

WJZ-TV  
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT  
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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. 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...

7/2: Overdose deaths, mainly heroin/opioids, are on the rise. Maryland's health department is releasing this data, showing an alarming number in its first quarter report. WJZ explains what officials are doing to fight this health crisis.

7/10: A Zika vaccine is now being developed. The Maryland-based drug developer, Emergent Bio Solutions, just received the multi-million-dollar contract to help with the Zika health crisis. WJZ explains when researchers hope to have the vaccine ready.

7/14: WJZ has first warning weather coverage of how dangerous the heat can be and what people can do to protect themselves  
7/21: The CDC is doing what it can to prevent an outbreak of Zika virus in the U.S. and tonight, Maryland is receiving more than one-million dollars. Right now, there are 42 cases in Maryland and that number continues to grow. WJZ has more on Maryland's cut of a 60-million-dollar pie.

7/23: BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport is rolling out new ways to get passengers fit and active. WJZ explains what this will include.

8/4: As the threat of Zika grows, researchers are working to create a vaccine that will aid in stopping the disease. WJZ explains, Baltimore physicians are playing a major role in its development.

8/7: Preparing for the worst. After numerous mass casualty situations in recent years, doctors across the country are practicing drills to prepare. WJZ visited Shock Trauma and spoke with the chief physician.

8/9: A Maryland hospital was forced to shut down its NICU after three babies tested positive for a potentially deadly bacterium! There's also an investigation underway after babies in that same unit died. WJZ is live as staff try to find out what happened.

8/16: Many patients have been waiting years to have access to medical marijuana in Maryland. Now, another major hurdle has been cleared. Regulators have approved 30 businesses to grow and distribute the drug. WJZ explains what that means to the state.

8/22: Maryland confirms its first case of the West Nile Virus this year. The start of mosquito season—causing rising tensions as Florida tries to fend off clusters of the Zika virus. WJZ is live with more on what health officials here are doing to stop mosquito-borne illnesses.

8/23: Deadly roadways—alarming new statistics show traffic fatalities are surging across the country including right here in Maryland. And there's concern this trend could get worse. WJZ is live with what's behind the troubling uptick.

8/23: He's the first child in the world to receive a double hand transplant. Now, one year later, the nine-year-old from Owings Mills says he's feeling better than ever. WJZ reports on Zion Harvey's new life with his new hands.

8/28: Global public health emergency. Across the country, efforts to prevent the spread of the Zika virus are in full effect. Maryland is no exception. WJZ is live with the state's plan of action for one area of Baltimore city.

8/28: Essential tremors—a condition that affects 10-million people in the U.S. every year. There is a new treatment taking place here in Baltimore that is allowing patients to live more productive lives.

9/3: Healthy Baltimore 2020. Charm City is launching a strategic plan to improve wellness and reduce violence in our community. WJZ explains this new effort.

9/22: There is renewed outrage tonight over the astronomical costs of life-saving prescription drugs, one day after epi-pen's maker Mylan had a heated face-to-face discussion with Congress over its prices. WJZ has more on how families are coping with the cost.

9/23: A highly contagious, but rare, disease has infected students at the University of Maryland College Park and the university is now warning students to protect themselves. WJZ is live with the advice from doctors and how students on campus feel about the threat.

9/25: Startling spike—more than 900 people killed in the state of Maryland of an overdose in just the first half of this year. Health officials say a dangerous drug is being mixed with others—and some of those who overdose may not even know they took it.

## ON TIME

7/3 Marcus Washington talks with Dawn Berkowitz about the Maryland Quitline Program sponsored by the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This 10-year-old free program offers smokers access to help 24/7. Quitline coaches work one on one with those who want to stop smoking and develop a specific plan to curb their addiction. To date over 80,000 Maryland residents have stopped smoking through this program.

7/10 BRAnanza is a fundraiser for Mercy Medical Center's foundation that helps women battling cancer. Carmel Gambacorta and Christina Fulton explains the concept behind BRAnanza where women's bras are used as a canvass for creative expression. The decorated bras are on display in Mercy's lobby and at the "cup"tail portion of the program participants get to bid on the decorated bras. This is the second year of the event.

7/17 The Casey Cares Foundation has been providing little moments that make a lasting impact on families with critically ill children. Founder Casey Baynes explains that the foundation has grown in 16 years from helping just a handful of families with ill children to thousands in the Mid-Atlantic region. Assistance is tailored to the individual family's needs and includes vacation getaways for the entire family, trips to sporting and performance events, gift cards to help with groceries, fun PJ's for overnight hospital stays. Funding for their programs comes from the upcoming 5K run/walk sponsored by the Orioles Reach program.

7/24 Marcus Washington talks with Dr. Leana Wen about treating youth violence as a public health issue. She explains that violence can be understood in the same way as a disease and thereby treated effectively and prevented as well. She cites the Safe Streets initiative that the Baltimore City Health Department funds as an example of what works to deter violence. Former ex-offenders, ex-gang members are hired and trained as mediators. They work in their communities to offset escalating violence that most likely would lead to death from gun violence. More programs like this are needed to address the growing issue.

8/21 Tiffany Mathis and Pastor Eric King tell Marcus Washington about their new organization, The Journey Continues, that works to help African American women and their families who have received a breast cancer diagnosis. Pastor King discusses how his late wife, Marlene King, one of the founders who lost her battle, wanted to start a warriors walk to help raise funds and awareness of the disease.

8/21 Tom Bonderenko, the director of Moveable Feast, tells Marcus how patrons can raise funds for HIV/AIDS, cancer and other critical illnesses by Dining Out for Life on September 15 at participating restaurants who are donating 25%-100% of their proceeds. Moveable Feast provides nutritional meals to critically ill people.

8/28 Sean Hull tells Marcus Washington that he started the Life and Breath Foundation after losing his mother to Sarcoidosis, a misdiagnosed lung disease. His mother suffered with the disease which scars lungs and other organs, for 13 years. To fund awareness and research into the disease, the Life and Breath Foundation sponsors the annual Flip Flop Festivus held at the Four Seasons.

9/4 There Goes My Hero is an organization that targets individuals with blood cancers with programs to help them find a marrow donor match and with nutritious meals. More people of color are needed to be swabbed and entered into the donor registry program. Leukemia survivor Michele Walsh and Jim Mitich tell Marcus Washington about the upcoming Golf Tournament that benefits There Goes My Hero.

9/11 Alzheimer's Disease has no cure, no way to slow the progression of the disease and no known way to prevent it. Ellen Torres tells Marcus Washington that the Alzheimer's Association is racing against time to find a cure as the number of those diagnosed with this disease is expected to double by 2050. She explains that the Greater Maryland Chapter is holding a series of 6 fundraising walks across the state in an effort to raise awareness about the need to find a cure.

9/18 Marcus Washington talks with Dr. Sanford Siegel and Sean Murphy about prostate cancer and the need for men to get screened at an early age. They discuss how recent recommendations delaying the age of screening is putting some men at risk of catching their prostate cancer at later stages when it is harder to treat successfully. Sean Murphy discusses what lead him to get screened and how the simple blood PSA test saved his life by catching his cancer at a treatable stage. Dr. Siegel discusses the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Prostate Cancer Run Walk which benefits ZERO, The End of Prostate Cancer and funds prostate cancer research through a fellowship. Prostate cancer screenings are help throughout October with urban churches in an effort to reach men who might not have insurance and seek screening on their own.

## EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/26: The family of a Frostburg State football player who died after suffering a concussion in practice will settle a lawsuit with the NCAA. Derek Sheely passed away in 2011. Since then, his family has fought for stricter concussion protocols. WJZ has more on the settlement.

7/27: A dangerous hazing incident puts a Towson University student in the hospital. Now, two of his frat brothers will face a judge. WJZ has more on what happened.

8/20: The summer break is almost over. Students in Baltimore city will be heading back to school in a little more than a week. WJZ spoke with the Chief Operating Officer for City Schools to ask if the system is prepared.

8/23: It's back to school tomorrow in Baltimore County, but a new policy has some parents questioning whether their students will make the grade. WJZ is live with more on the controversy.

8/26: Today's hot weather forces Baltimore County officials to shut down dozens of schools that are still without air conditioning. WJZ explains, with more heat predicted next week, it could mean more time out of the classroom.

8/29: School before Labor Day? The governor is expected to announce the change this week for students to go back to school in September instead of August. But there's concern a change like this will come with a price. WJZ found a later start date doesn't necessarily mean a longer break.

8/30: After only three weeks in effect, the Baltimore County School Board changes its own heat policy. It will now be harder for students at schools without air conditioning to get a day off when it's hot. WJZ is live and has more on the push from frustrated parents and the reason behind this change.

9/1: Maryland school leaders are scrambling to alter their calendars after Governor Hogan mandates when public schools must begin and end. Spring Break and holidays are all on the chopping block—as school officials work to come up with an agreeable solution. WJZ has more on the challenging task at hand.

9/7: A troubling new report from the state reveals drivers are putting students at risk. It reveals the number of drivers illegally passing school buses has nearly doubled since last year! WJZ explains how this violation puts kids directly in harm's way.

9/8: Sweltering September—the 36 Baltimore County schools without air-conditioning will be closed again tomorrow because of excessive heat and humidity... WJZ is live with the new anger after dozens of schools without AC are forced to close again.

9/21: Starting next school year, students in Anne Arundel County will get more rest in the mornings. This after school leaders vote to start classes later! Experts say it will help students do better in school. WJZ is live and tells us how much later schools will be starting.

#### ON TIME

7/10 – Marcus Washington talks with Cassie Motz and Jimmy Tadlock from the CollegeBound about their scholars' luncheon and last dollar grant program. One of their popular programs is the Urban Scholars program that awards 4-5 year scholarships to city public school students to attend college. CollegeBound advisors are based in 14 city high schools and provide counseling to students and their parents.

7/17 Rev. Dr. Anthony Brown tells Marcus Washington about his inspiration behind starting the Dream 4 It Foundation – his song called Dream that he wrote and recorded. He discusses how the foundation has grown over the last nine years and has given out numerous college scholarships like the one given to Vincent Fields Jr. Vincent discusses how the scholarship has allowed him to attend Frostburg State College where he made the Dean's list during his first semester while playing football. To fund the scholarship program, the foundation sponsors Sensational Summer Night, a musical performance featuring gospel to pop music by local and national recording artists.

8/7 Abigail Harri tells Marcus Washington about the Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund at Johns Hopkins University. The program is open to local residents – not just Hopkins students – who have an idea for an audio/video project. The program links budding filmmakers and screenwriters with mentors in the film and TV industry. The goal of the program is to diversify A/V projects and the voices that bring projects to the screen.

8/14 Then Fund for Educational Excellence works to recognize and assist school principals in bettering the education outcomes at individual schools. Roger Schulman tells Marcus Washington about their award that honors outstanding principals like Chris Battaglia from Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove. Principal Battaglia said that he will use his award money to benefit the teachers who are making a difference with student education.

8/28 Marcus Washington talks with Stephanie Amponsah about the Urban Alliance program that provides city high school students with mentoring opportunities during their senior year. This year round program pairs students with business mentors allowing them the opportunity to receive a paycheck while learning about the business. Urban Alliance also provides the students with weekly workshops on soft-skills from dressing for success to business basics. Of their participating seniors, 100% go on to college.

9/11 Dr. Cynthia Campbell tells Marcus Washington about the importance of adult education and how there is a waiting list to enroll in these life-altering programs. Clayton Smith enrolled in an adult learners' program at his work, Johns Hopkins Hospital, and is now working in a different healthcare field after working as a delivery driver. Adult learners who earn their GED and External National Diploma make \$10,000 more per year in salary and benefits.

9/18 Best Buddies Maryland is a one on one mentoring program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Vince Fidducia tells Marcus Washington how Best Buddies, founded by Anthony Kennedy Shriver, was started to address the needs of IDD individuals by developing friendships with peers in middle school, high school and college. These relationships help to develop social skills needed for a successful integration into society. Keaton Harris discusses how being a Best Buddy Ambassador opened many doors for him, making him a self-advocate. Their upcoming TasteBuds helps to establish more programs in lower income areas including the City and Prince George's County.

## ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/13: The head of Baltimore's library system is making history! Dr. Carla Hayden has been confirmed at the 14<sup>th</sup> Librarian of Congress. She is the first woman and first African-American to hold the position—overseeing the largest library in the nation. WJZ is live with the unprecedented confirmation.

7/15: Art festival takeover! Hundreds of thousands of people will flood the streets of Baltimore this weekend for Artscape! It's the largest event of its kind in the U.S. WJZ is live with the excitement and art featured at the event.

7/24: Baltimore City Restaurant Week is in full swing for the remaining seven days—everyone is invited to enjoy the food and discounts being offered from more than 100 different restaurants.

8/24: It's the battle of the Beltways! The Orioles against the Nationals. And one of the most popular Maryland Olympians heads to the mound to bring the teams together, even if it was just for a moment! WJZ is live and was at the game as Olympic gold medalist Katie Ledecky threw out the first pitch.

8/25: A fitting send-off for a woman who gave decades of service to Baltimore's libraries. After 23 years, Dr. Carla Hayden will head to D.C. at the President's request to lead the Library of Congress! WJZ is live at the Enoch Pratt Free Library and sits down with Dr. Hayden to talk about her bittersweet send-off.

9/1: Making amends. Georgetown University is acknowledging the role slavery played in the prestigious school's history. Today, the university announcing it will offer preferential admissions to the descendants of slaves it sold back in 1838. WJZ is live with the unprecedented move and the significant ties to Maryland.

9/1: As the Baltimore Ravens play their last pre-season game tonight, its former star linebacker is speaking out in a new interview... and it's no surprise that Ray Lewis holds nothing back. WJZ reports on what he said.

9/2: She was beloved for her charitable works while she was alive... now, this Sunday Mother Teresa will be formally recognized as a saint by the Catholic church. WJZ reports, that sainthood stirs memories for a Maryland man who once worked with Mother Teresa.

9/11: Remembering September 11, 2001. WJZ is live with complete coverage. WJZ has more on the somber ceremonies held today in our area.

9/21: She used to anchor the news right here at WJZ... then went on to build a massive media empire and today, Oprah Winfrey was back in Baltimore! She talks exclusively with WJZ about her new movie and her love of Charm City.

### ON TIME

7/3 Patti Crossman and Tevin Brown explain the concept behind Chautauqua to Marcus Washington. This year's event features the theme of Masters of their Craft and pays homage to the centennial of the Pulitzer Prize. Actor/scholars portray three prominent Pulitzer Prize winners, musician Duke Ellington, poet Gwendolyn Brooks and author Ernest Hemingway. Actor/scholars interact with the audience in character and as themselves.

7/3 The Maryland Humanities offer a series of programs that provide lifelong learning opportunities to young and old in all jurisdictions in the state. Executive Director Phoebe Stein explains how the humanities can bridge cultural gaps and help diverse communities understand one another.

7/17 Author Mychal Denzel Smith tells Marcus Washington why he wrote the book, *“Invisible Man, Got the Whole World Watching, A Young Black Man’s Education,”* and the difficulties faced by young men of color in today’s society. He discusses the impact leaders from President Barack Obama to current hip hop artists including Kanye West have on young men. The tragic deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown also have an impact on young men’s development according to the author.

7/31 Rob Weinhold, author of *“The Art of Crisis Leadership”* talks to Marcus Washington about his reasons for writing this book and how its relevant to everyone from corporate CEO’s to parents. He uses real stories that made news headlines and gives examples of how to handle crisis situations. Some of the examples he uses are the Ray Rice domestic violence incident, Baltimore’s uprising, UMBC lacrosse texting scandal, and Jerry/Gerry Sandusky confusion.

7/31 Federal sex crimes prosecutor turned novelist Allison Leotta tells Marcus Washington that her latest book, *The Last Good Girl*, addresses the problem of campus rape. She discusses the recent Stanford case involving swimmer Brock Turner who was found guilty of 3 charges of sexual assault and received a 6-month county jail sentence. She discusses how her book was written prior to this case and is based on multiple cases she tried as a federal prosecutor. She discusses how one in five female college students are sexually assaulted on campus and why schools are reluctant to expel the perpetrators.

8/7 Musical director Cedric Lyles and Dreamgirls actress Crystal Freeman tell Marcus Washington about ArtsCentric, a theatre program started 13 years ago by Morgan State University graduates who wanted to produce African-American plays. They explain how the program offered summer workshops to students. Their current production is Dreamgirls and actress Crystal Freeman discusses her interpretation of the role she plays, that of Effie White.

8/21 Vincent Lancisi and Jonathan Waller of Everyman Theatre discuss how the new season is off to a great start following the record breaking (attendance & box office) 25<sup>th</sup> season. This year, Everyman will be premiering two new plays, *The Roommate* and *Dot*, and will feature a musical, *Los Otros* in addition to a restaging of *Great Expectations*. The other plays include the thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, and the comedy, *Noises Off*. Everyman is continuing their \$25 price per play and have additional affordable subscriptions for seniors and students.

8/28 The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival has an all-star lineup of local and national entertainment according to Tanya Harris. In addition to the music, the festival will highlight the 40 historic African American communities with tours and displays on the Buffalo Soldiers.

9/4 Andrea Lewis from the Maryland Humanities’ Maryland Center for the Book talks with Marcus Washington about this year’s One Maryland One Book selection, *All American Boys*. She explains that the book co-written by two authors, one African American and one Caucasian, examines bias and prejudice attitudes that surface during racial incidents including the fictitious one in the book. She explains how the One Maryland One Book program organizes an author’s tour and book discussions in all jurisdictions in the state. The program kicks off at the Baltimore Book Festival in September.

9/4 Tom Colonna tells Marcus Washington about the Dundalk Community Theatre and how the program features local and regional actors from all walks of life. This local acting group is part of the liberal arts program at the Community College of Baltimore County- Dundalk. This year’s season starts off with their fundraiser, *Forever Plaid*. The remaining season features, *Shrek the Musical*, *Always Patsy*, and *I hate Hamlet*.

9/18 Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the Baltimore Book Festival returns to the Inner Harbor for a 3-day event featuring author talks, storytelling, chef demonstrations and more. Tracy Baskerville explains that the authors run from the nationally known Terry McMillan and Carl Hiaason to local authors including Mikita Brottman, the author of *Maximum Security Book Club*. She tells Marcus how she came to write this book following her experience of

leading discussion groups inside the men's Jessup Correctional Institution. The event features diverse work, self-published authors, demonstrations, and children's activities.

9/18 The 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Art at Cylburn is a two-day event designed to raise funds for the Cylburn Arboretum Association, the friends group of the park that provides programming at this city oasis. Patricia Foster and Rebecca Henry tell Marcus Washington how the property which was once a summer Civil War home for a prominent Baltimore family is now a 207 Arce park in Baltimore City that offers a nature museum, children's summer nature camp, gardens and wooded trails.

## CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/31: Severe flooding leaves several businesses and homes damaged in historic Ellicott City, Howard County. WJZ has complete coverage of the impact on residents and businesses as the small town is completely destroyed and begins to assess the damage left behind.

8/1: The historic town of Ellicott City faces a months-long recovery after deadly floodwaters tear through the heart of the town. At this hour, the difficult clean-up continues and a state of emergency remains in effect. WJZ has complete coverage of the impact on businesses and homeowners and is also tracking how much rain fell on the area.

8/3: Tonight, safety concerns in Ellicott City... after deadly flooding ripped through the historic town, now a potentially dangerous situation for homeowners and business owners. WJZ is live with what's keeping some people away from their homes.

8/11: At least two people are dead, several people are unaccounted for after a powerful explosion and fire tears through a Silver Spring apartment building, reducing it to rubble. WJZ is live with where the search stands now and emotional stories from those who made it out alive.

9/24: Support for the Ellicott City flood victims and businesses continues to pour in. Much of the town, still in ruins seven weeks after the historic flooding killed two people and gutted businesses and homes. A tragedy that has people across the country stepping up to help.

## ON TIME

7/24 There is a forgotten property tax credit that many eligible homeowners have not claimed and it expires on September 1. Marceline White from the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition and Claudia Wilson Randall from the Southeast Community Development Corporation tell Marcus Washington that homeowners who make \$60,000 or less and have a home worth \$300,000 or less are eligible for this annual tax credit. They explain that tax credit is needed by many seniors who own their homes but fall behind in paying either their property taxes or water bills and this results in their homes going into foreclosure. Homeowners can call 2-1-1 to see if they are eligible.

8/28 Intersection of Change is a nonprofit organization that operates a women's recovery program, transitional housing and a community wide arts program in Sandtown Winchester. Todd Marcus describes how the organization works with local residents to renovate vacant houses and develops the property into viable housing. Vacant lots are now community gardens and meditation centers. Community members also created several murals which adorn the sides of buildings and deter graffiti.

## CONSUMER: ECONOMY



Eyewitness News did a story on...

8/27: BWI does it again. Another record-setting month, as millions of passengers use the airport. So what's causing this rise in popularity? WJZ has the answer.

9/11: Betting on Maryland! With five casinos... and one more on the way—the casinos' numbers are looking better than ever. WJZ explains why.

9/25: A spike at the pump—the ruptured gasoline pipeline in Alabama impacting drivers on the Eastern seaboard. The leak was repaired last week, but officials say prices are still high. WJZ explains when it could go down.

## CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/27: It's being pitched as a once in a lifetime opportunity. Tonight, hundreds packed a City Council meeting on the Port Covington development project. The project is focused on helping South Baltimore grow... but not everyone is on board. WJZ is live with more on the debate that continues to heat up.

8/8: A fierce battle at City Hall to raise the minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour. That would be a 42% increase over what the state requires! WJZ is live with what this could mean for businesses and workers.

8/15: For a second week in a row, the 15-dollar minimum wage bill fails to garner enough support in the city council. Supporters say it's needed in today's economy, while opponents say it could damage their businesses. WJZ is live and speaks with those on both sides of the heated issue and reports on what's next.

8/30: Under Armour announces plans to build a distribution warehouse in Sparrows Point, which is expected to bring 1,000 jobs to the area. It's expected to open next summer.

## LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

8/5: As awards and attention accumulate, there's speculation about the future of Baltimore city's mayor. WJZ's political reporter takes a look at what the future may hold for Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

9/22: Under fire—tonight, the Howard County sheriff is being called on to resign. This—after allegations that the sheriff made disparaging remarks to employees along with ethnic and racial slurs. WJZ is live with reaction from elected leaders.

9/23: Growing calls tonight for the Howard County sheriff to resign after a report uncovers allegations of racism and workplace harassment. A representative says the sheriff disagrees with the findings. WJZ tried to get answers from the sheriff today.

9/26: Republican Larry Hogan stays on track to become the state's most popular governor. According to a new Goucher poll, the majority of voters think he's making all the right moves. WJZ's political reporter has more on his approval rating.

9/7: Making the case for the controversial Port Covington project. Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank writes a letter to the city asking for support for the massive redevelopment project in South Baltimore, but some say the company is asking for too much and giving too little. WJZ has more on the on-going negotiations.

9/19: Historic deal passed. City Council votes to approve hundreds of millions in bonds to help develop Port Covington. It's the highest such approval in the city's history. WJZ is live and explains some are applauding the move; others are saying it's a bad idea.

## COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/6: A stretch of road where two Harford County deputies were gunned down earlier this year, will now forever be known as "Heroes Highway". Today a ceremony was held to unveil a sign honoring the slain officers. WJZ reports, it's a symbol of appreciation for the sacrifice of deputies Patrick Dailey and Mark Logdson.

7/9: Hundreds come together to uplift their community. An all-inclusive playground is being built in Perry Hall. WJZ has more on Angel Park which accommodates children with special needs.

7/16: City police make multiple arrests during a protest after demonstrations block lanes on the Jones Falls Expressway tonight. WJZ is live at City Police Headquarters with more on the unrest and what demonstrators are demanding.

8/14: Pedaling to a better future—Baltimore unveils its plans to launch a bike share program. As WJZ reports, it's expected to be the largest electric bike share fleet in North America.

8/24: For months, Baltimore City Police have been conducting aerial surveillance in the skies of Baltimore. Police confirm the program was not disclosed to the public, prompting questions and outrage. WJZ is live outside City Police Headquarters with more on the technology that's stirring up plenty of controversy.

8/24: Fecal contamination found in Maryland waterways. A new study shows some cases had enough to make people sick. WJZ reports, the pollution is being found in suburban and rural streams.

8/26: A busy intersection in Baltimore County remains closed tonight as crews finish repairs on a massive water main break that sent water shooting dozens of feet into the air. WJZ has the dramatic pictures of the break and the damage left behind.

9/1: Big changes coming to Towson Town Center. Starting in just a few weeks, anyone 17 and under at the mall on Friday and Saturday nights must be accompanied by an adult. WJZ is live at Towson Town Center with reaction and why some say it's been a long time coming.

9/7: Just about a month after a blistering Department of Justice report about troubling practices in the Baltimore police department, the D.O.J. and local leaders ask for input from the community to enact change in the department. WJZ is live with more on a town hall where hundreds showed up.

9/10: Bringing a community together with soccer. The South Baltimore Youth Soccer League is celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> season. WJZ explains, the organization is working to develop good sportsmanship and healthy skills for our city's youth.

9/16: Turned away at the door—that's the new reality for teenagers 17 years and younger who try to go into the Towson Town Center after 5pm on weekends without an adult. Today is day one of the mall's new curfew. WJZ is live as the new rule took effect... and reports on the different reactions to the policy.

9/18: A gesture of gratitude today for a church that opened its doors in the wake of a disaster. Just days after Maryland and Howard County are made eligible for federal assistance, in response to the damage from the July 30<sup>th</sup> flooding—Howard County says thank you to St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

9/22: Cleaning up the muck—there's another aggressive push to clean-up Baltimore's Inner Harbor... and it involves a new addition that will be coming to the waterways. WJZ is live in Harbor East with the efforts to keep the harbor clean.

9/24: With the presidential election just weeks away one group is trying to raise awareness. A handful of Marylanders with disabilities took to the streets this weekend to make their voices heard. WJZ caught up with the group in College Park.

#### ON TIME

7/10 – Camp Opportunity is a week long program for abused, neglected and at-risk youth. Director Darlene Waldt tells Marcus Washington that social workers across the state refer at risk youth to their program. Each youth is paired with a volunteer mentor who camps with their assigned student. The one on one mentorship often extends beyond the 1-week outdoor camp. In addition to the fun camp activities like canoeing, campfires, arts and crafts, students are also taught social and leadership skills.

7/24 The National Urban League conference is coming to Baltimore in August. J. Howard Henderson, president of the Greater Baltimore Urban League and Calvin Butler, Jr., CEO of BGE, tell Marcus Washington why it was important to bring this national conference to Charm City a year after Freddie Gray's death and community uprising. They discuss how the corporate community has supported this event, allowing for many free workshops on education, jobs and justice. Presidential candidates have been invited to speak at the convention.

8/7 Marcus Washington talks to Nicole Hanson and Gregory Carpenter about their organization, Out for Justice, a non-profit that addresses social issues and policies affecting ex-offenders. They discuss how their group has worked to get ex-offenders the right to vote. Housing and employment are the biggest challenges facing those released from prison. Greg Carpenter discusses how his bakery started a program to train ex-offenders to find jobs in the food industry.

8/7 The Penn North community was the epicenter of the uprising that resulted after the death of Freddie Gray. Keisha Jones and Dr. Wilma Davis tell Marcus Washington about their upcoming event that will offer breakfast, lunch, job workshop, children's programs and back to school supplies. The group offers mental health counseling for youth who have been exposed to trauma including neighborhood and domestic violence.

8/14 Paul Comfort gives Marcus Washington an update on the MTA's plans to revamp the bus transit system. He discusses the suggestions that came out of the first phase of community workshops and the changes that they incorporated into the recent draft. The MTA is holding workshops now through the fall where the public can weigh in on the new transit plans.

8/14 Christine Nizer tells Marcus Washington that Maryland's new license addresses security issues with their new design utilizing laser engraving and 3-D images. She noted that for under aged drivers, their license is vertical in orientation as opposed to the horizontal ones for those over 21. The new license also features the designation of veteran for those who served their country.

8/21 Marcus Washington talks with Dion Cartwright from the Baltimore Community Foundation and Danielle Torain from the Annie E. Casey Foundation about their joint campaign to award Youth Leadership Grants. They discuss how the leadership grant program resulted from the city's uprising in 2015 with youth stepping up in the

affected communities to organize around the issues affecting their families and neighbors. The grant targets programs that help youth with leadership skills. Sixteen groups were funded in the inaugural year.

9/4 Dog Fest is fun for the entire family according to Wendy Goldband who brought one of the dogs available for adoption. She explains to Marcus Washington that the Baltimore Humane Society is an independent non-profit no kill shelter that doesn't receive funding from government or the national humane society. Dog Fest is their largest fundraiser that helps to provide low cost spay/neutering and vet clinic visits. They also provide free pet adoption to current and retired military personnel.

9/25 Marcus Washington talks with Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby and Arcelia Greene, Deputy Director of Victim/Witness Services about the impact crime has on individuals, their families and communities. They discuss how victims of crimes often need immediate help to replace broken windows, door locks, replace stolen identification cards, medications that were destroyed or stolen as a result of their victimization. The Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office provides services to victims and witnesses. Funding comes from the annual Victims' Fund Walk/Run. They discuss how their office works to improve relations between the community and the criminal justice system and have several programs targeted to children including the Jr. State's Attorney Program and Great Expectations Program.

9/25WOW-Baltimore is part of the global Women of the World Festival. Organizers Maricka Oglesby and Anne Henderson tell Marcus Washington that the topics and speakers at this 2-day event being held at Notre Dame of Maryland University, run the gamut from Hollywood writers and producers to local political figures covering topics from education to gender equality. Panel discussions, TED-type mini talks, mentoring are all part of the festivities open to both men and women.

9/25 Traffic safety is the goal of AAA Mid Atlantic's Traffic Safety Foundation's program, Otto the Auto, a talking robotic car that instructs elementary school aged children in the do's and don'ts of safety when it comes to riding in cars, crossing the street, riding a bicycle. Ragina Cooper Averella explains to Marcus Washington that the program is offered to local schools and young students have a chance to talk to Otto about different safety precautions. Students receive coloring books with safety activities and materials for their parents.