

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. 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...

10/2: It's been a problem for decades wreaking havoc on families and communities across the state. Now, Harford County officials are bringing the message of prevention of heroin use and addiction to movie theaters.

10/3: A landmark day for Maryland's governor! After a nearly year and a half battle, Governor Larry Hogan finishes his very last chemo treatment today. WJZ is live with how the governor reacted to the big day.

10/7: Flu warning! It's only October and Marylanders are fighting the flu! Tonight, the State Department of Health is dealing with its first case of the season. WJZ is live and talks to doctors about the push to get the vaccine.

10/22: The Orioles team up with the Lungevity Foundation to fight lung cancer, honoring one of their own. WJZ has more, as hundreds participated in the event at Camden Yards this morning.

10/28: A straight sight along the Susquehanna River. The water turning a murky brown color! It's being caused by flash flooding in parts of Pennsylvania... and it's now having a visible impact here in Maryland. WJZ is live with the latest from health officials on what's going on.

11/2: A new health scare at a Maryland hospital involving babies. For the second time in less than three months, a hospital closes its NICU after babies test positive for a potentially deadly bacterium. WJZ is live with more on the investigation into why this keeps happening.

11/5: The CDC is getting involved in the case of a dangerous mysterious bacteria at a neonatal intensive care unit in a Maryland hospital. Prince George's Hospital Center is once again detecting pseudomonas—which may be the cause of a preemie's critical illness.

11/14: Cyberbullying is an issue we all know about, but now a new study is raising concern it could be linked to depression. WJZ tells us why some doctors are calling for immediate action.

11/18: A miraculous story about an extraordinary boy. Nine-year-old Zion Harvey, from Baltimore County, is the first child in the world to get two new hands. Tonight, one year after Zion's groundbreaking surgery, WJZ shows you his amazing progress.

12/2: Potentially dangerous medical waste traveling through the mail! It isn't illegal, but an incident here in Baltimore has triggered a massive fine. WJZ with the action a federal agency is taking against the postal service.

12/18: Harford County is grappling with a sudden spike in heroin overdose deaths and now officials are warning the public—there's an even bigger threat. WJZ explains.

ON TIME

10/2 Marcus Washington talks with Kamala Green and Tonya McClary about breast cancer and how the American Cancer Society is partnering with the NFL to bring greater awareness to the importance of screenings and early detection. Tonya McClary discusses how she found a lump that was diagnosed as cancer and why early intervention helped save her life. Now she is an ambassador at the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Walk.

10/2 The Homecoming Project is a residential treatment program for women who are recovering from drugs, alcohol and/or homelessness. Liz Warble explains how the program helps 8 women at a time through their program that addresses life style/behavioral changes and does not use maintenance medications to treat addictions. Kristan, one of the program graduates, explains how she was living under a bridge, addicted to alcohol and drugs and kicked the habit after going through their 1.5-year program. Now she has full custody of her children and has changed her life for the better. The program's success rate is 80% whereas the national average is only 5%. Funding for the program comes from their Blue Jeans & Bow Tie Community Ball.

10/23 Verna Jones Rodwell and Junnell Daniels tell Marcus Washington how Alzheimer's Disease and how it affects the African American population. They discuss the need to have workshops with educational info targeting the African American community – as they are harder hit than other groups.

10/23 Mary Capano is a breast cancer survivor who is also a nurse patient navigator at Johns Hopkins. She explains how patient navigators guide newly diagnosed breast cancer patients through the maze of medical procedures from surgery, chemo and radiation. She explains that Hopkins has an upcoming retreat designed for the newly treated that are transitioning into survivor hood.

10/30 Good Shepherd Services offers residential services to 12-21 year olds who have psychiatric behavior problems often resulting from trauma based injuries. Michele Wyman explains that their program values each individual and tailors the treatment program around the needs of each patient. Susan Hahn tells Marcus Washington that after she recovered from a trauma induced injury she was only able to hobble for a period of time and this resulted in her forming the HobbleJob Foundation that funds others struggling to make ends meet. Their upcoming event will benefit the young people at Good Shepherd Services.

11/6 The League for People with Disabilities and SCALE, the Snyder Center for Aphasia Life Enhancement merged in 2014 to better serve their clients. David Greenberg and Lisa Thornburg discuss what happens when a person is diagnosed with aphasia and how speaking, reading and writing are affected making it difficult for the patient to communicate. Funding for the programs comes from their upcoming annual fashion and fur sale and kicks off their 90th anniversary.

11/13 Now is the time to sign up for health care coverage that begins on January 1. Jonathan Kromm tells Marcus Washington that they Maryland Health Benefit Exchange features both a website and mobile app that lets consumers sign up for health care insurance plans. Nine out of ten who use the benefit exchange are also eligible for federal tax credits that can be applied to the cost of their health coverage. The last date to enroll for 2017 coverage is January 31.

11/20 Dr. Monique Rainford tells Marcus Washington that couples interested in conceiving need to be tested for the Zika virus that is transmitted by a mosquito bite. Once infected the virus can be spread by unprotected sex. She discusses the need for both men and women to use mosquito repellent to avoid becoming infected. Women who carry the disease cause their babies to be born with microcephaly, a birth defect that affects the development of the brain. In addition to being an OB/GYN physician she tells Marcus Washington that she wrote a book, *Please God Send Me a Husband*, that reflected the sentiments of her female patients.

11/27 Steve Cline and Susan Knade tell Marcus Washington how heroin use is widespread affecting teens to the elderly and can be found in the city to the suburbs to the rural areas of the state. Heroin deaths are on the increase too. They discuss how people are turning to heroin after using painkillers like oxycodone and fentanyl. The street value of these opioids are expensive and people turn to heroin which is cheaper. Susan Knade shares the story of how her teenage daughter got hooked and now is on a maintenance medication to control the addiction. She got trained as a Partnership Parent Coach and mentors other parents struggling with children hooked on drugs.

12/11 Mental Health issues are difficult for many people to acknowledge. The Renaissance Center was started to address the stigma that many have towards depression, anxiety, marital problems and behavior problems exhibited by children. Dr. Carla Debnam tells Marcus Washington that the Renaissance Center treats the whole person – mind, body and spirit. LaToshka Castle discusses how she sought counseling to address her self-esteem issues that surfaced during her divorce.

12/18 What you eat does make a difference according to former plastic surgeon turned natural medicine doctor Christine Horner. She tells Marcus Washington about ingredients found in nature that can alleviate health problems from inflammation to depression. Women are often reluctant to discuss their medical problems and instead suffer in silence. She writes about her findings in her new book, *Radiant Health, Ageless Beauty*.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/7 WJZ's News Anchor, Denise Koch, was surprised when she was presented with a special Champion for Education Award during the Teacher of the Year Awards – an event she has emceed for the past 24 years. In addition to presenting the top Maryland educator with an award, she was honored by the Maryland State Department of Education for her dedication to this annual program that honors the state's top educators in all 24 jurisdictions.

10/10: A student falls victim to sextortion! Police at the University of Maryland College Park are investigating after a student paid money to someone who threatened to put nude pictures of him on the web. WJZ is live with more on how this happened and the warning to students from police.

10/23: The University of Baltimore is making sure no one on campus goes hungry—as a food pantry opens. WJZ explains the new project to help those in need.

10/25: A 14-year-old girl attacked by two adults while she was in class after a security breach inside a Baltimore City school. Two women able to sneak inside that school and target the teen. The incident – sparking outrage tonight over student safety in city schools. WJZ is live and speaks to the victim.

10/26: Difficult decision – three Baltimore-area Catholic schools, which were once thriving, will close their doors for good. It's a sign of challenging times and hundreds of students will be impacted. WJZ is live with what's behind the closures and the scramble to find other schools.

11/2: A change is coming for students in Anne Arundel County. Next school year will start after Labor Day, but that means shorter breaks.

11/3: Baltimore County schools' controversial grading policy is undergoing some modifications. The policy came under fire for removing daily classwork and homework – now the revision restores those elements and they will now make up two-thirds of a student's grade.

11/6: Maryland school districts administrators scrambling to adjust their 2017 calendars. Governor Larry Hogan's executive order to start school after Labor Day—has been challenging for many districts. WJZ explains why it's stirring up controversy.

11/10: Under fire. The Baltimore County Schools superintendent is getting backlash from some parents after retweeting a controversial post made on election night. A local lawmaker is also calling on Dr. Dallas Dance to resign. WJZ is live with reaction from both sides.

11/14: Nearly a week after Donald Trump was elected to office, protests continue. Today, there was a student walk-out on the campus of Towson University. WJZ reports, hundreds gathered to take a stand against bias on campus and across the nation.

11/16: Donald Trump's promise to deport undocumented immigrants is heightening fears among foreign students. That's sparking a nationwide effort to make college campuses safe zones for undocumented students. WJZ is live with more on the movement.

11/17: A Baltimore City middle school teacher is fired after she was caught on camera using racial slurs toward students. The video has gone viral. WJZ has reaction from outraged parents and more from the school system.

11/22: Controversy growing. Tonight, the debate over a retweet from Baltimore County School Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance is raging on... some are demanding Dance resign immediately while others are standing by him. WJZ is live outside Baltimore County School headquarters with reaction from both sides and Dance himself.

12/1: A student accused of randomly attacking other students with a blood lancet! It happened today at Fallston High School and tonight, the incident is raising concern with affected students being told to go and get checked out. WJZ is live with the frightening incident.

12/1: A Harford County teacher is honored in a big way and it came as a big surprise to him. WJZ takes you inside the school for the emotional celebration.

12/20: Rectifying racial tensions—hundreds of people pack an auditorium in Howard County tonight to have some candid discussions after several racist incidents involving high school students. WJZ has more on how the community is trying to reassure students who are afraid inside their own classrooms.

ON TIME

10/2 The Children's Home has been providing programs and housing for abandoned, abused and neglected youth for over 150 years. One of their on-site residential programs is a popular art therapy program. Art work from this program is being sold at their upcoming FACES fundraiser. Paintings, sculptures, and fabric creations (knitted and crocheted items) will be on display and student artists will have a chance to interact with those interested in purchasing their art.

10/9 James Piper Bond tells Marcus Washington about the educational programs offered by the Living Classrooms Foundation that tie into the city's maritime heritage. He explains how the program has developed since 1985 and

now includes the city's historic ships including the USS Constellation, Torsk submarine, the Frederick Douglass Maritime Park, Crossroads School and 6 community centers in East Baltimore. Their inner city students are involved in the upcoming Maryland Fleet Week and Air Show being held October 8-15 in the Inner Harbor.

10/16 Encouraging young people to become entrepreneurs is the idea behind the Biz Kidz event sponsored by LeChic Academy and the Howard County Chamber of Commerce. LeChic's founder, Dr. Marlene Jackson and Howard County Chamber of Commerce president Leonardo McClary tell Marcus Washington about the program that encourages young people to think outside the box and explore ideas that can be developed into viable businesses and products down the road. The Chamber of Commerce supports community events that encourage young people to pursue their dreams.

10/16 The Heather L. Hurd 5K Run and Kids Trick or Treat Walk was started to honor the graduate of Harford Community College who was tragically killed by a distracted tractor trailer driver. Denise Dregier explains how the family wanted to keep Heather's memory alive and created this 5K event that began eight years ago to raise funds for books for needy students attending the community college as well as raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.

11/6 The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland are sponsoring their 2nd Annual STEAM festival which incorporates the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math in fun engaging projects designed to capture the interests of young girls. Girl Scout Representatives Violet Apple and Stephanie Alphee tell Tracey Leong that young female STEM professionals will be offering different workshops. These role models help young girls envision themselves in similar careers as they think about their futures.

11/13 Marcus Washington talks with Dr. David Wilson and Professor Dale Glenwood Green about the university's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The official start occurs with the ringing of the Morgan Bells on December 25 marking the date 150 years ago that the institution was founded. They discuss the impact Morgan and its alumnae have had on the local, regional and national horizon in fields from politics to law, engineering to business and the performing arts to athletics.

12/11 Year Up Baltimore is a new program that links young adults with businesses looking to hire. The youth are paid to attend a specific curriculum at Baltimore City Community College where they learn about cyber security and IT among other skills. In addition to attending the college program, students are taught social skills to make their transition to the corporate world. Roland Selby discusses how the program assisted 70 students last year and hopes to double their enrollment. Adam Megahed explains that he is learning social skills to help him transition into the work environment.

ARTS & CULTURE

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10/2: A Baltimore-created piece of art is heading to DC. It will be the centerpiece for the first-ever South by South Lawn Festival at the White House. WJZ spoke to the creators of this unique project.

10/11: Celebrating Maryland's maritime traditions! The annual "Salute to Schooners" takes place at Fort McHenry. It's all part of WJZ at Fleet Week. Children from all over the region got to visit the birthplace of the Star-spangled Banner and recite the famous lines as ships such as the Pride of Baltimore II fired cannons.

10/12: From the skies to the shores... a celebration of Maryland's proud maritime traditions! WJZ is at Fleet Week as all of the excitement and festivities kicked off today. WJZ has more on the jets, the thousands of service members in town and those impressive ships.

10/15: During Fleet Week, a Navy Lieutenant wins the Baltimore Marathon! He was one of thousands of people on the streets this morning.

10/31: It's Halloween night and many have been out celebrating. WJZ takes a look at how people all across Maryland got into the Halloween spirit.

11/23: Tonight a Maryland holiday tradition is back and it's brighter than ever. The Symphony of Lights is making its long-awaited return this holiday season. WJZ has an inside look at the magnificent display in Columbia.

11/25 WJZ highlights various components of the Festival of Trees being held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds including gingerbread houses designed and decorated by WJZ anchor teams. This three-day holiday extravaganza that benefits the children's programs at Kennedy Krieger Institute. WJZ has been the media sponsor since the festival began 25+ years ago.

12/1: Tonight, a huge crowd welcomes the holiday season with the lighting of the Washington Monument. WJZ was there when the switch was flipped for the 45th year of this city celebration.

12/2: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas across the region! Tonight, hundreds poured onto the streets of Towson for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. WJZ got into the spirit with the crowds.

12/7: Excitement and anticipation is building for Saturday's Army-Navy matchup here in Baltimore! Cadets from West Point and Midshipmen from the Naval Academy will take over downtown for the 117th Army-Navy game. WJZ is live with the huge pep rally tonight at the Naval Academy in Annapolis to pump up the team.

12/12: It's that time of year again, when getting in the holiday spirit is as easy as driving or walking down the street! Now, three Baltimore neighborhoods are ranked among the best in the country to see holiday lights. WJZ is live at the Miracle on 34th Street to explain.

12/31 WJZ is live from Baltimore's Inner Harbor for the annual New Year's Eve Special. This 90-minute special highlights the preparations that go into making the fireworks display then features the 20 minute fireworks show from two barges in the harbor.

ON TIME

10/2 Now in its 7th year the African American Authors and Empowerment Book Expo is a one-day event featuring local and regional authors who range from self-published to well established. Patricia Johnson-Harris tells Marcus Washington why she started the event and how it's grown to highlight numerous award-winning writers and motivational speakers. The expo features workshops designed to help up-and-coming writers get their works published either through self-publishing or pitching mainstream publishing houses.

10/9 Marcus Washington talks with Julia Marciari-Alexander and Martina Bagnoli about the new Walters Art Museum exhibition, *A Feast for the Senses: Art and Experience in Medieval Europe*. They discuss how the art touches all the senses and relates to Baltimore's residents. The Walters is celebrating 10 years of offering free exhibitions to the public. A family festival is planned in conjunction with the new exhibition.

10/23 Author Lolita Kelson tells Marcus Washington about her book and how it's been developed into a new play being performed at Morgan State University. Actress Kyra Jones discusses her role in the play highlighting relationships and the struggle between the sexes.

10/30 Wanda Draper and Charles Bethea tell Marcus Washington about the role of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in preserving and chronicling Maryland's African American history and culture. They discuss how they balance preserving the past with exhibitions that reflect current events like the Kin Killin' Kin and SONS, Seeking the Modern African Male. They discuss the need to give youth an outlet especially with the current exhibition on youth violence.

10/30 Marco Merrick explains why he started the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore as a means to preserve the sacred music of the African American church including spirituals, hymnal, gospel and slave songs. He tells Marcus Washington how the choir has grown from 80 members to over 200 and perform three concerts a year including the upcoming one sponsored by the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. Concerts are free and open to the public. Money raised from the free-will offering benefits their school programs.

11/13 Kwame Kwei-Armah tells Marcus Washington about the renovations taking place at Center Stage that include a 4th floor intimate theatre setting, an additional family performance center and lobby improvements. The new season gets underway in late November with a series of productions designed to take theatregoers around the world from 18th century France to the Orient and back to the roots of Jazz here in the U.S.

11/20 Its time for the 27th Annual Festival of Trees that benefits the children at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Lainy LeBow-Sachs and Michele Mueller tell Marcus Washington about this year's highlights including the professionally decorated trees and wreaths, the gingerbread houses, and children's activities that are hallmarks of this three-day winter wonderland inside the Cow Palace at the Maryland State Fairground. Kennedy Krieger Institute offers programs for children with autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental disorders.

12/4 The Maryland State Boychoir includes members ranging in age from kindergarten to college who share a love of singing. Artistic Director Stephen Holmes explains how the boychoir was started and how it offers participants musical training in this rich tradition that dates back hundreds of years. Choir member Jeremiah Schleupner discusses that he's enjoyed forming lasting friendships with the other members while touring and performing.

12/4 Holidays at Hampton is an annual tradition at the National Park Service's northern most plantation. Each room in the mansion is decorated to reflect a different era from the homes historic past. Special entertainment and activities are planned for the 2-day holiday open house. Ranger Tim Ertel and Gayle Economos explain how the mansion, slave quarters and other buildings on the plantation are open free of charge and allow visitors a chance to see what life was like from the late 1700's-early 1900's when the Ridgely family owned the property.

12/11 Dr. Marco Merrick tells Marcus Washington about the upcoming Christmas Concert featuring the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore. The concert, sponsored by the Open Church, is free and features nationally-renown soprano Janice Chandler who will be performing Handel's Messiah along with the 150-member choir.

12/18 Kwanzaa is a celebration of African and African-American culture and is based on seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Wanda Draper tells Marcus Washington about the 50th anniversary Kwanzaa Celebration being planned at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. Kwanzaa was started by Maryland native Dr. Maulana Karenga.

12/25 Marcus Washington talks with the new director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Christopher Bedford, about his vision for the BMA and his participation in the Venice Biennale featuring the work of American artist Mark Bradford. Katy Rothkopf, the curator of the Matisse/Diebenkorn exhibition, describes how she envisioned this project 15-years ago. She describes how American artist Richard Diebenkorn was influenced by French master Henri Matisse. The BMA, thanks to Etta and Claribel Cone, collected Matisse's work when he was living in Paris and donated it to the BMA, making the museum's collection one of the largest to feature his work.

12/25 Marcus Washington promotes upcoming holiday festivities including Everyman Theatre's Baltimore premier of Dot; various children's' and adult activities at the Maryland Science Center; and the Baltimore New Year's Eve Spectacular at the Inner Harbor.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

12/6: Many believe similar concerns—like those after a massive warehouse fire in Oakland, California-- in Baltimore led the city to condemn the Bell Foundry—a building that housed artists in the Station North neighborhood. WJZ's investigator reports—people scrambled to remove belongings after their sudden eviction.

ON TIME

10/9 St. Vincent de Paul Baltimore has been helping the homeless and the poor since the Civil War era by originally providing food and coal to the needy. Now the organization operates many homeless shelters in Baltimore City and County, the Beans and Bread soup kitchen and drop in day center. To fund their shelter and employment programs

they are holding an event for people to sleep outdoors on November 5. Their FlashLight event is being held at the Timonium Fairgrounds and features entertainment throughout the night.

10/16 The Journey Home is Baltimore City's coordinated effort to address homelessness by focusing on housing first – making sure men, women and children have shelter – before addressing on the poverty-related issues that cause homelessness like low wages, lack of education, mental health and substance abuse problems. Arch Mirmiran, co-chair of the Journey Home's An Evening of Unexpected Delights, tells Marcus Washington about the fundraising event that features the band, The Roots and Tony Award Winner Leslie Odom Jr. from Hamilton. Proceeds go towards proving shelter to the 3000 individuals who are homeless in the city.

11/6 Paul's Place works with residents in Southwest Baltimore communities Washington Village and Pigtown transition from homelessness home owners. Clare Elliott and Kanika Burton explain how the program partners with other organizations to offer residents literacy programs, shelter, job training, after school programs. Their upcoming 5K run helps to fund their year-round programs.

11/27 Downtown Baltimore is still the economic center of the state but it is also home to a growing number of residents. Kirby Fowler and Lauren Hamilton tell Marcus Washington about the transformation of downtown into a growing residential community for a young, diverse population. They describe how existing historic buildings as well as modern skyscrapers offer unique housing options. Downtown offers many amenities including the historic Washington Monument Lighting, Winter Restaurant Week and Dollar Days at local cultural attractions.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/6: Reaching a milestone. Less than three months after a deadly storm ripped through Ellicott City, there are reasons to celebrate tonight. Main Street is now back open for business... but it's still a major work in progress. WJZ was there at the exact moment the road reopened.

10/9: Expedited transit. Getting from Baltimore to DC in 15 minutes could be a reality—possibly in the next decade. But there are still obstacles to overcome. WJZ reports on the new push to bring a Japanese-made train to our area.

10/29: Promoting Charm City – Visit Baltimore's advertising campaign "My B-more" is expanding its reach on the tourism market. WJZ explains the effort.

11/3: The holiday shopping season is quickly approaching and we're barely out of October. There is a method to the madness both for retailers and shoppers alike. WJZ explains why this could be good business for stores and your wallet.

11/9: Devastating impact. The historic flooding that hit Ellicott City this summer also had a major economic impact—to the tune of millions of dollars! More than a hundred people also lost their jobs. WJZ is live with more on how the community is trying to cope with this financial blow.

11/11: Early signs of the season are popping up around Baltimore! The holiday lights are up already downtown – but it's more than just festive, sparkling decorations... the holiday season is critical for businesses hit hard after last year's unrest. WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor with how small businesses are banking on foot traffic.

11/24: Cashing in after Thanksgiving dinner. Stores open their doors early to draw in Black Friday shoppers. WJZ is live at one store in Timonium that's been open for six hours now with the rush for deals across our area.

11/25: Bargain shoppers flooded local stores today to take advantage of Black Friday deals. WJZ spent the day at Towson Town Center where the rush for savings was on.

12/3: 'Tis the season! It's a busy time for Maryland tree farms across the state... Today, WJZ got an up close look at one farm's assortment... and how they've anxiously been waiting for this time of the year. WJZ reports from Davidson Christmas Tree Farm in Carroll County.

12/21: Pain at the pump—if you’ve been to the gas station in the last several weeks you may have noticed prices have been on the rise. Unfortunately, there will be no relief as it gets closer to the holidays. WJZ is live with the explanation behind the surge.

12/23: Running out of time—we have just about 25 hours until Christmas and there are plenty of people who haven’t bought their gifts yet. WJZ is live in Canton where we caught up with some last minute shoppers.

12/26: It’s the day after Christmas and that means many eager people ready to spend some of the holiday cash. It also means returning or exchanging those gifts that just didn’t make the cut. WJZ has a look at how shoppers are coping this year.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/16: Re-energizing Owings Mills! A brand new development promises economic growth for Baltimore County with dozens of businesses opening soon! WJZ explains what this means for the community.

12/5: Rolling the dice and having fun! Maryland’s newest casino is set to open this week and tonight we’re getting a sneak peek! WJZ is live and found out it’s not only about gambling but about world-renowned performers as well.

12/22: A victory for Uber and Lyft—a Maryland commission is waiving some of the strictest background requirements for the ride-sharing companies. It’s a move cab drivers are calling unfair. WJZ has more on why the state is allowing Uber and Lyft to play by different rules.

ON TIME

10/30 MCVET has helped over 10,000 homeless veterans over their 21-year history. Jeffery Kendrick and Katherine O’Donovan tell Marcus Washington how their program provides shelter, rehab programs and job training and help vets get back on their feet. Their programs help both male and female vets and offers counseling programs on substance abuse and mental health issues. Funding for the program comes from their upcoming gala featuring Baltimore author Wes Moore.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/1: A new law in Maryland goes into effect. Noah’s Law is a push to keep drunk drivers off the streets. It will require all drivers convicted of a DUI to have a breathalyzer installed in their vehicle, only allowing it to start if the driver has not been drinking alcohol.

10/10: Trying to make a comeback! Former Baltimore mayor Sheila Dixon’s name will not be on the ballot come election day, after narrowly losing the Democratic primary... but she says she will be in the race. In a shocking move, Dixon says she’s going to ask voters to write her in for mayor! WJZ is live outside City Hall with more on the election stunner.

10/11: Resigning—Howard County Sheriff James Fitzgerald is giving up his position—following a blistering report alleging racism, sexism and intimidation! WJZ is live and explains what forced the sheriff to change his mind.

10/12: Verbally and physically threatening behavior. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake makes strong accusations against a local radio reporter—and bans the man from attending a weekly press briefing. WJZ is live outside City Hall with more on the outrage from advocates for press freedom and goes one-on-one with the reporter himself.

10/15: Embattled Howard County Sheriff James Fitzgerald is officially out of a job. The sheriff was forced to step down after allegations of racism and harassment surfaced. WJZ is live with what happens now as the county begins to look for a new sheriff.

10/25: Shocking allegations – a Baltimore City Assistant State’s Attorney who worked in juvenile justice is charged with possessing and distributing child pornography. WJZ is live with the tip that brought investigators to his front door and what they found.

10/27: A record-breaking first day of early voting in Maryland! More than 125,000 Marylanders turn out to cast their ballots in the 2016 election. There has been a large turnout for early voting across the nation. WJZ has the push that could end up determining the next president.

11/2: With just days to go, some are still fearing the election could be compromised by voter fraud. WJZ has what’s being done in Maryland and across the county to ensure a fair process.

11/3: Here in Maryland, a record final night of early voting. More than 150,000 Marylanders cast ballots. This year’s early voting turnout is the highest ever in state history! WJZ is live with more on what’s behind the surge this election.

11/8: WJZ has live complete coverage throughout the day and night of election night 2016 – all the results of the local races.

12/5: After weeks of contentious debate, a bid to rename Columbus Day fails in the City Council. Critics of the holiday say it honors a shameful historical figure and promise to keep fighting it in the future... while others say the right decision was made. WJZ is live outside City Hall with more on what happened and what’s next.

12/6: It’s official... Catherine Pugh is now Baltimore’s 50th mayor. Mayor Pugh was sworn into office this morning—beginning a new era of leadership in Charm City. WJZ is live with complete coverage—more on tonight’s big celebration, today’s Inauguration ceremony and the new mayor’s plans for the city.

12/12: Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh and Governor Larry Hogan appear to be making good on their promise to work together for the benefit of the city. Hogan has made several trips to Baltimore over the past week. WJZ’s political reporter has more on the building of this city-state alliance.

ON TIME

11/6 Tracey Leong asks Tessa Hill-Aston, president of the Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP about the importance of voting in the upcoming presidential election. While the NAACP does not endorse political candidates they do monitor polling locations to guard against voter suppression. She discusses how ex-offenders are now able to vote and how they have helped to staff registration drives.

11/20 Marcus Washington talks with F. Michael Higginbotham about the election and how a Trump administration could affect civil and human rights laws through the appointment of conservative judges to the Supreme Court. He discusses how recent changes to the Voting Rights Law, specifically the overturning of preclearance may have affected voter turnout by limiting the participation of minorities who would have been disadvantaged by restrictive voting laws requiring photo identification, etc.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/4: Tonight, the grieving mother of a slain Morgan State University student is pleading for tips about who killed her son. Marcus Edwards was stabbed to death last month—just one mile from campus—and there’s been no arrest in the case. WJZ is live at Morgan State University with his mother’s emotional plea for answers.

10/5: Complete coverage of Hurricane Matthew... WJZ reports on the aid being rushed to Haiti from Maryland after the deadly storm caused widespread destruction throughout the country.

10/21: A disturbing image left on a Dundalk family's door has them living in fear... the drawing called the Muslim family "terrorists"... now investigators say a neighbor is responsible. WJZ is live with the family's reaction and calls for further investigation.

10/22: Our community, our responsibility. Those are the words of many residents in West Baltimore's Matthew Henson neighborhood as they lead the way as 200 locations in Baltimore City were part of cleaning up, one community at a time.

10/24: Virtual kidnappings – parents receiving calls telling them their child will be killed if they do not pay a ransom. But it's all a hoax. WJZ reports on the nightmare situation that's already affected several Maryland families.

10/26: Should women have the right to go topless in public places like the beach? Our state's laws are vague on the issue... a Maryland woman is advocating for the freedom to choose. Now the state attorney general's office will weigh in on the controversy. WJZ has more on the debate.

10/27: Growing outrage and soaring complaints – loud jets taking off and landing at BWI are fueling frustrations from people living near the airport. It's a national problem that's not only impacting Marylanders... WJZ explains what's behind the dramatic increase in noise.

11/5: Honoring our fallen heroes. A monument dedicated to the veterans who died in Iraq and Afghanistan is unveiled in Towson. WJZ was at the dedication ceremony earlier today.

11/15: Hate crimes in Maryland are on the rise. There have been several in our state and across the country in recent days. The hate-fueled messages showing up in schools, some aimed at religions. WJZ's investigator looks at the hate incidents before and after the election and what's behind them.

11/18: Cracking down on a potentially deadly stunt. Maryland State Police are going after drag racers who are using an interstate as their course. WJZ tells us innocent people have died watching these races.

11/19: A celebration of love. This Thanksgiving, dozens of Baltimore families have something extra to be thankful for. WJZ reports, courts across our country and here in Baltimore are commemorating National Adoption Day with a special ceremony and message.

12/10: Shop with a cop—the Baltimore County precinct trading in their wheels for Santa's sleigh! WJZ has the details on this merry event.

12/11: Revitalizing the dining options in Baltimore. A new food market has just opened in Remington offering a wide variety of choices. WJZ explains this is a growing trend in Charm City.

12/11: It's the season of giving and today a number of kids in Baltimore received some needed holiday gifts early. It was an event that brought out the Baltimore mayor, Governor Hogan and a lot of smiles.

12/14: It's been a violent few weeks in Baltimore. Today, mayor Catherine Pugh was asked how she plans to deter crime across the city. One of Pugh's immediate proposals—to brighten Baltimore with lights. WJZ has more on the mayor's plans and how it's quickly gaining traction.

12/20: Spreading some holiday cheer—across Baltimore tonight events taking place to help families across Maryland celebrate Christmas. WJZ has more on the annual effort that often brings out some familiar sports stars.

12/23: On this Christmas Eve, those who served our country are getting some holiday cheer. WJZ reports, volunteers passed out hundreds of gift bags to veterans in the hospital today.

12/24: Tragedy turned blessing—today the families of that apartment fire in Lansdowne got a holiday gift of kindness from the same firefighters that helped put out the fire yesterday. It was a surprise that came right on time.

12/25: A day of family, faith and gratitude. Christmas morning brought dozens of families to America's first cathedral—the Baltimore Basilica for Christmas mass.

12/25: For some members of the Jewish community, Christmas Day is all about giving. Today, for the 11th year, hundreds of people gathered for Mitzvah Day to volunteer to help those in the community in need.

12/27: Text message death threats! Maryland police agencies are urging caution after countless people report receiving a mysterious message saying someone would kill them! WJZ is live with what police are calling a sinister scam.

ON TIME

10/9 The Johns Hopkins Women's Board's Mona Miller and Duffy Weir tell Marcus Washington about their upcoming events that benefit the hospital's clinics, research scholarships and patient programs. Their new Best of the Best Fashion Show followed by their annual Best Dressed Sale features new designer clothes as well as donated designer-label fashions.

10/16 Doors Open Baltimore is an opportunity to show off Baltimore's architecture that spans the Colonial era to Modern times. AIA representatives Jillian Storms and Rob Brennan talk with Marcus Washington about the event that features tours of 60 buildings in Baltimore City that have unique architectural features including the art deco style of 10 Light Street, historic religious structures including the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Basilica of the Assumption, and Lafayette Square in West Baltimore. They discuss the role of women architects and how one designed the front of WJZ's building in the 1960's. One of the African American architects who designed the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture will be giving a tour of his museum. The event is free and open to the public.

10/23 AAA Mid Atlantic representatives Ragina Averella and Myra Wieman discuss the need for motorists to pay attending to youngsters who will be trick or treating during Halloween. Ayanna Ali models a costume that is designed to give her more visibility to motorists and how parents can insert visual objects into costumes to make them illuminate at night.

11/13 The Y of Central Maryland is partnering with LifeBridge Health in the Y Turkey Trot Charity 5K run/walk being held on Thanksgiving morning. Jeff Sprinkle and Neil Meltzer explain how the mission of both organizations complement one another as both strive to affect healthy change with proactive programs ranging from exercise to healthy nutrition. Both organizations have multiple locations in the state and provide a wide range of services from after-school programs to summer camps to health screenings.

11/27 Marcus Washington talks with Diana Morris and Joseph Jones about the Solutions Summit that offers citizens a chance to vote to recommendations on community issues that will be presented to the incoming mayor and city council members. Forums were held on the topics of Jobs, Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health. At the free Solutions Summit, the participants will hear from community activists on the different topics and hear a keynote address by Sherrilyn Ifill, the director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

12/4 Marcus Washington talks with Jana Davis and Marthe Harris about the Chesapeake Bay Trust and its mission to improve the quality of water including the bay and all rivers in the state. Their organization makes small to large grants to other nonprofit organizations that target environmental projects from planting native marsh grass to making improvements in the sewer system. Funding for their grants comes from the purchase of the Treasure the Bay license plates.

12/4 Laurie Schwartz tells Marcus Washington about the mission of the Waterfront Partnership to develop the areas surrounding the harbor and improve the water quality so that in 2020 it is swimmable and fishable. She discusses the addition of the second trash wheel that collects debris from the harbor. Another program is to make the harbor festive during the winter and encourage attendance at the downtown attractions including the Pandora Ice Skating

Rink, and special events at the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Power Plant and West Shore Park's Christmas Village.

12/11 Marcus Washington talks with Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis about reforms to the law enforcement agency. Commissioner Davis discusses the findings in the Department of Justice report that criticized the department's stop, search and arrest procedures that grew out of the Zero Tolerance policy established in the 1990's. He discussed how the police department is working to improve relations with the community and bridge gaps within the African American neighborhoods.

12/18 MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, representatives Lisa Spicknall and Vickie Brown tell Marcus Washington about the increased problem of drunk and drugged drivers hitting the road between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. They discuss efforts to curb impaired driving including the effectiveness of sobriety checkpoints and the ignition interlock for convicted drunk drivers. Vickie Brown shares the story of how a drunk driver killed her 12-year-old son when the family was driving home from the movies. She describes her loss and how she counsels other grieving families struggling with the loss of a loved one.

12/25 Maryland Relay is a program that assists deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind and others with disabilities that affect the ability to communicate by providing amplified and large-numbered phones, TTY services, and now are offering a tablet with software that makes it easy for the disabled to make calls. Asia Jones explains to Marcus Washington what services are offered and who is eligible. While Asia Johnson discussed the program, Meredith Memmer provided American Sign Language.