

WJZ-TV
Baltimore, MD

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT
2nd Quarter 2023:

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 2nd quarter of 2023.

Regularly Scheduled Programs

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

CBS Mornings, CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell, WJZ Morning News, WJZ at 9, WJZ News at Noon, WJZ News at 4, WJZ News at 5, WJZ News at 6, WJZ News at 7, WJZ News at 11, WJZ News Saturday Morning, WJZ News Saturday Evening, WJZ News Sunday Morning and WJZ News Sunday Evening

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half-hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health-related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health-related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness and LGBTQ+ Awareness.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Baltimore, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

WJZ-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Community of License: Baltimore, MD

Issue: *Crime & Safety: reporting on crimes that impact viewers in local communities/neighborhoods*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
WJZ 6pm News	4/3/23	6:01p	1:30	WJZ followed the latest developments in the investigation into a mass shooting in Northeast Baltimore and the impact on the neighborhood.
WJZ 5pm News	4/4/23	5:15p	1:24	State police are still figuring out why a driver rear-ended one of their own. It happened at a construction work zone in Parkville. WJZ has more on the investigation and a closer look at crashes in work zones.
WJZ 5pm News	4/5/23	5:05p	2:15	The long-awaited report detailing decades of sex abuse in Maryland's Catholic Church is now public. This document is the result of a four-year investigation. A Baltimore judge ordered its release last month, with dozens of redactions. It details abuse from 164 clergy against at least 600 children. WJZ's investigator takes a closer look at the report.
WJZ 6pm News	4/14/23	6:14p	1:30	WJZ takes a closer look at the impact in Maryland of a nationwide crime trend that targets owners of Hyundai and Kia vehicles.
WJZ 5pm News	5/1/23	5:10p	1:22	Baltimore City Police arrest four accused poison pushers – taking deadly fentanyl off the street at the same time. Officers say they worked with the state's attorney's office and the mayor's office to break up a big drug ring operation out of Southwest Baltimore. WJZ details the investigation.

WJZ 6pm News	5/2/23	6:00p	1:45	WJZ reports on the investigation into the deadly shooting of a T-Mobile store employee in Canton. As the family of the victim grieves, police are still searching for the shooter.
WJZ 4pm News	6/8/23	4:02p	1:45	Four years after he came to Baltimore from New Orleans, Police Commissioner Michael Harrison announced he is leaving. WJZ reports on his history with the department, the crime stats, and what is next for who will replace him.
WJZ 5pm News	6/12/23	5:00p	1:30	Three people were killed and another three injured in a mass shooting during a party in an Annapolis neighborhood. WJZ reports on the investigation and the community impact.
WJZ 5pm News	6/13/23	5:05p	1:20	Baltimore City Police arrested a Dunbar High School student in connection to multiple murders in the city, including the one of a young boxer. WJZ has details on what led police to the suspect.

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

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WJZ 6pm News	4/4/23	6:06p	1:34	Anne Arundel County could soon be the latest to join other counties in our area to place a ban on plastic bags in stores. WJZ spoke with residents about the proposed bill and how it would impact them.
WJZ 5pm News	4/5/23	5:50p	1:45	Opening Day has been postponed which means the O's will take the field at Orioles Park on Friday. But Baltimore businesses are still looking forward to welcoming thousands of fans to the city. WJZ spoke with Visit Baltimore and a local hotel about the economic impact of Opening Day.
WJZ 5pm News	4/14/23	5:52p	1:31	Crowds will return to security checkpoints at airports as airfare costs are expected to spike this summer. WJZ spoke with travelers bracing for the sky-high fares.

WJZ 6pm News	5/9/23	6:15p	1:44	Unexpected travel troubles can cause anxiety for many, but some new rules proposed by President Biden may help you breathe a little easier when you're faced with an issue. WJZ explains what's being done to cover the unexpected costs that some travelers deal with.
WJZ 4pm News	5/19/23	4:03p	1:48	After almost 600 Hyundais and Kias have been stolen in Baltimore this year – there could be some economic relief on the way for those who have had to struggle. The carmaker has agreed to pay a \$200 million settlement.
WJZ 11pm News	5/25/23	11:02p	1:32	The pandemic emergency declaration is over and now, many tenants are facing eviction. Eviction numbers have now reached pre-pandemic levels. WJZ spoke with those who can help and families in need.
WJZ 4pm News	6/5/23-6/9/23	4:20p	20:00	From 6/5 to 6/9, each day, WJZ featured a series called On the Job, designed to help young people through the entire process of applying for a job, getting the job, and how to handle the money they earn.
WJZ 5pm News	6/7/23	5:50p	1:35	Ahead of AFRAM, WJZ highlights local restaurants hoping to build business during AFRAM Restaurant Week. WJZ spoke with a local food blogger to get a taste of what this year's week has to offer.

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

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WJZ 5pm News	4/6/23	5:30p	2:27	Vultures have been dropping dead at Conowingo Dam – sparking suspicions about a possible outbreak of Avian Flu.

WJZ 5pm News	4/12/23	5:52p	1:50	A nationwide shortage on several life-saving cancer drugs is raising major concerns for doctors, patients, and their families. WJZ reports on what you should do if you need these medications.
WJZ 5pm News	4/13/23	5:50p	1:30	Maryland says it will stockpile the abortion pill mifepristone one week after a federal judge blocked the FDA's approval of the medical abortion drug. WJZ reports, the decision is less than a year after the reversal of Roe v. Wade.
WJZ 5pm News	4/20/23	5:15p	1:39	The beautiful weather can be difficult to enjoy if you're suffering from allergies. And if your allergies started earlier than normal this year, you're not alone. WJZ explains
WJZ 11pm News	4/24/23	11:02p	1:44	There is an active case of tuberculosis at Joppatowne High School in Harford County. A letter went out to parents, saying the health department has started contact tracing. WJZ spoke with parents and doctors about this case.
WJZ 7pm News	4/25/23	7:14p	1:40	There is a major nursing shortage in Maryland and across the country. The Maryland Hospital Association says one in every four hospital nursing positions is vacant. WJZ explains a new program that hopes to help fill these jobs.
WJZ 5pm News	5/15/23	5:35p	3:10	The teen mental health crisis is at historic levels. Data shows visits to the ER nearly doubled in a decade. WJZ spoke to a psychiatrist and a Maryland mother who describe the challenges.

WJZ 11pm News	5/23/23	11:10p	1:25	WJZ reports on the foster care crisis across the state and specifically in Harford County. WJZ spoke with members of the ARC Northern Chesapeake, as well as foster parents, who say they need help from the community.
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Issue: *Education: reporting on developments within the education system across Maryland and the impacts on viewers*

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WJZ 5pm News	1/9/23	5:02p	1:32	Students returned to class at Edmondson Westside High School for their first full day since a shooting that injured five students, killing one. WJZ spoke with some of those students.
WJZ 4pm News	4/11/23	4:35p	2:23	History shows us that more than 80 years is never too late to right a wrong. That's exactly what Morgan State University is doing – tearing down a divisive wall that has racist roots in Northeast Baltimore. WJZ reports on the new moment of progress.
WJZ 4pm News	4/19/23	4:25p	2:11	A new business hub launched at Morgan State University. It's designed to give Black entrepreneurs all they need to start and sustain their own businesses. WJZ went to campus and describes the nationwide collaboration with PNC Bank.
WJZ 5pm News	4/19/23	5:15p	1:36	The new 2024 budget for Harford County Public Schools would cut more than \$19 million from the district. WJZ explains both sides in the fight for funding.
WJZ 5pm News	4/26/23	5:55p	1:42	Towson University is leading the way in the field of autism research with a new interdisciplinary doctoral program in autism studies. WJZ spoke with the professor who developed the program.

WJZ 5pm News	5/9/23	5:10p	2:09	WJZ reports on the teacher shortage affecting the entire state. In Anne Arundel County, the Notre Dame of Maryland University is working to refresh the ranks by making it easier for teachers to qualify for jobs.
WJZ 5pm News	5/10/23	5:20p	1:56	The WJZ First Alert Weather team joined up with the Maryland Zoo for School at the Zoo. WJZ takes you behind the scenes of the new partnership with the Maryland Zoo and how it's benefitting local school children.
WJZ 6pm News	5/17/23	6:08p	1:47	WJZ speaks with the new Baltimore County Public Schools superintendent – whose career began in the district 20 years ago.

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

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WJZ 5pm News	4/10/23	5:06p	1:32	WJZ reports on the end of the legislative session in Annapolis and the bills to be decided on that have the biggest impact on Marylanders. Those bills include legalizing recreational marijuana.
WJZ 5pm News	4/11/23	5:06p	1:33	The Child Victims Act is among the dozens of bills signed into law by Governor Moore. Victims of abuse call it an unbelievable victory – giving them rights they never thought they would have. WJZ explains how this new law will open the door to new lawsuits brought by survivors of child sex abuse.
WJZ 5pm News	5/2/23	5:15p	1:28	In a surprise move to many, Maryland Senator Ben Cardin announced he will not seek another term. WJZ explains who is already vying for the soon-to-be-vacant seat.
WJZ 5pm News	5/16/23	5:06p	2:00	Governor Wes Moore signed several bills into law, including ones that focus on education and public safety. WJZ reports on what's in the bills and the impact.

WJZ 4pm News	5/17/23	4:03p	2:09	The NRA says new gun measures just signed into law in Maryland violate constitutional rights. The organization has now filed a lawsuit against the state. WJZ has the details of the lawsuit and speaks with a legal expert about what could be next.
WJZ 5pm News	5/24/23	5:01p	1:15	The Baltimore mayor outlines a plan for a summer curfew in the city for young people. WJZ spoke with city leaders about how the plan will be enforced.
WJZ 4pm News	6/1/23	4:25p	1:49	Howard County Executive Calvin Ball marks the start of Pride Month, making a meaningful gesture in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.
WJZ 5pm News	6/7/23	5:10p	1:24	The Baltimore City Police Department's annual budget hearing highlighted the department's vacancies and its upcoming enforcement of certain non-violent offenses. WJZ recapped some of the tension and how the commissioner addressed his future with the department.

Issue: *Community: reporting on stories that highlight local communities and the people who live there who work to help make them better*

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WJZ 5pm News	4/4/23	5:50p	1:45	The Baltimore Children & Youth Fund is awarding up to \$4 million to non-profits serving Baltimore City youth. Each grant continues to make a positive impact in the community. WJZ speaks with a previous grant recipient who is inspiring the next generation of leaders.
WJZ 4pm News	4/7/23	4:00p	6:00	WJZ had multiple stories covering the Orioles' home opener at Camden Yards. From the community impact to the local economic impact, the magnitude of this day for Baltimore was highlighted extensively.

WJZ 4pm News	4/11/23	4:10p	1:49	WJZ had extensive coverage of the announcement of AFRAM 2023. WJZ carried portions of the announcement live. This is the largest African American culture festival on the east coast and WJZ is the media sponsor.
WJZ 4pm News	4/17/23	4:25p	2:11	A major restoration project is underway in Baltimore's Upton neighborhood. A \$1.75 million grant will go toward building a legal and social services hub right in the heart of that community.
WJZ 5pm News	5/3/23	5:50p	1:25	AFRAM is returning to Baltimore in June and WJZ is the proud media sponsor. This year, AFRAM will be held at Druid Hill Park on Juneteenth weekend. WJZ reports, the festival is awarding 10 community grants to support local organizations.
WJZ 4pm News	5/18/23	4:00p	58:00	WJZ News at 4pm was replaced with a live WJZ town hall special on gun violence and youth in Baltimore. WJZ spoke with several community members, young people, and experts to explore solutions to the violence.
WJZ 5pm News	6/9/23	5:10p	1:38	The second annual Run Up to Juneteenth 5K run hosted by the SEED School is this weekend. Organizers tell WJZ preparations are underway, and more than 200 runners are registered. WJZ highlights this event.
WJZ 6pm News	6/17/23- 6/18/23	6:00p	10:00	Over the course of two days, WJZ had extensive coverage of a major community event, AFRAM. WJZ reported on the festival, the culture, and the music, doing several live shots, interviews and carrying music acts live.