

WJZ-TV
Baltimore, MD

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT
3rd 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 3rd 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 6:30pm News	7/2/23	6:30pm	4:00	WJZ had team coverage on a mass shooting that injured more than 30 people at a block party in the Brooklyn Homes neighborhood of South Baltimore.
WJZ 11pm News	7/6/23	11:02p	1:30	WJZ investigates a series of playground fires in the Baltimore area and how the fires are impacting the community.
WJZ 4pm News	7/18/23	4:01p	1:30	WJZ continues to follow the murder trial for a teenage squeegee worker charged with killing a man at the Inner Harbor.
WJZ 5pm News	7/19/23	5:00p	1:25	WJZ reports on the investigation after a man is beaten to death on his front lawn in a fight that allegedly originated from an incident at his child's school.
WJZ 4pm News	8/14/23	4:05p	1:00	WJZ reports on charges filed in a weekend shooting at a Baltimore County Sky Zone where a man was killed.

WJZ 5pm News	8/14/23	5:00p	1:45	Acting Baltimore Police Commissioner Richard Worley held a community meeting to discuss police response to the Brooklyn Homes mass shooting in July.
WJZ 4pm News	8/17/23	4:00p	1:45	WJZ reports on the latest developments in the investigation into the murder of Rachel Morin, a woman whose body was found along a trail in Harford County.
WJZ 11pm News	9/7/23	11:00p	1:30	WJZ reports on the release of an after-action report on the Brooklyn Homes mass shooting, along with reaction from the community and the changes police plan to make.
WJZ 5pm News	9/11/23	5:30p	1:45	WJZ reports on a new gun violence PSA from the U.S. Attorney for Maryland and looks at recent shootings in Baltimore, including that of a 14-year-old girl.

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

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WJZ at 9am	7/6/23	9:33a	2:00	WJZ speaks with CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger about the Biden administration's plan to cancel student loan debt
WJZ 5pm News	7/11/23	5:15p	1:30	Cannabis sales are soaring in Maryland after recreational marijuana was legalized. WJZ takes a closer look at the impact on the economy.
WJZ at 9am	7/12/23	9:33a	2:00	WJZ speaks with CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger about a new government report on inflation and food price increases.

WJZ 6pm News	7/13/23	6:15p	1:33	Work is underway at Baltimore's Penn Station to expand Amtrak access. WJZ reports on the construction underway and how it will impact train service in the region.
WJZ at 9am	7/19/23	9:33a	2:30	WJZ speaks with CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger about growing concern that a recession could happen and the latest jobs data.
WJZ at 9am	8/3/23	9:33a	2:30	WJZ speaks with CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger about the July employment report and trends about women in the workforce post-COVID.
WJZ Mornings	8/14/23	6:25a	3:00	WJZ's Back to School coverage begins with a breakdown of Maryland's Tax Free Week and ways families can save money ahead of the school year.
WJZ 5pm News	8/16/23	5:12p	1:25	Gas prices are beginning to tick back up and WJZ reports on what is driving the higher costs and when drivers might see relief again.

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

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WJZ 5pm News	7/6/23	5:50p	3:00	WJZ reports on a natural alternative to weight loss that is being called "Nature's Ozempic" and describes how it can affect people who take it.

WJZ 5pm News	7/6/23	5:30p	2:00	A new robot is being used by a local dentist to plan and perform dental surgeries. WJZ reports on how it works and speaks with a patient.
WJZ 5pm News	7/10/23	5:30p	5:00	WJZ tells the stories of the heroes of Harbor Hospital, where victims of the mass shooting in Brooklyn Homes were taken and reports on the life-saving measures they used in the wake of the violence.
WJZ 6pm News	7/12/23	6:05p	1:20	As another grocery store is set to close in Baltimore, WJZ reports on the growing concern of "food deserts" and the impact on the health of the people living in neighborhoods with no grocery stores.
WJZ 11pm News	7/13/23	11:05p	1:21	WJZ reports on the first heat-related death of the season in Maryland and has advice from doctors on what people can do to stay safe.
WJZ 4pm News	7/14/23	4:20p	2:16	Immigrants take on many labor-intensive jobs in Baltimore, but this is impacting their health and with the lack of health insurance, going to the emergency room or a doctor is often not an option. WJZ explores what can be done.
WJZ 11pm News	7/20/23	11:03p	1:24	The Anne Arundel County Health Department announced mosquitoes it had trapped tested positive for West Nile Virus. WJZ reports on what the county is doing to keep people safe.

WJZ 5pm News	8/2/23	5:30p	1:25	WJZ speaks with a local doctor about an uptick in COVID-19 cases in Maryland, what could be causing the spike, and advice for people to follow in order to stay healthy and safe.
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Issue: *Education: reporting on developments within the education system across Maryland and the impacts on viewers*

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WJZ 5pm News	7/18/23	5:33p	1:32	Governor Wes Moore announced millions in federal funding for Anne Arundel County public schools to help provide digital resources for students.
WJZ 11pm News	7/19/23	11:05p	1:47	Baltimore City Schools announced it will launch a new app for students, parents, and staff to stay informed. WJZ shows how it works and how it will impact the community.
WJZ 11pm News	8/1/23	11:03p	1:25	WJZ reports on a new special education plan announced by Baltimore City Public Schools and the changes families and students can expect to see once it's in place.
WJZ 5pm News	8/14/23	5:25p	3:00	Back to School coverage: WJZ sits down with the Baltimore City Schools CEO to discuss the new school year and what families need to know.
WJZ 5pm News	8/15/23	5:25p	3:10	Back to School coverage: WJZ sits down with the Howard County Schools Superintendent to talk about the new school year and the challenges ahead.

WJZ Mornings	8/16/23	6:25a	2:00	Back to School coverage: How families can prepare to send their child to college.
WJZ 5pm News	8/16/23	5:20p	1:45	WJZ reports on Bowie State University's federally funded program to strengthen public health IT efforts, as well as increase representation from underrepresented communities in the workforce.
WJZ 5pm News	8/16/23	5:50p	3:00	Back to School coverage: WJZ sits down with the Anne Arundel County Schools superintendent to discuss challenges with bus routes and what families can do to prepare for the new school year.

Issue: *Political: reporting on the latest political issues, races, and the impact on viewers*

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WJZ 11pm News	7/12/23	11:00p	1:33	WJZ reports on the controversy between BGE and Baltimore City Council surrounding gas meters being installed in city neighborhoods.
WJZ 6pm News	7/17/23	6:02p	1:35	WJZ reports on Baltimore City Council's resolution to reject a multi-year rate hike increase from BGE.
WJZ 11pm News	7/17/23	11:00p	1:25	WJZ reports on the on-going saga between Baltimore city residents, lawmakers, and BGE over gas meters, including a lawsuit now filed against the utility company.
WJZ 5pm News	7/20/23	5:06p	1:19	Governor Wes Moore announced new initiatives aimed at improving the quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its waterways.

WJZ 4pm News	8/11/23	4:09p	1:00	Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski attended the groundbreaking for a new park in Sparrows Point Park. It is the first new park in that community in more than 20 years.
WJZ 5pm News	9/5/23	5:00p	1:35	WJZ reports on what Howard County leaders are doing about bus shortages that have left children delayed in getting to school and parents without a way to get their children to school.
WJZ 5pm News	9/5/23	5:05p	1:50	WJZ reports on the ongoing issue with BGE and residents not wanting gas meters installed outside their homes in Baltimore. WJZ follows developments with the Maryland Public Service Commission and an agreement to allow people to refuse the meters.
WJZ 11pm News	9/6/23	11:08p	1:34	WJZ reports on a political fight from a community in Baltimore County to get Loch Raven Reservoir closed on weekends to allow for pedestrian traffic. The petition had over 3,600 signatures.

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 5pm News	7/7/23	5:10p	1:30	WJZ reports on an event by Safe Streets, an organization that helps communities recover from violence, in the wake of the Brooklyn Homes mass shooting.
WJZ 11pm News	7/10/23	11:02p	1:20	WJZ reports on a city-wide faith-based organization Act Now Baltimore that is meeting with members of the Brooklyn Homes community in the wake of a mass shooting over 4 th of July weekend.

WJZ 11pm News	8/1/23	11:09p	1:36	National Night Out events were held across Baltimore and WJZ reported on how these events aim to prevent crime and help build community relationships with law enforcement.
WJZ 5pm News	8/2/23	5:50p	1:47	WJZ reports on a local day of giving by the non-profit organization CLLCTIVGIVE, which brings together community members and supports Black-led organizations and the work they do.
WJZ 4pm News	8/7/23	4:05p	1:15	Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott announced the return of Artscape. The festival has a new date and is back after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.
WJZ 12pm News	8/8/23	12:00p	5:00	WJZ had team coverage across Maryland after a powerful storm left damage in several towns. Power outages were widespread, as communities began to clean up.
WJZ 5pm News	9/1/23	5:10p	1:22	The Maryland Cycling Classic returns to Baltimore. WJZ reports on the major impact the race will have on the community.
WJZ 4pm News	9/11/23	4:04p	1:30	WJZ reports on 9/11 remembrance ceremonies and events across Maryland in various communities touched by the terror attacks.