

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 WJZ and community organizations to benefit area residents...

##### LOCAL POLITICS

###### WJZ News

10/6: Downtown Frederick County was home to two opposing immigration rallies. WJZ was at both and breaks down arguments on both sides for us.

10/10: For the first time, we're hearing from Governor Hogan about the impeachment inquiry into President Trump. He walked a fine line... saying he was very troubled by the allegations, but says more facts are needed. WJZ is live with what the governor had to say.

10/10: 1.4 million dollars. That's how much of your tax money—was allegedly wasted by Baltimore City. WJZ has the new report from the Inspector General's office.

11/12: The race to fill Congressman Elijah Cummings' seat gets even more crowded. Two more candidates have announced they're running... including the Congressman's widow. WJZ is live and tells us both of these women are looking to diversify Maryland's delegation, but in different ways.

12/14: An update on the race of mayor of Baltimore City... Sheila Dixon announced that she's entering the race... for a third time. This comes almost a decade after she stepped down as mayor... after a jury convicted her of embezzlement. WJZ is live and has more on her political plans.

12/17: Baltimore mayor Jack Young is coming under fire... for receiving a Homestead Tax Credit for a house he doesn't live in. Young says his daughter and her husband live in the house and he forgot to update tax records. He says he will return the money.

12/18: The legal troubles continue for former Mayor Catherine Pugh. All stemming from her self-published, Healthy Holly children's books. She's now facing a state perjury charge—this—after pleading guilty to federal charges related to the scandal last month. WJZ is live with the new details.

12/23: Corruption, bribery, fraud. Another Baltimore politician in hot water tonight... Those are just some of the allegations against former Delegate Cheryl Glenn. WJZ reports from the U.S. Attorney's office Downtown, with the charges laid out against the long-serving state lawmaker.

## EDUCATION

### WJZ News

10/1: A WJZ exclusive... we were the only station to speak with Towson University's president after a tense forum with students in the wake of two sex assault cases on campus. WJZ is live with what the president has to say after students confronted her administration.

10/3: The University of Maryland is once again dealing with mold concerns... this time—students and faculty say they're finding it in classrooms. The university's facilities management department issued a statement acknowledging humidity issues and that it is taking measures to combat it.

10/3: A debate is heating up over air-conditioning in schools. It was so hot yesterday, hundreds of students in Baltimore County missed classes because their schools still don't have A/C. WJZ explains—this sparked a heated back and forth between the county executive and the governor.

10/7: The controversy over redistricting takes center stage yet again in Howard County. Parents waited for hours tonight... to voice their opposition to reassign more than 7,000 students to new schools. WJZ is live and explains what has parents so upset.

10/10: A student was assaulted inside the bathroom of a West Baltimore school. The whole thing was caught on camera. A young man was punched and kicked by several other students. WJZ is live outside Baltimore City Schools Headquarters—with their response about the disturbing video that's quickly gone viral.

10/22: Parents and students in Baltimore County voiced their opinions tonight—on a big question facing the district. When should school start next year... before or after Labor Day? WJZ is live with the three options under consideration.

10/23: Police in Anne Arundel County are investigating after a high school student says she was grabbed inappropriately at a homecoming dance. Now, the school is responding to criticism for the way it handled the incident. WJZ is live and explains—the student's mother address the school board tonight.

10/31: A disturbing investigation underway at a school in Anne Arundel County. Over the past few days—the school was alerted to several “kill lists” on campus. WJZ explains the steps the school is taking to get to the bottom of this.

11/5: Summer break will be a little longer next year for students in Baltimore County. That's because the school board decided to start the next school year after Labor Day. WJZ is live with how parents and students are feeling about the decision.

11/7: A student with a gun is taken into custody at a northeast Baltimore school. It's not the first time. Over the last three years, dozens of guns have been recovered. WJZ explains how the school is responding to this particular incident.

11/7: After finding racist and sexist graffiti at Salisbury University... students there are now taking action. WJZ explains exactly what those students are doing.

11/13: Disturbing allegations against a Howard County student... now charged with rape. Police say the teen is accused of assaulting another student inside the bathroom of Reservoir High. WJZ has the investigation into what happened.

11/18: In a preliminary vote, the Howard County school board moves forward with a controversial plan to redistrict. The meeting to discuss the impacts of all this... started at 1:00 this afternoon, but the vote just happened at nearly 11:00 tonight. WJZ is live in Ellicott City with the breaking details.

11/21: Disappointment tonight in Howard County—where the school board made it official—voting to redistrict schools. This means more than 5,000 students will be reassigned to new schools next year. Many, now forced to leave behind friends or travel further to school. WJZ is live with the breaking details.

11/22: A Towson University student is now facing charges—accused of making a threat of mass violence. This is certainly concerning for parents and students, but the school says there was never any direct threat to campus. WJZ is live with the investigation and how police tracked down the suspect.

12/2: Police in Baltimore County are investigating a sexual assault on the property of an elementary school. This has a lot of parents on edge tonight. Investigators say the child was walking on a path right near the baseball fields when the assault happened. WJZ is live at Norwood Elementary where people are stunned.

12/3: Are Maryland schools making the grade? The new report card for the state's public schools is out. WJZ is live with how our schools are doing.

12/9: A 24-year-old man is in jail tonight... accused of raping a child on the property of a Dundalk school. This is something no parent wants to hear... but police managed to track down that suspect using surveillance video. WJZ is live with the charges filed, after last week's attack.

12/10: Summer break will be cut short for Baltimore City students. The school board voted tonight to start class before Labor Day. That means the first day of school will be August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## CONSUMER: HOUSING

### WJZ News

10/4: The Baltimore County Executive is taking on housing discrimination. It comes after an agreement to settle a complaint about inequality. The Home Act aims to give everyone a safe and affordable place to live... it makes it illegal for a landlord to discriminate against a potential tenant based solely on a person's source of income.

10/28: Do you feel like you're paying too much for water? It turns out—you're not alone. And now, the City Council is taking action. It's working on a radical revamping of the water billing system. WJZ is live with the new plan that's one step closer to reality.

10/30: A water bill for more than \$2,000,000—that's how much Baltimore officials believe the Ritz Carlton condo complex Downtown... may be on the hook for. WJZ is live at City Hall and explains—that complex hasn't gotten a water bill in more than a decade.

11/4: A major step forward... hoping to end housing discrimination. The Baltimore County Council passed a controversial housing bill that will impact some renters. WJZ is live in Towson with the details on the split decision.

## CONSUMER: ECONOMY

### WJZ News

10/2: Not only is it hot, a flash drought is developing fast. Much of the state is now considered "abnormally dry". WJZ explains how that could affect farms— and their fall crops like apples and even pumpkins.

10/5: It took four months of negotiation... but a new deal is now on the table to keep the Preakness in Baltimore. All parties have come up with a plan agreeable to both the city and the owners of Pimlico Race Course. WJZ is live with more on the agreement and what it means for Baltimore.

10/7: The 145<sup>th</sup> Preakness Stakes will be right here in Baltimore. After a cloud of uncertainty... lingering over the fate of the race... officials have finally reached a deal. WJZ explains what this means for the future of Pimlico.

10/9: One of the biggest cycling events in the country will be held in Baltimore next year. The Maryland Cycling Classic was announced this morning and as WJZ explains, it's been a while since Maryland has hosted a bike race of this magnitude.

10/21: You can expect something a little different in your next take-out order. Your food and drinks will be in anything but Styrofoam. WJZ explains—restaurants in Baltimore City that don't follow the new rules, face a hefty fine.

10/22: After a ton of speculation, one of Baltimore's most invested companies is making a huge change. As WJZ's investigator reports, Under Armour founder and CEO Kevin Plank is stepping down from that role—but he still remains in charge.

10/23: A beloved fixture of North Baltimore is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The grocery store, Eddie's of Roland Park, was presented with the Baltimore City Cornerstone Award for local business excellence.

10/28: Only four days until we kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> Light City Festival! And once again, WJZ is a proud sponsor of the festival that draws in spectators from all around the world. Along with the beautiful light displays, comes a nice bump to the city's economy. WJZ breaks down the potential impact.

11/18: Howard County's plan to prevent yet another catastrophic flood is moving forward. The county has purchased nine buildings on Ellicott City's historic Main Street... once scheduled for demolition. But as WJZ explains, some business owners say there needs to be greater urgency.

11/27: It's the age of Amazon. You can get almost anything delivered right to your front door. But WJZ found out how small businesses are finding new ways to add a personal touch to compete and stand out.

11/28: We know lots of you are walking off your Thanksgiving feast at the malls. Lots of stores are offering Black Friday deals. WJZ is live at the Best Buy in Timonium... and shows you what shoppers are eyeing up and buying this holiday weekend.

11/29: The credit cards are worn out. It was a day of searching for the best Black Friday deals... to save some big bucks this holiday season. WJZ takes us to Towson Town Center—with why you should probably get your shopping done sooner than later.

12/2: You'll be getting a lot of deliveries soon... if you're like the millions of people taking advantage of Cyber Monday deals. WJZ explains, it's not too late to do some shopping.

12/20: The roads and airports are sure to be much more crowded than usual in the coming days... as people head to see family and friends this holiday season. WJZ is live at BWI Airport with the travel rush.

12/22: It's so easy to shop online and buy everything you need for the holidays... but criminals are finding it's even easier to target customers. WJZ reports on the steps you can take to keep you and your kids safe.

12/30: We are a little more than 24 hours away from ringing in the new decade. And of course, there's going to be one big party Downtown... as fireworks light up the night sky over the Inner Harbor. WJZ is live with how people plan to celebrate.

CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

## ARTS & CULTURE

### WJZ News

10/7: A high honor tonight for a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He won a Nobel Prize. WJZ focuses on ~~with~~ his decades of hard work that earned him the prestigious award.

10/17: The former Baltimore home of famous jazz musician Cab Calloway will be demolished. This comes after efforts by Calloway's grandson and others to preserve the home. WJZ is live and tells you about the future plans for the property.

10/26: We're less than a week away from Light City in Baltimore... and as excitement grows, we continue to show you some of the very talented artists. WJZ tells you how one artist is using inflatables and the power of pedaling to show off his masterpiece.

10/27: Next weekend, Baltimore will lure in thousands of people for Light City... giving artists a chance to show off their work. WJZ is proud to be the sponsor for the third year as we highlight an artist every day. WJZ explains how one artist is using his work to break down barriers in the city.

10/31: Starting tomorrow, Downtown Baltimore will be lit... literally. That's because Light City kicks off for its 10 day run. The exhibits are up and ready... to welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors. WJZ gives us a sneak peak of what we can expect.

11/1: Downtown Baltimore—painted by light tonight—as Light City kicks off its 10 day run. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to see the glowing installations of artists from around the world. WJZ is a proud sponsor and we're live there tonight... with what it's like.

11/2: Think about books... the Light festival... music and food. That's all happening this weekend ~~at~~ the Baltimore Book Festival and Light City converge.

11/3: The Inner Harbor will be a busy spot in Baltimore this week as the annual Light City Festival continues. The colorful event brings together literature and lights for an experience that's out of this world. Tonight, we introduce you to a Baltimore non-profit—that is using silence while being loud at the same time.

11/8: This weekend is your last chance to enjoy Light City... and all it has to offer. That includes a dance party that's "lit" – literally. WJZ was right in the middle of the action... at the third annual Lit City at the Light Tunnel on Saint Paul Street.

11/10: All good things come to an end... tonight was the last night to experience Light City in Downtown Baltimore. The 10-day art installation—combined with the Book Festival—concluded with a fireworks show over the Inner Harbor. WJZ was there for the sendoff.

11/11: It's a day of gratitude. We pause to honor the men and women who served our country. WJZ reports from Middle River—with the Veteran's Day memorial service held there.

11/15: A World War Two veteran is doing another tour—this one is private. Sidney Walton is 100-years-old and his goal is to meet every governor in the country. WJZ reports, today he's up to 26.

12/5: Baltimore officially kicks off the holiday season tonight... with the lighting of the Washington Monument! A huge crowd gathered in Mount Vernon for the annual event. WJZ has all the festivities and excitement.

12/23: A Baltimore Police officer is being called a Christmas hero tonight... after saving a dog from the icy Inner Harbor. WJZ is live with the dramatic video of the rescue.

12/24: It's Christmas Eve and churches across the area are holding services tonight. One of the oldest Roman Catholic cathedrals in the nation stands right here in Baltimore and is home to many showing their faith. That's where WJZ is live tonight, and ~~He~~ shows you how people are worshipping.

12/25: From the Vatican, to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., to a beach in Australia... millions of people around the world are celebrating Christmas. WJZ reports—thousands of people in our area filled churches today.

#### Public Affairs Outreach

10/13: As part of WJZ's community connection, it was a proud sponsor of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. WJZ previewed the stories of survivors leading up to the walk and participated in the walk on the day of.

From 11/1-11/11: WJZ was a proud sponsor of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Light City Festival. It featured artists from around the world—all with exhibits using light in some way. The festival took place across Baltimore, showcasing several of the city's neighborhoods with various displays. WJZ brought viewers a story each and every day, in multiple newscasts, showing all that Light City brought to Baltimore.

12/11: Working with the American Red Cross, WJZ hosted a blood drive right outside the building. WJZ promoted the event on the air, as a way to give the gift of life this holiday season. More than 20 WJZ employees donated blood on this day... as the Red Cross trailer was parked outside. WJZ also featured the donation event in each of our newscasts that day.

12/13: WJZ teamed up with the United Way to adopt two families in need this holiday season. A massive donation from WJZ employees made up of several gifts and gift cards was delivered to the families. Donations included clothing, diapers, baby food, toys and shoes.

12/14: Partnering with the Baltimore Orioles, WJZ talent is attending the team's Winter Warm-up at Camden Yards. The event was a festive fan experience... including local vendors, food trucks, live holiday music and a chance to meet some of the team. For entry, fans were asked to make a \$5 donation or contribute to a winter coat drive benefitting local non-profit Paul's Place.

12/16: As part of WJZ's community connection, anchors Rick Ritter and Nicole Baker were live from the "Shrimp and Gifts" event, a holiday shopping event at a local Target store... in which children were given a shopping spree ahead of Christmas. WJZ was a proud sponsor of the event and featured it prominently in our newscasts.

#### COMMUNITY

##### WJZ News

10/3: A traffic nightmare... at the Bay Bridge... as crews start their work on a two-year, multi-million dollar rehab project. WJZ has what's being done to try and help with some of this congestion.

10/6: It was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Tunnel Run and Walk... the Maryland Transportation Authority held it for the Special Olympics of Maryland. WJZ was there with the turn out.

10/7: The state comptroller is fed up... he now wants to put the brakes on construction on the Bay Bridge... after it's been causing a traffic nightmare. Construction has only just started on the two-year, multi-million dollar rehab project... WJZ has exactly what the comptroller wants to see to help ease congestion.

10/9: It's been about a week since the work got started and tonight—people who drive over the Bay Bridge to get to work and school—are demanding something be done to ease the congestion. WJZ is live at the Bay Bridge... and explains why some people walked away from a meeting with state transportation officials... very disappointed.

10/14: As out-of-control violence continues to plague Baltimore City... a town hall meeting is held. Current and former Baltimore Ravens players—traded in their playbook for policy. WJZ was there and reports on the push to bridge the divide between police and the community.

10/24: It's a growing problem for people who live in Baltimore City... 311 calls going unanswered. Now, the City Council is working to fix the bug in the app—causing these issues. WJZ is live and explains the action being taken now.

10/25: As the traffic nightmare on the Bay Bridge continues, people are welcoming any idea that may ease some of the congestion. WJZ explains, that includes building another span.

10/29: Some good news tonight for anyone who has been stuck in the traffic nightmare on the Bay Bridge. The Governor is moving forward with his plan to speed up what he calls critical repair work. WJZ is live with what this means for drivers.

11/1: A new effort to fight racism in Anne Arundel County. After a slew of hate crimes, the county executive plans to now treat this as a public health issue. WJZ explains exactly what this means for the county.

11/4: The University of Maryland Children's Hospital gets a major gift... Oriole Chris Davis and his wife Jill made a donation to the hospital that's unmatched by any Baltimore sports figure... but for them, it's personal.

11/6: Six months after the crippling ransomware attack on Baltimore City—officials are meeting for the first time... focused on exactly what went wrong and to try to find a solution for the future. WJZ is live at City Hall with the multi-million dollar plan now in place.

11/28: 38 years of the same admirable tradition. What started as a meal for families in need out of one woman's kitchen... is now an event that feeds thousands. WJZ spoke to those cooking, serving and eating—all grateful for what they have this Thanksgiving.

12/8: More than a thousand girls laced up this morning for a 5K... but as WJZ found out, the message—goes beyond the finish line.

12/14: Shopping for a good cause. Today, people were able to buy handmade handbags sewn by several volunteers and all proceeds will help women—who are survivors of domestic abuse. WJZ reports on how the event benefits the House of Ruth.

12/15: Christmas came early for more than 300 families in Baltimore City... it was all thanks to strangers who decided to do their part to spread some holiday cheer. WJZ reports on how they're giving back.

12/20: Three planes, packed with powerful cameras, will fly for up to six months next year. This is all part of a test to see if they can actually cut down on the number of murders and shootings. WJZ's investigator reports from the ACLU of Maryland—which calls the flights unconstitutional.

12/28: About 200 members of the Maryland National Guard will spend the next several months in Europe. Here's a look at the deployment ceremony that was emotional for the unit and their families.

12/31: WJZ has team coverage all across Baltimore's Inner Harbor... as New Year's Eve celebrations take place across the city. WJZ had an extended 11pm newscast, which featured local businesses and people ringing in the New Year from various locations.

## HEALTH

### WJZ News

10/3: Are you inhaling something that could kill you? That's the big question for the CDC—when it comes to vaping. Health officials are desperately trying to figure out what is making people so sick and in some cases, even killing them. There are 23 cases of lung illness here in Maryland—and more than 1,000 cases nationwide. WJZ explains how vaping is affecting our state.

10/9: Did you get the flu shot yet? Turns out—flu season has gotten off to an early start. There are already nearly a dozen confirmed cases across the state. WJZ is live with what we know about this year's strain of the virus and how you can protect yourself from it.

10/23: Three more severe illnesses linked to vaping have now been reported in Maryland. That brings the total number up to 38. WJZ explains how the comptroller is now stepping in to prevent more people from getting sick.

11/8: There are now 46 cases of severe lung illnesses linked to vaping in Maryland. This comes as the CDC says it has made a breakthrough in the investigation into what's causing these illnesses. WJZ reports—vitamin E acetate in combination with THC—may be to blame.

11/11: If you're coughing, sniffing or sneezing... you're not alone. Flu season is here and it's already packing a punch. Right now, the virus is widespread in only two states—and Maryland is one of them. WJZ is live and spoke with a doctor—to find out what you need to do to protect yourself.

11/14: The vaping crisis continues to grow here in Maryland. In an exclusive interview, one local man tells WJZ he thought he was making a safer choice—but his decision changed his life forever. WJZ shares his heartbreaking story and his warning for others.

11/27: New numbers show the vaping crisis isn't slowing down. And now—Massachusetts and New York are taking action... passing similar bills... banning the sale of flavored vaping products. Maryland could be next... WJZ is live with the push from state leaders.

12/3: Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding uses horses to provide people with all ability levels alternative recreation. Over the years, they've helped thousands of people, but up until recently, never had a place to call their own—until now. WJZ takes us to Harford County, to the new home of CTR.

12/6: Flu season is now underway for most of the United States... the earliest start in more than 15 years. Here in Maryland, the state health department says there have been 989 cases of the flu... that's up nearly 350 cases from a week ago. WJZ reports, where the virus is hitting the hardest in the U.S.

12/9: It turns out Maryland is pretty healthy. A new report by the United Health Foundation ranks Maryland as the 18<sup>th</sup> healthiest in the country. The report says the challenges the state still faces are high drug death rate and a high violent crime rate.

12/11: The state health department now says there are 57 cases of severe lung illness linked to vaping. 47 people were hospitalized, 10 were not. The CDC has linked Vitamin E acetate to the illnesses.

12/11: Winter is still more than a week away, but the state health department is already reporting the first cold-related death of the season. WJZ is live with more on this tragic update and reminders for when these temperatures drop.

12/13: A big health concern in Baltimore City... lead poisoning cases are on the rise. Now, the City Council's health committee wants the problem solved... but as WJZ reports, that may be easier said than done.

12/21: There is alarming news about teenagers who vape marijuana. New government research out this week finds it's surging—in record numbers. WJZ has the latest report.