

**WJZ-TV**  
**Baltimore, MD**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2023:**

## **Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

### **Regularly Scheduled Programs**

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

CBS Mornings, CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell, WJZ Morning News, WJZ at 9, WJZ News at Noon, WJZ News at 4, WJZ News at 5, WJZ News at 6, WJZ News at 7, WJZ News at 11, WJZ News Saturday Morning, WJZ News Saturday Evening, WJZ News Sunday Morning and WJZ News Sunday Evening

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health-related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness and LGBTQ+ Awareness.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Baltimore, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

## WJZ-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

**Community of License:** Baltimore, MD

**Issue:** *Crime & Safety: reporting on crimes that impact viewers in local communities/neighborhoods*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
WJZ 5pm News	1/3/23	5:00p	1:26	WJZ followed up on the police presence to large crowds that gathered in Towson. This came after police made eight arrests in a chaotic incident last week. WJZ showed new video and got community reaction.
WJZ 11pm News	1/4/23	11:00p	3:00	WJZ had team coverage on a shooting that killed a 16-year-old student and left four other students injured. Coverage included the demand for leaders to solve the city's gun violence epidemic.
WJZ 5pm News	1/5/23	5:00p	1:47	WJZ's investigative reporter covered the search for suspects in a shooting that killed a 16-year-old and injured four others. WJZ spoke with the family of the student killed.
WJZ 5pm News	1/16/23	5:00p	1:30	Police are looking for the suspects who attacked and stabbed a food delivery driver over the weekend in Pikesville. WJZ's investigative reporter has new details on the violent incident that has shaken neighbors.
WJZ 5pm News	1/18/23	5:15p	2:05	At least 10 children have been shot in Baltimore in just the first 18 days of 2023. Now the question becomes, what can we do to stop this troubling trend in its tracks. WJZ spoke with community members working to bring change.

WJZ 4pm News	2/3/23	4:02p	1:45	Supporters of a Baltimore County daycare owner were stunned when she was sentenced to four years in federal prison. She admits shooting her husband after allegations he was abusing children in their care. WJZ explains what's next and the outrage in the courtroom.
WJZ 11pm News	2/9/23	11:00p	5:00	WJZ had team coverage of a manhunt for a suspect who shot two police officers and stole a police vehicle. The manhunt spanned two counties and impacted several neighborhoods, where people couldn't get back to their homes. WJZ had live coverage until the manhunt ended.
WJZ 4pm News	2/17/23	4:06p	1:33	A 16-year-old is in custody for killing another 16-year-old at the Edmondson Village Shopping Center last month. WJZ reports on the victim and has the family's message.
WJZ 11pm News	2/22/23	11:00p	2:07	Amid an uptick in crime in Baltimore County, local leaders held a crime walk through several neighborhoods. WJZ spoke with people who say impactful solutions are long overdue.

**Issue:** *Economy: reporting on economic issues/concerns that directly impact viewers' money*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/4/23	5:50p	1:21	Leaders in Baltimore County proposed a new law that would enforce a plastic bag ban. It's similar to one already in place in Baltimore City. WJZ asked shoppers what they think.
WJZ 4pm News	1/12/23	4:30p	1:29	Baltimore County leaders are working to come up with the best solution to build more affordable housing. Four different proposals were presented. WJZ walks us through each plan and how they would impact affordability.
WJZ 6am News	1/23/23	6:45a	2:15	The high price of eggs is leaving shoppers feeling scrambled. WJZ looked into how Marylanders are dealing with the soaring egg prices.

WJZ 5pm News	2/7/23	5:50p	1:44	As of last night, plastic bags are banned in Baltimore County. While some people are praising the change, others are upset. WJZ has details on the ban and the impact.
WJZ 5pm News	2/8/23	5:50p	1:46	A lot of people in Maryland are getting ready to make some super bets – on the Super Bowl. It's the first time you'll be able to place a bet on the big game from your smartphone. WJZ talked with Marylanders hoping to make some money.
WJZ 4pm News	2/14/23	4:25p	1:42	It's Valentine's Day and businesses across the region are looking forward to a successful day. WJZ talked with a candy shop owner and flower shop owner about what they're expecting.
WJZ 5pm News	2/17/23	5:05p	1:45	Lawmakers are working to decide how recreational marijuana will be regulated, and what will happen when it's available later this year. WJZ breaks down the details of a hearing in Annapolis.
WJZ 4pm News	2/21/23	4:35p	1:44	The CIAA basketball tournament tipped off earlier today. It's one of the few tournaments that features men's and women's teams and, as WJZ reported, it means big business for Downtown Baltimore.

**Issue:** *Health: reporting on stories that affect viewers' overall well-being both physical and mental*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/2/23	5:10p	1:30	Travelers from China will soon be required to present a negative COVID-19 test before entering the U.S., regardless of vaccination status. WJZ spoke with a medical expert to find out how concerned we should be about what is happening in China.

WJZ 6pm News	1/3/23	6:03p	1:14	After Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field during an NFL game, WJZ spoke with a cardiologist at the University of Maryland Medical Center.
WJZ 7pm News	1/5/23	7:20p	1:48	A little girl in Timonium is making a big impact and using her creativity for a good cause. WJZ sat down with the young philanthropist on a mission to collect hats for cancer patients.
WJZ 5pm News	1/9/23	5:08p	1:30	A transgender Maryland man took a hospital to federal court and won after the hospital refused to perform a hysterectomy as part of the man's gender transition. WJZ has why the hospital said it canceled the surgery.
WJZ 5pm News	1/9/23	5:50p	2:10	Many of us are trying to start the New Year in the right way. And here's one idea: put down your phone! From TikTok to Instagram to Twitter, we spend a lot of time scrolling through apps. WJZ explores the benefits of a social media detox.
WJZ 7pm News	1/10/23	7:05p	1:43	State hospitals are running out of room and the Maryland Hospital Association says many are at 90% capacity, some even completely full. The common issue – COVID-19 cases. WJZ explains.
WJZ 5pm News	1/11/23	5:20p	1:56	More than 14 million U.S. children and teens live with obesity. The chronic disease can lead to serious short and long-term health problems when left untreated, including cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. WJZ reports, the American Academy of Pediatrics recently published new guidelines for dealing with childhood obesity.
WJZ 11pm News	1/12/23	11:10p	1:26	January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The disease kills 4,000 people every year in the U.S., but a graduate group from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School may have come up with an artificial intelligence application that could help save those lives. It's called the smart tampon. WJZ explains.

**Issue:** *Education: reporting on developments within the education system across Maryland and the impacts on viewers*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/9/23	5:02p	1:32	Students returned to class at Edmondson Westside High School for their first full day since a shooting that injured five students, killing one. WJZ spoke with some of those students.
WJZ 6pm News	1/11/23	6:00p	1:44	WJZ has brand-new information on a violent attack that landed a Baltimore County high school student in a hospital. That stabbing happened in a school bathroom and WJZ spoke with the victim's mother.
WJZ 4pm News	2/1/23	4:15p	3:08	A once-segregated elementary school in West Baltimore is in the process of transforming into a cultural center with various displays and programs. WJZ got to see the restoration and how it will preserve a piece of Baltimore's African American history.
WJZ 7pm News	2/8/23	7:22p	2:00	During the Civil Rights Movement, Morgan State University students took part in life-changing sit-down protests at the Northwood Shopping Center. WJZ dove into this significant moment in history.
WJZ 5pm News	2/10/23	5:08p	1:32	A middle school dance in Harford County comes to an abrupt end after a student is accused of inappropriately touching other students. Now, parents want answers. WJZ has what the school is saying and reaction.
WJZ 5pm News	2/15/23	5:50p	2:30	WJZ went to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and reported on its research institute that studies the polar regions. WJZ also showcased how the institute is using artificial intelligence to conduct its research.
WJZ 6pm News	2/15/23	6:03p	2:17	WJZ tracked a disturbing crime trend in the city – more and more young people and students becoming victims of violence. WJZ spoke with parents of school children and school leaders to see what is being done.

WJZ 11pm News	2/16/23	11:06p	1:25	The fate of the Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys remains uncertain. There's a chance the school will shut down if the city school board does not vote to renew its charter. WJZ spoke with the school's president, along with parents and students.
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**Issue:** *Political: reporting on the latest political issues, races and the impact on viewers*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/3/23	5:06p	1:43	Baltimore has a new top prosecutor. Ivan Bates was sworn in and has big plans to shake up the office. WJZ was at the ceremony.
WJZ 5pm News	1/11/23	5:15p	1:32	WJZ reported on the first day of the 445 <sup>th</sup> legislative session in Annapolis. Lawmakers were sworn in, but there were also protests.
WJZ 4pm News	1/17/23	4:05p	1:10	Former City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby's perjury trial will stay in Baltimore at least for now. A judge made the ruling hours ago. WJZ has more on what this means for the case.
WJZ Noon News	1/18/23	12:00p	30:00	WJZ had a 30-minute special on the historic inauguration of governor Wes Moore and lieutenant governor Aruna Miller.
WJZ 4pm News	1/19/23	4:05p	2:00	After a historic inauguration, it's time to work for Maryland's new governor Wes Moore. It's a packed schedule, as Moore and lieutenant governor Aruna Miller hit the ground running. WJZ reports on their first full day in office.
WJZ 4pm News	2/1/23	4:05p	1:46	Governor Wes Moore delivered his first State of the State address. His focus was on familiar topics like reducing crime and ending child poverty. WJZ was in Annapolis with more on how the governor's address was received.



WJZ 5pm News	2/9/23	5:15p	1:46	Governor Wes Moore announced he was releasing \$3.5 million in state funds for abortion training. Moore said in a press conference that Maryland will be a haven for abortion rights. WJZ has more on the legislative package.
WJZ 5pm News	2/13/23	5:30p	1:30	Baltimore City Council President Nick Mosby was in court today, as he fights allegations that he broke city ethics laws. WJZ explains the issue, which stems from a fund that was set up to help Mosby and his wife.

**Issue:** *Community: reporting on stories that highlight local communities and the people who live there who work to help make them better*

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WJZ 4pm News	1/6/23	4:30p	1:27	It's been eight days since riders caught Baltimore's free bus – the Charm City Circulator. And some commuters say they've been left waiting at their stops without a heads up. WJZ looked into this to see what's been going on.
WJZ 6pm News	1/10/23	6:08p	1:25	People who live in Baltimore City are concerned now that the leader of the Department of Public Works is stepping down. WJZ looked into the impact on the recycling program which is already experiencing widespread issues.
WJZ 5pm News	1/11/23	5:05p	1:20	Drama continues over what will happen with Baltimore's MLK Day Parade after the mayor and the C.E.O. of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts disagree over if the parade would take place. WJZ explains the back and forth and the future of the parade.
WJZ 5pm News	1/11/23	5:50p	1:44	It's been nearly one year since a fire in West Baltimore claimed the lives of three Baltimore firefighters. WJZ showed how the community came together to honor those heroes with a memorial garden.

WJZ 11pm News	1/19/23	11:05p	1:39	15 days after two gunmen opened fire on a group of high school students, neighbors in Edmondson Village are pushing city leaders to take action. WJZ was at a community meeting where neighbors told police and prosecutors what they want to see done to solve the long-running issues.
WJZ 5pm News	2/2/23	5:52p	2:20	February is Black History Month and WJZ is bringing you stories that celebrate it. Just a few decades ago, one area of the city was the place to go to see the latest singers and musicians perform. WJZ takes you to Pennsylvania Avenue and explains its incredible history and culture.
WJZ 4pm News	2/3/23	4:25p	1:46	Lexington Market is a Baltimore staple and to some, the iconic market represents the heart and soul of black Baltimore. WJZ explains its wide-ranging impact.
WJZ 4pm News	2/13/23	4:15p	1:10	Two years after historic flooding in Ellicott City, local leaders say they have a solution that will hopefully make 2018 the city's final flood. WJZ reports on the plan and has reaction from the community.