

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.

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##### CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. This air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

##### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by WJZ and community organizations to benefit area residents...

LOCAL POLITICS
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#### WJZ News

4/1: Mayor Catherine Pugh is set to begin an indefinite 'leave of absence' – she says it is due to health concerns. Baltimore City Council President Jack Young will take over Pugh's duties temporarily... WJZ is live with team coverage... we have reaction to the announcement and more details on the unfolding controversy.

4/2: A former Maryland senator and his sons are taking voluntary leaves of absence from their University of Maryland Medical System Board positions. It comes at the start of an independent review of UMMS and its business dealings with some members of its board. This—as Mayor Catherine Pugh continues to recover from pneumonia and new information comes to light about the scandal involving her Healthy Holly books. WJZ continues our team coverage.

4/3: Former Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon is weighing in on the state of the city... Dixon weathered a scandal of her own—that cost her—her office. She's also commenting on a Facebook post that implied she would make another run for mayor. WJZ speaks with Dixon.

4/7: Remembering Maryland Delegate and House Speaker Michael Busch. The longest-serving House Speaker in state history has passed away... it happened after the 72-year-old was hospitalized with pneumonia. WJZ is live with extensive coverage—remembering Busch’s legacy.

4/8: Closing without their leader. For 16 years, Speaker Michael Busch led the House of Delegates in Annapolis... but he passed away just hours before the final day of the 2019 session. Tonight, his colleagues are honoring him. WJZ is inside the State Capitol with more on a memorial that just wrapped up.

4/11: Acting Mayor Jack Young is calling for a full audit of the management of the city’s youth fund... it comes as more revelations are made, concerning the Healthy Holly scandal. WJZ is live at City Hall with new details about the review.

4/17: Now to the latest at Baltimore City Hall—two more top Pugh administration officials have reportedly been placed on leave... and there are several online petitions asking for the mayor to resign in the wake of the Healthy Holly book scandal. WJZ’s investigator is following the new developments.

4/18: Another aide to Mayor Pugh is reportedly on leave tonight... investigations are underway into her book deal with the University of Maryland Medical System... and today, the governor signed reforms to the medical system’s board into law. WJZ’s investigator follows the ongoing developments.

4/23: After months of speculation, Governor Hogan says he’s seriously considering a run against President Trump in 2020. WJZ reports, Hogan’s remarks came at a politics and eggs event in New Hampshire.

4/24: Three of Mayor Pugh’s aides... ousted... as her leave of absence drags on. Acting mayor Jack Young says the staffers who were originally put on leave... have since been terminated. WJZ reports on the continued fallout at City Hall.

4/29: Leadership in Baltimore remains in limbo. Tonight, the City Council introduced a new charter amendment to remove a mayor from office. Although it would not impact Mayor Catherine Pugh. WJZ’s investigator has more on the measure—and the two Pugh aides let go today.

4/30: It’s been 30 days since Baltimore’s mayor went on medical leave—and she has yet to be seen in public. Catherine Pugh did meet with her lawyer today... WJZ’s investigator caught up with him, outside the mayor’s home tonight.

5/1: An announcement is expected tomorrow about the future of Baltimore mayor Catherine Pugh. She has been on a leave of absence for weeks amid a scandal involving the sale of her children’s books. WJZ has team coverage.

5/2: Catherine Pugh’s long political career ended with a statement from her lawyer that lasted less than two minutes. The now-former mayor of Baltimore has yet to be seen in public—and the next-in-command, Jack Young, has taken over leadership of the city tonight. WJZ has team coverage of the shake-up at City Hall.

5/6: As Baltimore city struggles to get a grip on crime—a new City Council president is named. Brandon Scott has now been selected to fill that role. WJZ is live at City Hall and explains—this is one of the most recent changes after Catherine Pugh resigned.

5/9: A fresh start for Baltimore... this afternoon, Mayor Jack Young was officially sworn in as the city’s 51<sup>st</sup> mayor... exactly one week after Catherine Pugh’s resignation. WJZ’s investigator has the new mayor’s comments.

5/19: Chanting “my body, my voice”, protesters made sure they were heard, just days after Alabama’s governor signed the near total abortion ban into law. The legislation takes effect in six months. This comes after President Trump implored anti-abortion activists today to stay united for the 2020 election. Here in Maryland... state leaders are also reacting to Alabama’s anti-abortion bill. Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot says he’s urging the state pension to divest itself from Alabama-based companies. WJZ is live with more reaction from leaders right here at home.

5/21: The debate over abortion was front and center across the country today. Coast to coast—more than 400 rallies were held in opposition to new restrictions on abortion. Hundreds gathered in New York City, Washington, DC and here in Maryland. WJZ reports—the protests come after eight states including Alabama and Missouri passed laws limiting abortion rights this year.

6/22: As Baltimore City is still rebuilding after ransomware attacks, Governor Hogan has signed an executive order boosting Maryland's cyber security policies. Now – something the free state has yet to see until now – the creation of a cyber security cabinet.

## EDUCATION

### WJZ News

4/5: It's the largest college admissions scandal in US history... and it's hitting Maryland yet again. WJZ reports, a member of an advisory board to Governor Larry Hogan has now resigned—due to the spreading scheme.

5/8: Speaking out against its own police force... after a month-long student sit-in on the Johns Hopkins University campus... seven protesters are removed in handcuffs. The school asked City Police for help regaining its administration building... after a spokesperson says... the ongoing protest created safety issues. WJZ shows you the dramatic end.

5/9: Right now there are nearly 18,000 men and women incarcerated in Maryland. The vast majority will be released when they've served their sentence... but, close to half end up back behind bars. So how do we break this dangerous and expensive cycle? Goucher College believes education is one answer.

5/21: The Baltimore County school board has voted for a new superintendent of schools. WJZ is live at school headquarters in Towson... the decision was such a surprise—that some people even felt blind-sided.

5/22: Baltimore County Public Schools are looking for input on the start of the upcoming school year—should classes start before or after Labor Day? WJZ is live outside County School headquarters... with what teachers and parents have to say.

5/29: Baltimore County Public Schools will soon get a new superintendent... long time educator Darryl Williams has been chosen to take the office. WJZ speaks to him about the challenges he'll face on the job... and his vision for Baltimore County Schools.

6/11: Baltimore County Public Schools votes to keep the start of the school year after Labor Day. The move comes after questions about whether the county would follow Governor Hogan's calendar plan to keep the start of schools after Labor Day... or decide to start schools before. WJZ is live with what was behind the school board's decision tonight.

6/29: The University of Maryland is at risk of losing its accreditation... which could result in the school and students losing out on federal financial aid. The middle states commission on higher education has put UMD on warning. This comes in the wake of the death of football player Jordan McNair.

## CONSUMER: HOUSING

### WJZ News

5/2: Maryland has only one island with no bridge connecting it to the mainland; Smith Island... and people have been living on this tiny spit of land for almost 350 years... against all odds; Fighting wind, tides and erosion. Now, as WJZ shows you, the Army Corps of Engineers, the state and Somerset County are celebrating a multi-million dollar project aimed at 'Saving Smith Island'.

5/13: The plan to protect Ellicott City's Main Street from massive flooding is now taking shape. Howard County leaders announcing today that they will tear down several buildings and dig a drainage tunnel. WJZ explains what it means for Main Street.

5/14: Repairs are in the final stages for 26<sup>th</sup> Street. You may remember when a portion of the road partially collapsed back in November... the city's Department of Transportation is replacing the damaged section—but some neighbors want more. WJZ is live in Charles Village with their plans for the area and the response from the city.

5/17: A new, manual solution to Baltimore City's ransomware problem—it will allow people to buy and sell homes again in the city starting next week. The transactions have been on hold for days—due to the ongoing attack on city computers. Today is the deadline for the city to pay a ransom or risk losing hacked information. WJZ's investigator has the latest.

5/20: Tomorrow marks two weeks since the crippling ransomware attack on Baltimore City government computers. Today, for the first time, a new manual system allowed people to close on real estate deals—but Baltimore's computers largely remain off-line. WJZ's investigator reports on what's working and what's not.

5/21: Two historic homes in Woodberry—demolished in a matter of minutes this morning... neighbors say the battle they fought to preserve them came to an end after crews knocked them down. WJZ is live where the houses once stood— with reaction from upset neighbors and what the developer is saying tonight.

5/31: The National Weather Service says not one—but multiple tornadoes hit Maryland on Thursday. One in Howard County—the other in Frederick County. Both twisters left behind significant damage—and tonight, people are cleaning up the mess left behind. WJZ has team coverage of the powerful storms and the aftermath. We begin in Glenelg with an update on the clean-up from the Howard County Executive.

6/17: Clean-up is underway after a 12-inch water main break shuts down roads and floods backyards... the break happened earlier this afternoon in Overlea... crews are still at the scene tonight—repairing the break and patching the road back up. WJZ is live with an update on the work as well as reaction from neighbors.

6/20: For over 72 hours... dozens of residents in West Baltimore have been living without water... a water valve near Poe Homes broke earlier this week... and days later... frustrations are reaching a boiling point.

6/21: Residents of a West Baltimore community are outraged... they're on day number five with limited or even no water at all. City officials call it a "complex situation" – saying repairs have not been easy. WJZ has more on how residents are relying on volunteers... just to get by.

6/26: After eight days, the water is back on and flowing at West Baltimore's Poe Homes... but tonight – concerned citizens came together – calling out the city, saying its response wasn't fast enough. WJZ is live at City Hall with more on the controversial issue.

## CONSUMER: ECONOMY

### WJZ News

4/12: Uncertainty on the seas... for Carnival Cruise passengers after an angry federal judge lashed out at the company. The judge threatened to stop all ships from docking in the United States. WJZ's investigator with the possible impact on the Carnival Pride—a ship based here in Baltimore.

4/20: Marijuana could become an economic benefit in the city of Baltimore. That's what one mayoral candidate is proposing if he's elected. Thiru Vignarajah says he would issue permits and tax the city's marijuana trade. Here's a look at his plan.

5/15: A controversial proposal in Baltimore County... residents there could be hit with a cell phone tax. While County Executive Johnny Olszewski is behind the plan—he now says there could be some major changes. WJZ is live in Towson and breaks it all down.

5/15: Financial windfall... new data shows that Maryland drivers are paying millions of dollars in fines... after being captured on speed cameras. WJZ breaks down the numbers.

5/26: As many as 8 million people visit Ocean City every year, and most of them come during the summer months. As Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of the season, business on the Eastern Shore is booming. WJZ was in Ocean City this week and gives us a look.

6/3: Major problems for Baltimore's crown jewel—the Inner Harbor... a city judge has placed Harborplace in receivership... which means there could soon be a new owner. This comes as the Harbor is dealing with high vacancies—needing major repairs and renovations.

6/17: A push to ban plastic bags in Baltimore City is currently underway. The bill, introduced by Councilman Bill Henry—would create a checkout bag surcharge of five-cents for paper, compostable and other bags given out for delivery or carry-out use.

## CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

5/10: After a critical labor shortage last crab season, Eastern Shore picking houses are all up and running this year. WJZ reports, it's a relief—but no one is sure how long it will last.

5/16: The Broadway Market in Fells Point celebrates a grand reopening. A 3-million dollar renovation project has transformed the vacant historic building—and tonight, the doors were opened for the first time in nearly a decade. WJZ is live in Fells Point with reaction to the market being back in business.

5/20: A popular bar in Baltimore—boarding up for the season. WJZ confirms the Baltimore Tiki Barge won't open this summer. WJZ is live in Federal Hill with reaction from neighbors.

6/1: Driving trucks out of town... A Maryland court upholds a Baltimore City ordinance limiting where food trucks can do business. As WJZ explains, the reinstated rule has some food trucks dealing meals elsewhere.

## ARTS & CULTURE

WJZ News

4/7: It's a telltale sign summer is right around the corner. The weekly Baltimore Farmer's Market and Bazaar is now open for the season. WJZ takes you inside opening day.

5/17: The excitement is building for the 144<sup>th</sup> running of the Preakness – WJZ is live at Pimlico with a look at preparations.

5/23: A mural featuring an iconic image of Harriett Tubman was just finished... but it's already getting national attention. WJZ is in Dorchester County to explain why this painting is making so many people emotional.

5/26: A service at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Baltimore County will honor fallen Maryland service members... including an Air Force pilot who died in a jet crash last fall. His parents spoke with WJZ.

5/27: For many brave men and women—every day is Memorial Day. Today's ceremony at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens doesn't change that, but as WJZ reports, it still gave hundreds the opportunity to mourn together.

5/30: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is cutting its season—and canceling its summer concert series. The popular music group says it has to happen so the orchestra can survive financially. WJZ is live at The Meyerhoff where the orchestra performs... with more on the unexpected decision and reaction to the announcement.

6/6: Veterans and world leaders were in Normandy, France today to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day... the battle that helped lead to victory in World War Two. WJZ reports on a Maryland woman's very special connection to the remembrances.

6/8: Climbing for a cause—first responders and their supporters came together in Canton today, answering the call... to honor fallen firefighters and help veterans in need. WJZ explains how they're fundraising... step by step.

6/10: Boxing champion and West Baltimore native Gervonta Davis is getting ready for what he's been waiting years for... a fight in front of his home crowd right here in Charm City... Davis is the youngest world champion in all of boxing... WJZ sat down for a one-on-one with his trainer, Coach Calvin Ford.

6/15: History at Baltimore's Pride Parade today... Mayor Jack Young signed a bill that would allow all single occupancy restrooms... to be used by anyone... male or female. WJZ reports... This is all in an effort to provide a safe space for all citizens regardless of their gender identity.

6/18: Call it a high-tech take... on license plates. A new program is being tested here in Maryland and it could make metal plates a thing of the past... WJZ is live with more on the pilot program.

6/19: Baltimore's own boxing champion Gervonta "Tank" Davis is getting ready for what he's been waiting years for... a fight in front of his home crowd... and the fans—are fired up! Davis took the stage tonight at Mondawmin Mall at a fan rally to thank the city before heading off to train. WJZ reports on what he had to say about the upcoming match.

6/25: We're getting a sneak peek of this year's combined Baltimore Book Festival and Light City... which WJZ is once again a proud sponsor of... this year's theme is "Brilliant Baltimore". WJZ has a look at some of the upcoming festivities.

6/27: Lawmakers on Capitol Hill voice support for a Tubman twenty. The release of a new 20-dollar bill bearing the likeness of Maryland native Harriet Tubman – has been delayed by the Treasury Department. WJZ reports on the passionate protest today.

6/28: A groundbreaking in Columbia... for what will be the new Howard County Veterans Monument. And it will be named after a remarkable woman who made history after serving during World War Two.

#### Public Affairs Outreach

5/23: WJZ hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Weather Field Trip Day at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Working with the Orioles and the National Weather Service, WJZ's weather team treated thousands of school children to demonstrations about the various weather that impacts Maryland. WJZ Meteorologist Tim Williams put together a report that showed what went into the entire presentation, which aired in WJZ News at 4, 5 and 6 that day.

6/25: WJZ's Denise Koch hosted an event announcing details of Baltimore's annual Light City Celebration of Art, Literature & Innovation. Each year, the festival aims to bring the people of Baltimore together and to boost tourism through various light installations placed in neighborhoods throughout the city. WJZ is a proud sponsor of the Light City festival. A WJZ reporter covered the announcement and a story aired in WJZ News at 4, 5 and 6 that day.

#### COMMUNITY

##### WJZ News

4/12: The newest members of the Baltimore Police Department are sworn in today. It comes as the city deals with a recent surge in violence... and a shortage of officers on the streets. WJZ is live at City Police Headquarters with the words the Commissioner had for the new officers.

4/15: A month before The Preakness Stakes... a huge seating area is deemed "unsafe" and is closed down. It's a big blow for Pimlico... as it scrambles to shift ticket holders to different areas to watch the race. WJZ was at the track today with the fallout.

4/22: The carnival at Eastpoint Mall is now canceled after the melee erupted last night. Police now say 26 juveniles were arrested and have been charged with disorderly conduct. WJZ is live at the mall and reports—tonight, the county executive is addressing the incident along with a county councilman—who's placing blame on city residents.

4/23: The disturbance at a carnival in Baltimore County that led to the arrests of more than two dozen juveniles—turns into a battle over who’s to blame. County and City leaders are now going back and forth. WJZ has reaction today from Baltimore’s Acting Mayor.

5/9: Thousands of people in Maryland are at risk of having their driver’s licenses or identification cards confiscated. That’s because a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is approaching... for the first wave of people who need to comply with the federal real ID laws. WJZ explains how you can avoid getting your license recalled.

5/11: On this Mother’s Day weekend... Baltimore Ceasefire’s goal for no violence has been interrupted with two homicides. But that is not stopping many groups across the city from pushing forward with a message of peace.

5/11: Children in South Baltimore are getting a new place to play... after an arsonist destroyed one of the only remaining playgrounds in the neighborhood. WJZ has more on the exciting addition they helped design.

5/15: More than a week later... Baltimore City’s computer systems are still being held hostage... because of a ransomware attack that has taken down much of the city government’s systems. City leaders say the FBI has opened a criminal investigation and tonight—a security specialist says he’s found possible city passwords and sensitive documents online. WJZ is live and spoke with the mayor tonight.

5/19: Religious leaders from many faiths are coming together to stop hate. The group was formed... and is strengthening in light of recent hateful acts across Maryland. WJZ explains their motivation and their goal.

6/2: As homicide numbers continue to climb day after day in Baltimore... city officials are hoping to unite neighborhoods against violence. As WJZ reports, on this National Gun Violence Awareness Day, hundreds came out to a rally in Northeast Baltimore.

6/4: The ransomware attack that hit Baltimore’s government computers could cost the city more than 18-million dollars. The National Security Agency provided lawmakers with new information on the cyber attack. WJZ’s investigator has the new revelations.

6/5: It’s being called the “Charm City Games” and it’s kicking off next month in Baltimore. City officials revealed plans today for a series of sporting events for kids. WJZ is live in Druid Hill park where some of these games will be played.

6/7: Amid growing frustration over violent crime in Baltimore—police commissioner Michael Harrison delivers his crime plan to city council. Council members had asked the commissioner to present the proposal ahead of tonight’s budget hearing. WJZ is live at City Hall and breaks it all down.

6/17: Growing concern tonight after a series of fights around a new Sparrows Point Bar. Police say the suspects were beating people at random as they left Tiki Lee’s... as WJZ’s investigator reports—several of the victims had to be hospitalized.

6/18: From the Governor’s mansion... to City Hall... to the neighborhoods plagued by violence... Baltimore is looking for answers to stop the gunfire... Tonight, one program expands to one of the hardest hit areas... it’s known as “Safe Streets”. WJZ is live and tells you where former gang members are trying to stop the bloodshed.

6/19: “Sick and tired.” Baltimore’s mayor sounds off about increasing violence in the city. He says “enough is enough” and he’s calling on the community to step up and do their part... WJZ spoke to some residents who say they’re already trying their best.

## HEALTH

### WJZ News

4/5: Maryland sees its first case of the Measles in 2019... it comes amid a growing outbreak that has five states on alert. Maryland health officials say the most recent case was reported in Pikesville, Baltimore County. Now, they are sounding the alarm for people who were in one particular building. According to the Maryland Department of

Health, there was one confirmed case of the Measles in 2018... which was travel-related imported from the country of Georgia.

4/8: The world's largest marijuana expo is right here in Baltimore. The Ever-more Cannabis Company opened its doors exclusively to WJZ... WJZ reports, this isn't about getting high.

4/9: Major changes tonight to visitation policies at Sinai Hospital and other Lifebridge Health hospitals. It comes after the first case of measles was confirmed in Maryland. WJZ is live with more on the new changes.

4/12: Health officials are racing against the wave of measles cases... that have spread across the country and into Maryland. Last week, the state confirmed one case of the illness in Pikesville. WJZ reports—with growing concerns over the national outbreak... the health department is vaccinating.

4/13: We're seeing a big bloom across Maryland... meaning spring is finally here! And with those gorgeous flowers... comes spring allergies. WJZ has more on the struggle for kids, and what pediatricians recommend.

4/17: A third measles case has been confirmed in Maryland... and according to the CDC that's officially an outbreak. The new case is raising concern that the virus could spread even more. Tonight, health officials are warning that people may have been exposed at two Pikesville grocery stores and a medical center this past Sunday. WJZ speaks with people in the community about the outbreak.

4/18: Growing concern in Maryland after a third case of measles is confirmed. Health officials have been pushing to vaccinate... to try and slow the spread of the disease... especially as two religious holidays approach... which could prompt travel to other affected areas. WJZ reports on what doctors have to say.

4/24: The CDC is warning people about the so-called kissing bug. The blood-sucking insect can be potentially deadly to people and now a case has been confirmed in nearby Delaware. WJZ reports—the bugs have also been spotted here in Maryland.

4/29: So far this year, more than 700 cases of measles confirmed in the U.S. with 4 of them here in Maryland. It's the highest level in the country since the disease was declared eliminated in 2000... now the question is- do you get a booster shot? WJZ is live tonight with the answer from doctors.

5/5: A raccoon turns up on the doorstep of Baltimore County Animal Services—and tests positive for rabies. Tonight, health officials are asking for help to find the person who put it there—because they say her life could be in danger.

5/12: It's an epidemic that's killed more than 10,000 people in Maryland since 2009... but there's some good news. According to a new report, the rate of opioid-related deaths from 2018 in the state are starting to slow down.

5/12: Farmers, this message is for you: wildlife experts are reaching out about an illegal pesticide that's still being used in Maryland. As WJZ reports, it may be killing protected bird species.

5/31: The Board of Regents at the University System of Maryland is launching an investigation into the handling of the Adenovirus outbreak that led to a student's death and sickened dozens more. WJZ reports—it comes just one day after Governor Hogan called for the probe.