

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.

PROGRAM INDEX

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

1/1: With the New Year comes new laws... and that includes a big change here in Baltimore. The city will no longer be allowed to prevent anyone who has won a settlement against the city from speaking about that settlement. WJZ explains why some people are still upset at the mayor... even as this bill goes into effect.

1/2: Keeping the door open... Governor Hogan says Maryland will continue to welcome refugees. The announcement comes after President Trump issued an executive order back in September... that allowed states to block refugees. WJZ explains what this means for our state.

1/8: The 2020 Maryland General Assembly is officially underway... and this year—it was an historic start. For the first time in decades, leadership in the House and Senate has changed... and both are from the Baltimore region. WJZ's political reporter breaks down what's on the agenda this session.

1/8: Governor Hogan could take a drastic step... when it comes to making sure the Chesapeake Bay gets the clean-up it needs. He wants to sue the state of Pennsylvania and the EPA. WJZ explains—the Governor feels they aren't doing their part to protect the Bay.

1/21: A Baltimore Mayoral candidate is pulled over for a traffic violation. The hour-long encounter is all caught on police body camera video... but it's what Thiru Vignarajah asked an officer to do... that's leading to questions. WJZ is live with the video and how the candidate is reacting.

1/22: A former state Delegate pleads guilty to federal bribery and wire fraud charges. Cheryl Glenn admitted she sponsored several bills in exchange for nearly \$34,000 in bribes. WJZ reports on how long she could spend behind bars.

2/2: A final push for the many candidates who want to fill the Congressional seat of the late Elijah Cummings. A pool of 32 candidates and the thousands of Marylanders casting votes—will head to the polls for in this special primary election. It will determine who will be on the ballot to fill Cummings' seat. WJZ got the chance to speak with several of the candidates.

2/3: Some of you are getting ready to head to the polls tomorrow—to vote in the special election primary to fill the seat of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. It's been empty since his sudden passing this past October... the 7th District includes parts of Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Howard Counties. There will be 24 Democrats and eight Republicans vying for the nomination ahead of April's election... and the winner of that election will go on to serve the remainder of Cummings' term. WJZ is live with more on the candidates' final push before voters head to the polls.

2/4: Today is the day many Marylanders will head to the polls, to vote on who they want to see have a chance to fill the seat of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. WJZ has team coverage of the special primary election—from the moment the polls opened and when the results started to come in.

2/5: Governor Larry Hogan laid out his vision for our state... in his 6th State of the State address. His priorities include education, transportation and crime-fighting in Baltimore. WJZ explains what he wants to get done.

2/6: It's straight tobacco or nothing under a bill currently making its way through the General Assembly. That means any flavored tobacco products—including menthol cigarettes—would be banned. WJZ breaks down the bill and the impact it could have statewide.

2/13: Nearly five years in prison. That's how long prosecutors want to see former mayor Catherine Pugh spend in prison. It's all connected to the scandal involving her self-published children's books. Nearly three months after Pugh pled guilty to federal conspiracy and tax evasion charges, prosecutors are pushing for a tougher sentence. WJZ has the new developments.

2/17: It was a crowded afternoon at the State House... as hundreds of students, parents and teachers rallied together—demanding state lawmakers pour more money into education. They want lawmakers to approve the Kirwan Commission's recommendations which would mean billions more for our schools. WJZ tells you what happened in Annapolis and what comes next.

2/20: Questions tonight about millions of dollars meant for the city's youth fund... that money has been slow to getting to the programs that need it most. WJZ was at the hearing tonight and is keeping tabs on the fund's progress.

2/27: Former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh is sentenced for her involvement in her "Healthy Holly" books scheme. A judge sentenced her to three years in federal prison, followed by three years probation. WJZ has team coverage—with Pugh's comments and reaction inside the courtroom after learning her fate.

3/2: It's a proposal that has many Marylanders upset. A sweeping tax increase on services in Maryland drew hundreds to Annapolis. WJZ was there and listened to those who say their industries would be disproportionately affected.

EDUCATION

WJZ News

1/14: Shocking allegations... now, teachers at Aberdeen High School are under investigation. The group is accused of making negative and public posts about a former student on social media. That student's mother spoke exclusively to WJZ.

1/23: State lawmakers are considering pouring more money into building schools. Known as the Built-to-Learn Act... the bill would invest more than \$2 billion into school construction over several years. It would be financed by bonds through the Maryland Stadium Authority and would be paid for with casino revenue money.

1/27: Students and teachers are demanding more money be invested in Baltimore City schools. They took those demands straight to lawmakers in Annapolis... but this is a hot button issue... that has many asking—where is the money coming from? WJZ is live with one group's message and the legislation being considered.

2/11: A Baltimore basketball legend is fighting to protect his reputation. Keith Booth is speaking with WJZ, after he was fired as head coach at Dunbar High School. WJZ's sports director has more on what happened and what Booth has to say.

2/11: Hundreds of Baltimore County school teachers are coming together... demanding change. They want better pay and resources for their students... amid contract negotiations for the next school year. WJZ explains—they went right to the school board.

2/13: Concern in Baltimore County... among parents at Halethorpe Elementary. They got a letter from the school, letting them know about a substitute teacher accused of unprofessional behavior in the classroom. WJZ spoke to parents who say more than anything, they want some answers.

2/14: A disturbing alert has students at Johns Hopkins on edge. The school's investigating reports of a peeping tom. A man with a camera was reportedly seen inside women's bathrooms... in two academic buildings on campus. WJZ has what students are saying about all this.

2/15: Current UMD College Park president Wallace Loh is retiring in a few months. Darryll Pines will take over with more than 20 years as professor and Dean of the College of Engineering. WJZ reports, Pines takes over as the university recovers from some devastating events.

2/17: A peeping tom suspect at Johns Hopkins University is under arrest tonight. And the suspect—may have done this before. We searched through court records and found a man with the same name and birthday has been charged in similar incidents in the past. WJZ is on campus with the new details.

2/26: Sickened and suing. A former University of Maryland student, with a severe case of Celiac Disease, says workers in the dining hall repeatedly served her food with gluten—that incapacitated her—even sending her to the hospital. She sat down with WJZ's investigator to tell her story—which is the subject of a new lawsuit against the school.

3/6: A major overhaul of the state's public schools takes a big step forward. During a late night session, the bill promising billions of dollars in education funding passed the House of Delegates. WJZ's political reporter has details on the groundbreaking vote.

3/6-3/31: Every day from 3/6 to 3/31, WJZ had team coverage of the Coronavirus pandemic in Maryland. Each day, new cases were reported... eventually followed by several deaths from the virus. WJZ reporters highlighted the most important information for people to know, how to keep themselves safe, the latest information from Governor Larry Hogan and more. WJZ also featured the countless ways communities were coming together amid the crisis and how businesses were dealing with the new reality.

3/22: As students adjust to remote learning, one local high school has been inadvertently preparing for the Coronavirus outbreak for months. WJZ spoke with students and staff at the Institute of Notre Dame who recently began online distance learning.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

WJZ News

1/21: A major water main break in Catonsville, Baltimore County is causing issues for people who live in the area... and businesses nearby. It's also causing a traffic headache, as Frederick Road remains closed. WJZ reports on the repairs underway... and the concern from small business owners.

2/19: Should an industrial hemp farm be right next to people's homes? The odor from the plants have some Baltimore County residents fuming... and WJZ reports, they're demanding farmers grow anything else.

3/9: Continued efforts to prevent flooding in historic Ellicott City—after two recent devastating floods. Tonight, Howard County officials unveiled what the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found in the county’s flood mitigation plan. WJZ has what they had to say.

3/21: The Coronavirus is affecting so many businesses—especially in the tourism industry. WJZ reports, some businesses and attractions are using this as a time to help others.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

WJZ News

1/31: Long-running fears over Preakness leaving Baltimore have propelled lawmakers to come up with a new plan and the money to keep it here. They’re hoping to keep the Preakness and Pimlico Race Course on the right track. WJZ shows you how they plan to turn an annual event into a year-round community upgrade.

2/28: If you go out to eat this weekend, and take home some leftovers, in Anne Arundel County—they will come in anything but Styrofoam. That’s because a new law banning it—is now in effect. WJZ explains why this may affect you even if you don’t live in that county.

3/2: The seafood industry in our state could be in jeopardy and that could impact your summer crab feasts. Crab houses are struggling to get the help they need because of a visa shortage given to foreign workers—something necessary for crab picking houses. WJZ takes you to the Eastern Shore.

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CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

1/1: Many Maryland workers will soon see a bump in their paychecks... that’s because the minimum wage is now \$11 an hour. The minimum wage was \$10.10 an hour... and employees of bigger companies will see the minimum wage hit \$15 an hour by 2025.

3/5: One famous restaurant wants to bridge the gap between D.C. and Baltimore... and they hope their iconic food will do just that. Ben’s Chili Bowl has opened its first and only Maryland location at the Horseshoe Casino. WJZ gives you a look inside.

ARTS & CULTURE

WJZ News

1/1: As people around the world waited to welcome the New Year... some waited to welcome a new baby! WJZ had the chance to talk with a new mom... who is believed to have given birth to the first baby born in Maryland this decade.

1/10: WJZ has extensive team coverage of Purple Friday... as Ravens fans across Maryland get ready for the team to take on the Tennessee Titans in the divisional round of the playoffs this weekend.

1/11: WJZ has extensive team coverage as the Ravens take on the Tennessee Titans in the divisional round of the playoffs. Coverage included a pregame and postgame show... in addition to several reporters live in our evening newscasts.

1/19: The Edgar Allen Poe House has stood in Baltimore for 190 years... today, the building was added to a national registry that recognizes literary landmarks. WJZ reports, the Poe House is the first on the list here in Maryland.

1/20: Hundreds of people lined the streets of Downtown Baltimore today for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. WJZ reports, many people say this is a tradition they plan to pass down for generations.

2/3: February is Black History Month and today, we're highlighting a woman who had an immense impact on the music industry. WJZ takes you inside the Great Blacks in Wax Museum... where Billie Holiday is prominently featured.

2/9: February is Black History Month and WJZ is highlighting a living history display right here in Baltimore. WJZ shows you the many struggles and hardships African American sailors faced aboard the USS Constellation.

2/25: The Maryland Historical Society is making a rare move, to feature the original manuscript of the Star - Spangled Banner at the Maryland State House. WJZ gives you an up-close look at the historic document.

2/28: A surprise judge at a cooking contest made for a once in a lifetime experience for local culinary students. Gordon Ramsey himself showed up! WJZ reports, it was an afternoon four young chefs won't ever forget.

3/16: March is Women's History Month and this year is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment, legalizing women's right to vote. WJZ is kicking off 'The Year of the Woman' by catching up with one of the most powerful women in the history of Congress, Senator Barbara Mikulski.

3/26: Today was supposed to be one of the biggest days on the Baltimore sports calendar. But Opening Day at Camden Yards has been put on hold because of the Coronavirus. WJZ has more on what disappointed fans are saying as they patiently wait for baseball season to start.

Public Affairs Outreach

Various dates: In January, WJZ's morning show team launched 'Breakfast on Us'... a segment that featured a variety of people and businesses in the community. Each week, a WJZ personality showed up to a different place—to deliver breakfast to those working there. The segment was then featured in the morning newscasts.

1/12: WJZ anchor Vic Carter hosted a Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast about diversity and the legacy left behind by Dr. King. The event featured several high-profile politicians and keynote speaker, Dr. Maurice Stinnett, who was the first Chief Diversity Officer in the NBA.

2/9: WJZ was a proud sponsor of the 2nd Annual Flag Football Tournament at Loyola Blakefield High School. Jimmy's Famous Seafood hosted the event in which WJZ anchor Rick Ritter participated, playing in the tournament. The event benefitted the non-profit organization SAFE which teaches children the importance of education and alternative hobbies if their career path changes.

2/23: WJZ was proud to sponsor the annual Oratory Contest held during Black History Month. Students from across the state chose a quote which speaks to them and they explained why it's defined their lives. WJZ anchor Nicole Baker was the emcee of the Oratory Contest and WJZ also featured the winner in newscasts.

3/13: WJZ anchor Denise Koch hosted a Facebook Live interview with a LifeBridge Health doctor—addressing concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak. They touched on several key safety issues and common health questions.

COMMUNITY

WJZ News

1/5: It's a push to help put an end to hunger in Maryland. The Maryland Food Bank and the Enoch Pratt Library are joining forces to help stock the shelves. WJZ reports on how you can help out.

1/6: Driving over the Bay Bridge will be faster this summer... but not before some slowdowns as the MDTA changes over to electronic tolling. WJZ explains what this means for drivers.

1/12: Today is the first day of the Bay Bridge toll removal project. Starting tonight, crews will work to remove three toll booths. WJZ reports on the switch to cash-less tolling.

1/16: We are two weeks into the New Year and already seeing an upward trend in carjacking—and other violent crimes—in Baltimore County. It's even caught the attention of state leaders. WJZ is live outside Baltimore County Police Headquarters and has reaction from those elected officials—and citizens concerned for their safety.

1/16: A Harford County non-profit is going above and beyond... helping animals in need here. They're not working to save dogs hundreds of miles away... in Puerto Rico... as the island struggles in the aftermath of strong earthquakes. WJZ is live with group's efforts.

1/20: On this MLK Day, many people spent their time off giving back to the community with one goal in mind—keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's dream alive. WJZ reports on what people around Maryland did.

1/26: Do you love animals? Then volunteering at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore might be the perfect job for you! WJZ reports—on how you can sign up for the fun.

2/15: People donated blood in honor of Wendi Winters today. Winters was a journalist who lost her life in the Capital Gazette shooting. WJZ reports from Annapolis, on a fitting tribute for a woman who loved to help others.

2/21: Releasing balloons in mourning or celebration is one step closer to being banned in our state. WJZ reports on why some say this isn't about punishing anyone, but rather raising awareness.

2/22: A hero's workout was held today at Crossfit Catonsville. It was to help raise money for Pierre Gibbons, a local man who ran into a burning building to save his neighbor. WJZ stopped by the gym, where the workout not only benefitted Pierre, but was inspired by him, too.

2/23: Baltimore City police officers are lacing up their sneakers to connect with inner city kids. WJZ reports on how the program could also help reduce crime.

2/24: The U.S. Coast Guard is working to find the source of an oil spill downtown... at the Inner Harbor. WJZ explains the work being done to clean it up and the impact on the city.

3/2: For children who recently experienced a traumatic event or who are sick, one local group has discovered that stitching love into a blanket can make a big difference for them. WJZ shows you the incredible work that non-profit Project Linus is doing for the community.

3/4: There are 12 acres of land in Harford County sparking debate. Plans to build a new mosque there—have led to some hateful and threatening messages on social media. There was a meeting this afternoon focused on hearing both sides of the issue. But as WJZ reports, the Harford Islamic Center says it has no plans to back down from the project.

3/7: The Maryland SPCA officially reopened its historic “Evergreen on the Falls” building today. WJZ got a tour of the newly-renovated building and shows you how it's going to help thousands of people and pets.

3/11: Police surveillance planes will soon fly over Baltimore again—only this time, it won't be a secret like it was three years ago. The police department is holding meetings to ease any concerns. WJZ breaks down what took place tonight.

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3/18: The Coronavirus is causing a major blood shortage nationwide. The Red Cross says since the spread—it's had to cancel over 2,000 blood drives putting those who need it—at a major risk. WJZ has the urgent call for donors.

3/29: The Coronavirus is no match for moms who want to celebrate big moments and special events for their kids. So today, WJZ shows you—a family in Woodbine hosted a baby shower... drive-thru style.

3/30: A Bel Air family and their connection with their mail carrier gives us a much needed reason to smile tonight. As WJZ reports, it all started with a simple note.

3/31: You may remember when we told you about DJ Kopec last week. He's been hosting virtual dance parties from his Ellicott City home to help families through the pandemic and to also give back to first responders. But now, he just took on a challenge to help donate tens of thousands of pounds of food to families in need across Maryland. WJZ has more on the challenge.

HEALTH

WJZ News

1/20: It's a bitterly cold night in Baltimore. The city is under a Code Blue Alert right now... meaning temperatures can be dangerous. WJZ has how doctors say you can stay warm.

1/21: The current flu season is on track to be one of the worst in recent history in terms of the number of people sickened. 39 people have died nationwide, including 2 people in Maryland. WJZ reports on how doctors say you can stay healthy... and who is most at risk for coming down with the flu.

1/24: Growing Coronavirus concerns tonight... the mysterious pneumonia-like illness has killed at least 26 people worldwide... here in the U.S., there are 63 patients... that may be sick with the virus... in 22 states. The CDC says more cases are likely in the coming days. As WJZ's Investigator reports, doctors here in Maryland are at the forefront of finding a vaccine.

1/26: As the Coronavirus outbreak continues to grow... at least 80 people have died. China is now quarantining 11 million people to keep the virus from spreading as five airports across the U.S. have started screening travelers arriving from China. WJZ reports on how they're preparing for the possibility of the virus here in Maryland.

1/28: Coronavirus concerns as state health officials monitor a possible case here in Maryland. Tonight, we're waiting for the test results of a patient who was showing signs of the potentially deadly illness. So far, there are more than 5300 cases worldwide... more than 130 of them have been deadly. The alarming new numbers come as federal health officials expand screening. WJZ is live with the concerns from health officials.

1/29: Even though there are no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Maryland, there is still plenty of concern and preparation... just in case. WJZ is live with how local leaders are getting ready.

2/2: While the Coronavirus continues to threaten the world... doctors here in Maryland say the biggest threat to our state is the flu. Five more people have died according to the state health department. WJZ reports on what you should be doing to keep your family safe.

2/3: Right now, here in Maryland people are using CBD products for everything from pain to anxiety to insomnia. While the FDA has yet to support claims it has healing properties—many swear by it... and the cannabis industry is booming. One local artist tells WJZ—after a crippling accident—it's the miracle that brought her back to life.

2/4: More Coronavirus concerns here in Maryland. It comes after the state health department says a second person is now being tested for the deadly virus. The first person tested negative, but this news obviously causing worry for many. WJZ has what you need to know.

2/10: Most people, when they think of psychedelic drugs, have images of hippies in the 60s 'tripping out' on LSD or even magic mushrooms. But, right now at Johns Hopkins, groundbreaking research is being done using hallucinogens as medicine... to treat anxiety, depression and addiction. WJZ tells you how one dose helped a local woman successfully break a life-long habit.

2/18: WJZ anchor and meteorologist Tim Williams helps bring you the news every morning, but he's not usually part of the story. But late last year, health problems forced Tim to stay home for weeks after getting the Shingles. Now, he's hoping to use what he went through to help others. ~~We want to mention that some of the photos you're about to see might be a little hard to take.~~

2/20: Once considered a novelty or fad, weighted blankets have now made their way into the mainstream. Doctors, therapists and psychiatrists use them more widespread than ever before. WJZ shows you how they can treat a variety of conditions.

2/25: Tonight, a story that could save the life of a stranger or someone you love. Each year, thousands of people die because they bleed to death before help can even arrive. Many of them could have lived—if right away someone had stepped in. If you had that chance, would you know what to do? WJZ shows you training that could change your life and save someone else's.

3/1: Maryland lawmakers and health officials are bracing for a potential outbreak of the Coronavirus... as more deaths and cases are announced in other states. WJZ explains what's being done in Maryland.

3/1: There's a new program to help kids put education in focus... all with the help of glasses. WJZ explains how the program is helping.

3/5: There are three confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan declares a state of emergency, but urging everyone this is no time to panic. WJZ has more on the positive cases and details from the governor.

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