is who will replace longtime Senator Barbara Mikulski? Today, the first TV campaign ads hit the air. WJZ's political reporter explains—the candidates are zeroing in on Baltimore.

10/15: Maryland governor Larry Hogan is more popular than ever! A new poll shows the Republican governor's approval rating is on the rise, even among Democrats. WJZ looks at what's behind the soaring ratings.

10/16: In Maryland, the pressure is on Congressman Elijah Cummings to launch a campaign of his own... for the U.S. Senate. A new poll shows Cummings is a strong frontrunner... in a race he's not yet even running! WJZ's political reporter explains, many are now asking—will he, or won't he?

10/20: More money in your pocket – Baltimore County may be the first in the state to eliminate the so-called “Rain Tax”. A fee that's hit some hard – especially small business owners. WJZ is live and explains it's a move supported by the entire county council.

10/24: New developments in the race for Baltimore city's next mayor – a former mayor makes moves to expand her campaign, while a city official plans to put his hat in the race. Sheila Dixon opened her new campaign office in Station North... and Councilman Nick Mosby is expected to announce he will run.

10/25: Another high-profile candidate jumps into Baltimore's mayoral race. City Councilman Nick Mosby officially announces his decision to throw his name onto the list of candidates today. WJZ is live with the growing list of candidates.

10/26: In the race for Baltimore's next mayor, Councilman Nick Mosby's brand new campaign is raising questions – his wife, Marilyn Mosby, is the city's top prosecutor! Is it a conflict of interest... and will it help, or hurt, his chances at winning? WJZ's political reporter looks at the impact.

11/3: Another candidate joins an already crowded Baltimore mayor's race. Another Democratic candidate files—seeking to replace Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who is not seeking re-election. 57-year-old David Warnock is a venture capitalist and philanthropist.

11/22: Moving to the political ring—a new poll is out today and it shows former mayor Sheila Dixon with a large lead in the race for city mayor. The poll is the first snapshot of what Baltimore voters think. WJZ explains.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/6: Heroic act—a family stops on the side of the road after their baby stops breathing! Tonight, that little girl is alive thanks to a Montgomery County officer's quick actions. WJZ has the heartwarming story.

10/12: A controversial statue becomes a target for vandalism in Frederick. Police say someone poured paint all over a statue of Justice Roger Taney—a member of the Supreme Court who was pro-slavery. WJZ is live with the search for the vandals that's underway in Frederick.

10/16: Controversial Confederate flag license plates will soon be off Maryland roads. After an almost 20-year battle, a landmark court decision now allows the state to recall them. WJZ is live at Federal Court—one-on-one with the Attorney General about the decision.

10/20: It's been almost six months since the Baltimore riots—sparked by the death of Freddie Gray. Today, another positive step forward in the city's redevelopment... a pharmacy looted and heavily damaged during the riots—reopens. WJZ is live with what it means for the community.

10/23: State Police are warning Maryland drivers of a dangerous problem that becomes more prevalent at this time of the year. WJZ explains why they're urging caution because of deer.

11/3: A Maryland protest group disrupts a primetime NFL game as they dangle from the Carolina Panthers' stadium in front of a national audience! WJZ reports, they're angry about a plan to process liquid natural gas in a Calvert County town—a plan they say could be deadly for residents.

11/7: Their lives were taken instantly by drunk or impaired drivers—but today the families of those victims honor the lives of their loved ones. For the 12th year, families took part in the Maryland Remembers ceremony.

11/3: Tough talk from former Raven Ray Lewis tonight—about last April's unrest in Baltimore. Tonight, a WJZ exclusive... Ray Lewis' powerful message for young people in our city.

11/14: Baltimore city violence reaching a grim milestone—tonight, more than 300 victims killed in 2015. Police say the 301st victim was shot in the chest around 9:15 tonight on the 2500 block of Annapolis Road in South Baltimore. The latest death comes just hours after the 300th victim is pronounced dead in the city. WJZ is live with more on what the community is doing to stop the bloodshed.

11/14: Maryland State Police are winners in a national challenge to keep drivers safe. State Troopers received not one—but three awards in the competition. WJZ has more on what it means for commuters.

11/16: Days of chaos in Baltimore last spring after riots erupt following the death of Freddie Gray. Tonight a new, independent report is out saying City Police were underprepared and disorganized. WJZ with a look at the problems and what's being done to fix them.

11/21: Many Baltimore neighborhoods are sitting in the middle of a “food desert”. One way to solve that problem is with a pop-up farmers' market. That's the thinking behind an event this weekend that provides a fresh Thanksgiving meal. As WJZ explains, it's called a “Crop Circle”.

11/26: Before digging into their turkey dinners, people across Maryland woke up early to hit the pavement. WJZ explains this annual Thanksgiving tradition.

11/26: Baltimore's Bea Gaddy legacy of giving lives on—feeding hundreds of needy families this Thanksgiving Day. WJZ has more on a tradition that leaves so many feeling thankful.

12/1: Now that you've wrapped up your Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping, it's now time for Giving Tuesday! For the fourth year, organizations focus on giving back to the community. WJZ has more on how easy it is for you to make a difference in many lives.

12/12: The season may be over for the Orioles, but that doesn't mean they are out. Today, the team and coaches were out meeting and greeting at this year's FanFest.

12/12: Christmas shopping is a wrap for one Marine gunnery sergeant. He heads up the local Toys for Tots charity in the Baltimore area. WJZ explains how he got the help to make the holiday bright for hundreds of children in need.

12/15: A monumental decision—the city is considering what to do with four Confederate monuments that currently sit on public land. Some say they are offensive and need to be removed. Others claim they are history and must stay. WJZ is live with more on the controversy.

12/16: Protesters took to the streets following the mistrial of Officer William Porter – but demonstrations did remain peaceful. WJZ is live outside City Hall with the calm response. WJZ has complete coverage of the community response to the mistrial.

12/25: On this Christmas Day, members of Baltimore's Jewish community have been busy—reaching out to help those in need. WJZ has more on a special day and a milestone for the Jewish volunteer connection.

ON TIME

10/4 The Children's Home has been providing services and shelter to disadvantaged children since the Civil War. Now the Home offers shelter to children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Gail Lee and Jacqui Lampell explain how the home offers educational and life skills programs designed to prepare the young people to lead independent lives. Each year the Home has a fundraiser that features the artwork of the young people of their program.

10/11 Gigi Barnett talks with Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby about the role the state's attorney office plays in helping to reduce crime. She discusses several community outreach initiatives she's started that target school-aged children. The Junior State's Attorney Program ran over 6 weeks during the summer and exposed 8th grade students to the workings of the criminal justice system including 911 calls to trials. She discusses her upcoming community day in court that examines domestic violence issues. The event is free to the public.

10/18: Jessica Blum and Kristin Beasley tell Gigi Barnett about their new nonprofit organization, Charm City Care Network that is dedicated to serving the LGBT community. Their organization is targeting the transgender community and will assist with housing and jobs. Many in the Trans community are turned away from regular shelters. Jessica Blum shares her story of transitioning to a woman and the difficulties she faced from family and friends.

11/1 Gigi Barnett talks with Marceline White from the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition about their SOAR – Securing Older Adult Resources – events that are designed to educate and prevent seniors from falling victim to fraud. She discusses predatory practices that have targeted the elderly. Workshops are being held in multiple senior centers around the city.

11/8 Gigi Barnett talks with Franklin Beird who enlisted in the Marines during the early 1940's and was assigned to boot camp at Montford Point, a segregated facility for the newly admitted African American marines. He describes training at the separate facility at Camp Lejeune as well as the limited supportive role African Americans performed during WWII. For his service he received a Congressional Medal of Honor in 2012.

11/8 Mark Furst tells Gigi Barnett about the United Way of Central Maryland's campaign, Harvest of Plenty, designed to raise funds and volunteer help to feed the hungry during Thanksgiving. Donations of \$15 can help

provide a traditional turkey meal to those who are food insecure. Families receiving subsidies can register to get help for the program by calling 211.

11/15 Tessa Hill-Aston tells Gigi Barnett about the work of the 100+ year old civil rights organization and why the NAACP is just as needed now as when it was formed in the early 1900's. She discusses how the Baltimore City Branch responded to the Freddie Gray uprising by opening a satellite office in Sandtown Winchester to help individuals with expungement of criminal records and other needed services. Her branch was honored at the National NAACP convention for their outstanding community service. The upcoming Freedom Fund Banquet helps fund their work in the community.

11/15 Now in its 27th year, the Festival of Trees benefits the children at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Lainy LeBow-Sachs tells Gigi Barnett how the festival has changed to include more offerings for the entire family – from the fairytale forests to the gingerbread towns. This year's festivities will feature ice carving.

11/22 MTA administrator Paul Comfort tells Gigi Barnett about the transit administrations plans to revamp mass transit through coordinated campaign known as Baltimore Link. He discusses how existing bus routes will be revamped to reflect new transportation needs to link city residents with job opportunities in Ft. Meade, Columbia, Owings Mills, Annapolis and Abingdon. New color coded routes will make bus navigation easier. Other plans call for coordinated routes between different modes of transportation: buses, light rail, metro and MARC.

11/29 Dr. Carla Hayden tells Gigi Barnett about Pratt Library's plea for donations during Giving Tuesday. The Baltimore library system has challenged their counterparts in Cleveland over the Monday night football contest between the Ravens and Brown that kicks off the night before Giving Tuesday on December 1. Library patrons are asked to donate during the football game up till the next night at midnight. If the Pratt Library raises the most money then their Cleveland counterparts need to videotape their recitation of Edgar Allen Poe's The Raven. Likewise if the Pratt comes in 2nd place, they get to sing "Who Let the Dogs Out".

12/6 Gigi Barnett talks with representatives from Youth Reach MD about their recent attempts to document homeless youth and young adults up to age 24 who are hiding in plain sight all across the state. They surveyed areas in Baltimore City and seven counties in the fall in order to get an accurate number of homeless youth. The results of the survey will be used to create better programs to serve this vulnerable population.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/6: Under heavy fire—more than 50 schools in Baltimore County are still without air conditioning. County leaders are pushing for a new plan to install AC in every school, but the state doesn't seem impressed. WJZ is live and was at a town hall meeting tonight—here's more on what outraged parents and students are saying.

10/8: Searching for answers—school officials in Anne Arundel County want to know who's responsible for a racist post on a school website. Words so offensive—police are now investigating. WJZ speaks with concerned parents.

10/9: He's the best in Maryland! Tonight, a Baltimore City teacher earns the title—Teacher of the Year. Ryan Kaiser, a 6th and 8th grade social studies teacher at the Mount Washington School won the high honor.

10/13: College admissions exams—lost in the mail! A major mistake costs dozens of Maryland high school students their test results... WJZ is live and speaks to the students and parents affected.

10/21: A Maryland county becomes one of the first in the state to outfit police in schools with body cameras. WJZ is live with what's behind the change and what it could mean for your kids.

10/27: A new standardized test for Maryland high school students gets alarming results! It's known as the "PARCC" Test and it finds less than a third of students are ready for college or careers. WJZ has more on the consequences of the test.

11/7: In tonight's school watch, one city school goes on the defensive trying to keep it off of the city's chopping block. City school leaders are considering a slew of schools to close. WJZ reports, parents and students say if the school shuts down, they don't have many other options.

11/9: Calls from the top—to put seatbelts on all school buses! Currently, they're not required on buses in Maryland... or most other states. Now for the first time, the nation's car safety chief says it's time to buckle up on the bus.

11/16: Campus on alert—Washington College remains on lockdown overnight after fears of a student with a gun. WJZ is in Chestertown with more on what may have sparked the incident.

11/18: Calling for change on campus—students hold a sit-in at Towson University to demand a shift in school policies to end racial injustice. The protest—part of a nationwide movement. WJZ is live with more on what's being done.

11/27: The University of Maryland adds another layer of security on campus. WJZ reports, students are now able to designate a personal guardian through a smartphone app.

12/7: The University of Maryland football stadium may be getting a new name. A new push is underway to remove former President Curley Byrd's name because he was a known supporter of segregation. Now, the university president is weighing in. WJZ is live with more on what he's saying.

12/11: A major change at the home of the Maryland Terrapins! The University of Maryland board of regents weighs the legacy of an outstanding university president and a strict segregationist. WJZ is live and reports that in the end, it was the end of Byrd Stadium.

12/18: They're becoming an epidemic—terror threats against schools are leaving parents, children and teachers on edge—even right here in Maryland. WJZ reports they're happening during a time of heightened fear.

ON TIME

11/1 Violet M. Apple tells Gigi Barnett how the Girl Scouts are preparing young women to excel in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – in addition to the Arts. She explains how the STEM festival features professional women in the STEM fields hosting lectures, seminars and demonstrations for young girls and their parents.

11/22: Gigi Barnett talks with Sonia Socia and Joan Stanley about the importance of offering adult literacy program. They discuss how the need has grown with more people on a 6 month waiting list to get into literacy programs. Increase literacy is a win win for both the adult learner in terms of increased wage earning and the state that increases its tax base.

12/20 Anthony McPhail tells Gigi Barnett about the importance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast in raising scholarships for Morgan State University students. He discusses how he was mentored while attending Morgan and why it's important for the school's alumni to continue to help today's students.

12/20 College Bound Foundation provides counselors in 14 Baltimore City high schools that assist students and parents with the college application process. Jimmy Tadlock and Terri Williams tell Gigi Barnett that many of the students they help are the first in the family to attend college. They help families apply for financial aid and college applications. The foundation also awards scholarships and last dollar grants to students who come up short on securing college funds.

12/27 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Renee Foose and Florence Hines about the Teachers for Tomorrow program designed to diversify Howard County schools by offering scholarships to low income county students to attend McDaniel College. At the completion of the 4 years, students must become certified to teach and then will be hired for 3 years in the Howard County School system. McDaniel College was chosen because of their diverse student body and commitment to education. Three of the last five Maryland Teacher of the Year were alumni of the college.

12/27 Paula Miller tells Gigi Barnett about changes she is making to the county's public library system since taking over a little more than a year. She discusses how library systems are balancing the old (books, CD's & DVD loans) with the newer electronic & technology changes that consumers are demanding including ebooks and music and movie downloads. Each library branch has unique offerings based on the communities they serve.