

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

WJZ News

7/10: Baltimore Mayor Jack Young is in his fourth month on the job since taking over for Catherine Pugh. Now, he's publically floating the idea of running for the job permanently. WJZ spoke with him this morning.

8/21: While most political attention is focused on the 2020 Presidential race, Maryland is looking ahead to 2022 and who will run for governor. Comptroller Peter Franchot sent out an email today, saying he is considering a run in 2022. WJZ's political reporter has details.

9/4: The Trump administration is shifting billions of dollars in military funding to help pay for part of the Border Wall.... The move will affect Maryland military projects. WJZ has reaction from local leaders.

9/23: As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces an impeachment inquiry into President Trump, WJZ speaks with several Maryland lawmakers from both sides of the aisle with reaction to the announcement.

EDUCATION

WJZ News

7/21: When school ends and summer hits, some students are left wondering where their next nutritious meal will come from. WJZ has the details on the program filling in those gaps.

8/18: New school year, new school supplies. Bank of America volunteers came out to Camden Yards today to celebrate their employees and stuff backpacks for kids to start the new school year off right. WJZ has more.

8/23: The first day of school is coming up quickly... but before the first bell rings, the teachers union is scrambling to get fans into schools. They're trying to fix the issue of hot classrooms... that plagues more than 50 city schools. WJZ reports on the fan drive and why BCPS says plugging in could create a major problem.

9/1: Baltimore County is making tuition-free community college more accessible to students. WJZ reports—the county has increased the income eligibility level... that means more students can qualify for scholarships.

9/2: Tomorrow, hundreds of thousands of children across Maryland will be heading back to school. WJZ has more on what to expect when students head back to class.

9/3: It was the first day of school in Baltimore—and that could mean back to hot classrooms for some city students. But citizens have stepped up to help—donating hundreds of fans. WJZ speaks with a businessman who also donated hundreds of fans... he says it's his religious duty to help.

9/17: The Howard County Board of Education got an earful tonight from parents and students angry and concerned... over a plan to redistrict schools. WJZ explains why the school board wants the controversial change.

9/20: A loaded gun... found inside a Baltimore City school. It was quite the scare for students at Frederick Douglass High... but it was an unarmed officer who made sure everyone stayed safe. WJZ is at the school with how that officer jumped into action.

9/24: Parents and students in Baltimore County packed a school board meeting—focused on bus driver shortages and overcrowding. This has been a big problem since school started—and now, they want to know what's being done to fix it. WJZ explains what happened.

9/26: School officials in Howard County are considering a controversial plan to redistrict. It would impact more than 7,300 students and it could all start as soon as the next school year. WJZ reports on the outpouring of support against the idea of redistricting.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

WJZ News

7/8: For several hours today, DPW says a significant water main break caused problems around several key areas downtown. WJZ is live and tells you—crews had to close down some roads and the effects could even still linger into tomorrow morning.

7/8: Heavy rain forced crews to shut down several roads across the state. The storms also impacted several important locations in Washington, D.C. WJZ is live and shows you some of the aftermath.

7/9: Several streets in Downtown Baltimore are still shut down as crews try to fix a major water main. It's causing a ton of issues across the city... including discoloration to the Inner Harbor, caused by sediment being pushed out into it... due to the break. WJZ is live downtown where the repairs are still taking place.

7/10: Rapidly working on a fix... for the third night in a row, crews work on a sink hole that started after a water main break. A nightmare for crews, the area near the Convention Center remains closed to traffic. WJZ is live tonight and tells us crews may have another problem on their hands.

7/12: Week-long water main repairs—spill into the weekend... several streets remain closed in Downtown Baltimore as crews work to not only fix the main, but fill a gaping hole that opened because of it... tonight, the impact was felt among baseball fans—trying to see the O's play at Camden Yards. WJZ explains how some had trouble just getting to the ballpark.

7/17: Traffic could be a major problem—with the ongoing work to fix a massive sinkhole. Baltimore has a busy weekend ahead... with the baseball game and Artscape... hundreds of thousands of people are expected in the city. WJZ is live downtown at the center of the problem... that's already causing a traffic nightmare for drivers in the city.

8/7: Sticker shock. Water bills have been adding up over the last four months. The city is now sending out bills and the price could be four times the cost you expect. WJZ explains why the huge increase is coming your way.

8/14: Sticker shock—as the first round of city water bills are now delivered. We've been warning about this for months now—following the Ransomware attack that crippled the city... but some of the bills are even bigger than some expected... try—three times bigger.

9/9: A chaotic day Downtown— crews working to repair a water main break... it happened along Hanover Street... shutting off water to businesses and homes in the area and closing down streets. WJZ is live with the latest on the repairs.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

WJZ News

8/6: The way we shop for groceries could soon change as the Baltimore City Council considers banning plastic bags. The bill would also impact paper bags... WJZ with the potential impacts on both the environment and the economy.

8/11: Tax Free Week here in Maryland comes just in time for back to school shopping... WJZ has the deals this week that can put some money back in your pocket.

9/1: Year after year, Ocean City is a popular destination for weddings—especially in the fall. WJZ reports—though the unofficial end to summer happens this weekend, Ocean City stays busy this fall because the resort town is one of Maryland's popular places to get married.

9/19: A new study finds starting school after Labor Day has a multi-million dollar impact on our state. WJZ is live with what the new data reveals and what people are saying about it.

CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

7/7: It's a day to celebrate women. Female business owners were promoted at the Baltimore Farmers Market and Bazaar. WJZ reports, visitors supported them by making purchases from them and receiving a stamp on a punch card.

9/10: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's season is set to begin this weekend, but will both sides be able to reach an agreement? Musicians have been locked out from officially performing for months—amid a contract dispute. Now, as WJZ reports, management says the lockout is lifted, but there's still no deal in place.

9/11: The future of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra remains up in the air... musicians rejected a new contract offer... putting their season opener this weekend in jeopardy. WJZ has more on what has been an ongoing back and forth battle.

9/23: After months of back and forth negotiating... music will soon fill the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall once again... the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and its musicians have reached a contract agreement. WJZ explains how that deal works.

ARTS & CULTURE

WJZ News

7/3: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra put on an Independence Day extravaganza at Oregon Ridge Park tonight. WJZ is live and explains, it's the first performance since the BSO canceled its summer schedule due to budget problems.

7/4: WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor for the 4th of July celebrations... it is the biggest event to mark Independence Day. WJZ also had a look at how President Trump marked the holiday.

7/5: The World Cup Final is this weekend and the US Women's National Team will take on the Netherlands. A few of the athletes come from a team not too far from Baltimore. WJZ explains the journey of two players now competing on the world stage.

7/26: It's a night Oriole Park at Camden Yards has never seen before—a live concert performed on the field. And the artist—none other than Billy Joel... WJZ is live downtown as the party is just wrapping up.

8/3: It's the night Ed Reed and Baltimore Ravens fans have been waiting for all week. His official induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame—the NFL's highest individual honor... and WJZ's sports director is live at the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio where the ceremony is still going on at this hour.

8/11: Baltimore wrapped up its two day AFRAM Festival earlier today. This decades-long event celebrates African American culture. WJZ reports, it brought some big names to Baltimore this weekend.

8/26: When New York's Fashion Week kicks off next week, one show will feature this season's line of "adaptive clothing"—fashions designed specifically for people with disabilities. WJZ reports—among the models... will be a girl from Bel Air... who's just been chosen to model for Kohl's adaptive clothing options.

9/10: Tomorrow is the 18th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Events to honor those who died are planned across the country. WJZ was at the US Naval Academy where they already started honoring those who lost their lives that day.

9/11: WJZ covers several events across the state honoring the people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. In addition to the local events, WJZ told the story of a Columbia man who lost his fiancé at the Pentagon that day... with how he marks the somber anniversary each year.

9/13: This weekend is a celebration of Baltimore's oldest holiday, Defender's Day. It commemorates the successful defense of the city from the British during the War of 1812 and the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner. WJZ has more on the festivities being held at Fort McHenry this weekend.

9/20: Millions of people around the world and right here in Maryland are protesting climate change today. Youth organizers are behind the global climate strike which comes ahead of the United Nations climate summit in New York next week. WJZ is live outside City Hall where a large protest was held.

9/21: One of Baltimore's pride and joy is back home... after traveling more than 7,000 miles. We're talking about the Pride of Baltimore II... and now, you have the opportunity to go on board.

9/21: It was a day which changed history—September 11, 2001. Today, the heroes who died 18 years ago trying to rescue victims, are being honored in the best way many firemen know how... by climbing steps. WJZ was there as they made the climb up at M&T Bank Stadium.

9/27: Music filled the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall once again tonight. After a months-long hiatus and the settling of a contract dispute... the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra opened its season. WJZ is live and was there to hear the music tonight and tells us all about the excitement.

Public Affairs Outreach

7/20, 7/21: WJZ participates in the annual food drive benefitting the Maryland Food Bank. Working with the Orioles, several WJZ reporters and anchors volunteered to collect donations at Orioles games on both Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

9/22: WJZ partners with Chesapeake Urology for the Zero Prostate Cancer run/walk. The annual event raises money for research for new treatments, free prostate cancer testing and educating men and families about prostate cancer. Anchor Vic Carter was the emcee, greeting participants and handing out awards.

COMMUNITY

WJZ News

7/11: The computer systems in more than half a dozen cities and public services across the country have been hit hard by ransomware attacks this year. As we've been talking about for the past nine weeks... that includes right here in Baltimore. WJZ takes a closer look into ransomware and its crippling impact.

7/14: Baltimore is listed as one of the cities targeted by Immigration and Customs raids. WJZ is live with more on if the city has seen any ICE activity... and what immigrant advocates have to say about this enforcement.

7/19: The Orioles open up their three-game home stand against the Boston Red Sox tonight, but this weekend is about more than baseball. It's also the Orioles annual food drive... and WJZ will be lending a hand all weekend long. WJZ reports—this couldn't have come at a better time.

7/28: The search is on for the Maryland Book Bank bandit—someone stole this van outside the building on Union Avenue in North Baltimore. WJZ reports-- volunteers need help to track down the suspect.

8/5: Americans helping Americans... hundreds of volunteers from all over the US—come together to help clean up a West Baltimore neighborhood. WJZ is live and explains a conservative activist organized the event—but today politics were pushed to the side.

8/7: A special surprise for two families... getting a chance to see the city, from the water. Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore hosted the catamaran trip this morning... inviting young cancer survivors and their parents on board. WJZ reports from the Inner Harbor.

8/12: Request rejected. The Greater Baltimore Urban League says it will not allow the police department to use its building to monitor crime in a West Baltimore neighborhood. WJZ explains why this decision is attracting attention.

8/13: A Harford County community is coming together after a diversity mural is defaced with white paint. WJZ is live with the message from community members in Edgewood.

8/15: They call themselves the traveling trash men... and Baltimore's trash and dumping issues have inspired them to come help clean up. WJZ explains why they're in town.

8/22: Multiple city clean-up efforts: from in and out-of-town groups... followed President Trump's tweets blasting the trash and living conditions in Baltimore city. Last week, a group of trash collectors diagnosed one of the problems. WJZ is along Monroe Street with what they say can help prevent it.

9/4: Desperate to get a grip on crime... Baltimore and several state and federal agencies announce new plans to stop the violence. Some local church groups are now stepping in too... WJZ breaks it all down.

9/4: The search is on for an emotional support cat named Ferdinand. He went missing 15 days ago in Annapolis, and his owner, a student at St. John's College, is desperate to find him. WJZ spoke with the freshman about why this cat is so important and how the community is rallying together to help find him.

9/5: When it comes to after-school activities, kids have the pick of the litter when it comes to sports. WJZ introduces you to a Baltimore City after-school program... that scraps sports... and instead teaches boys to tap into the power of their emotions.

9/8: Just days ahead of the September 11th anniversary, the Maryland National Guard honors its 13 members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice since that fateful day. It's an annual tradition that united grieving parents.

9/8: The family of a Holocaust survivor honors the military forces who freed her nearly 75 years ago... with a donation and a thank you. WJZ has the heartwarming story.

9/9: An effort to clean up the city continued today in West Baltimore. WJZ shows you how a group of volunteers returned once again and has more on their mission.

9/11: Trouble with trash... more than 1,000 people get tickets for illegal dumping in Baltimore City every year. But one woman says she has no idea how her garbage even got to South Baltimore—so she fought back. WJZ's investigator has been following the story for months and has the outcome.

9/22: Investing in a safe place to play... today—a newly-remodeled park reopened in West Baltimore. City leaders believe both kids and adults will approve.

9/28: A group taking time out of their weekend is hoping its efforts can make Baltimore's harbor swimmable and fishable. WJZ reports, their eagerness to help could lead to a better life along the water.

HEALTH

WJZ News

7/3: A mother says her son is now fighting a flesh-eating bacteria... after a swim in the bay near Ocean City. WJZ shares the latest in a series of dangerous cases along the eastern seaboard.

7/9: Toll booths at the Harbor Tunnel will remain closed tomorrow—because of a Legionella scare. It comes as two employees were reportedly diagnosed with the sickness... WJZ explains how it impacts the drivers.

7/15: It's estimated that 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and the numbers are growing. Now, as WJZ reports, new research shows there may be some things you can do to lower your risk of developing the disease.

7/22: A teen is at a Baltimore hospital tonight recovering from a flesh-eating bacteria. His family sat down with WJZ—they want people to know that there are warning signs and symptoms that can be a matter of life and death.

8/4: A local woman is taking her passion for cooking—to the classroom... teaching young kids not only how to cook healthy foods, but teaching life skills that will last forever. WJZ has more on how the woman is using healthy food to fuel the mind.

8/16: A Maryland man is out of intensive care and recovering at home tonight after his doctors think he contracted a dangerous bacteria from the Susquehanna River. WJZ reports from Harford County—the man says he's lucky to be alive.

9/12: The health crisis linked to vaping is getting worse here in Maryland. The state's Department of Health says cases of vaping-related illness... have tripled in recent weeks. WJZ tells you why this increase is so concerning to doctors and how local vape users are reacting.

9/19: We are one of the 38 states reporting cases of lung illnesses possibly linked to vaping... the state Health Department confirms 20 cases alone right here in Maryland. WJZ is live with the warning from doctors.

9/25: Come Tuesday, anyone under the age of 21 won't be able to buy any tobacco products—including e-cigarettes. Maryland is joining 17 other states in raising the smoking age from 18 to 21. WJZ reports on how stores are getting ready for this change.