

WCAU

QUARTERLY LISTING

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

October/November/December 2019

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Through formal and informal ascertainment of the general public, community leaders, public officials – inclusive of different ethnic organizations and service organizations, the following list emerged as issues needing media attention and support.

The programs produced to meet the needs of the public included locally produced shows and newscasts as well as national programs, public service announcement campaigns and sales marketing campaigns.

Community Issues

Accidents and Disasters	Environment
Business & Industry	Foreign News
Children & Youth	Funerals and Memorials
Consumer	Government and Politics
Court and Legal Decisions	Health and Medical
Crime and Law Enforcement	Housing
Cultural	Immigration
Deaths	Lifestyle
Diversity	Poverty
Education	Religion
Elderly-Seniors-Retirement	Safety
Employment/Labor	Technology
Entertainment	Transportation

Regularly Scheduled Programs

Our locally produced, regularly scheduled programs are aired specifically to address community issues, concerns and needs. The programs are as follows:

NBC 10 @ Issue – A weekly issue-oriented program that focuses on current issues and events. It features interviews with local newsmakers at the center of change in our region. Sundays 11:30-12N.

NBC 10 News– Daily Local News Programs

WCAU’s daily newscasts devote considerable time to local issues and community problems. Regularly scheduled newscasts include:

Program	Time	Days
NBC 10 News Today	4:00-7:00am	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News Today	11:00am – 12N	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News at 4	4:00-5:00pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News at 5	5:00-6:00pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News at 6	6:00-6:30pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News at 11	11:00-11:35pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 10 News Today	5:30-7:00am	Saturday
NBC 10 News Today	9:00-10:00am	Saturday
NBC 10 News at 6	6:00-6:30pm	Saturday
NBC 10 News at 11	11:00-11:30pm	Saturday
NBC 10 News Today	5:30-8:00am	Sunday
NBC 10 News Today	9:00-10:30am	Sunday
NBC 10 News at 6	6:00-6:30pm	Sunday
NBC 10 News at 11	11:00-12M	Sunday

October 1st 2019 – December 31st 2019

Public Safety and Crime

October 14th – School Security Cameras – Vo aired at 6p

The Colonial School District is awarded \$393,120 over two years from the federal Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant. The money will be used to outfit the district's eight elementary schools, Colwyck, which houses the district's pre-school program, and the John G. Leach school for severely disabled students, with security cameras. Many of the aging buildings did not previously have camera systems. The cameras both inside and outside will record continuously 24/7 with storage capabilities for between 30 and 60 days.

October 17th -Kaydens Law Hearing – Vo aired at 4p

The Senate Democratic Policy Committee holds a public hearing to discuss “Kayden’s Law,” legislation (Senate Bill 868) that would require courts to consider the safety of the child before providing a parent with custody or unsupervised visitation. Kayden’s Law is named after 7-year-old Kayden Mancuso of Lower Makefield Township, who was killed by her father last year during an unsupervised visit. The father was granted unsupervised visitation despite a troubling evaluation that revealed a history of suicidal thoughts, depression and violent tendencies.

October 20th – 2 Yr Old Shot and Killed – Pkg aired at 6p and 11p

A two-year-old girl is shot and killed and her mother and a contractor working at the house are injured after someone(s) shoots into their home. The man is in critical condition while the woman is stable. No weapons have been recovered and an arrest has not been made. Police believe the shooting as not random.

October 31st - PA Mandatory Life Jackets – Vo aired at 5p

Beginning on November 1 and lasting through April 30, boaters in Pennsylvania are required to wear a U.S Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or on any canoe or kayak. The requirement applies to all Pennsylvania waters. Sudden cold water immersion, or cold water shock, occurs when a person is unexpectedly plunged into cold water below 70°F resulting in an involuntary gasp where water is often inhaled. This uncontrollable reaction causes panic, hyperventilation, inhalation of water, and inhibits the ability of a person to swim.

According to Pennsylvania boating accident reports, nearly 80% of all boating fatalities occurred because boaters were not wearing life jackets. A disproportionate number of deaths happen between November and April.

November 4th – Lost Stolen Gun Ordinance – Vo aired at 6p

The City of Philadelphia has filed the first enforcement action of its Lost or Stolen Gun Ordinance, which requires that owners of firearms promptly report missing weapons to the Philadelphia Police Department. Originally sponsored by Council President Darrell L. Clarke and then-Council member Donna Reed Miller, the “Failure to Report Lost or Stolen Firearms” law was enacted in 2008. The measure seeks to improve public safety by focusing on the responsibilities of gun owners when they no longer are in possession of their guns. It requires owners of firearms that are lost or stolen to report the matter to police within 24 hours after the loss is discovered. The sooner the Police Department is notified of a missing firearm, the more likely the weapon can be taken off the streets and prevented from being used in a crime.

November 17th – Car Stolen with Kids Inside – Live at 11p

Police in Chester are looking for the suspect(s) who stole a car with two children in the backseat. The kid’s mom had left her car running while she went into a restaurant to pick up food. The car was located a short time later, the 6 year old and 9 month old were ok.

November 19th- Fire Stations Reopening – Pkg aired at 11p

The Philadelphia Fire Department announces it is reopening four engine companies that have been closed for nearly 11 years, an unprecedented move that will restore critical fire and EMS service to neighborhoods across the city. The four companies – which had been in service since the 19th century – were among seven that were deactivated on Jan. 5, 2009 during the Recession. The reopenings were made possible by the recent graduation of 121 EMT-certified firefighters, who were hired using a \$16.6 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency with additional money from the city. The engines will officially return to service at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23.

November 22nd - DE Tuberculosis Exposure – Vo aired at 4p

Health officials announce that about 200 people may have been exposed to tuberculosis at a Delaware hospital. The state's Public Health Division says that the bacteria is suspected to have spread between February and August at a Bayhealth hospital in Dover. A Health division spokeswoman says no current patients are at risk and added that there is minimal risk to the general public. She said the department is contacting people who might've been exposed and said that if people don't receive a letter from the state, they're not considered at risk. Details about how the bacteria may have spread were not released. Tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that attacks the lungs and can be spread by coughing and sneezing.

Elderly

October 4th – Senior Safety Fair -Vo aired at 5p

NewCourtland's Germantown Home hosts a Senior Safety Fair to help seniors protect themselves from harm and rip-offs. Representatives from Philadelphia's police and fire departments will be on hand as well as staff from the PGW, Senior Law Center, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, Department of Revenue, and others. The event at Germantown Home is one of several similar events to be held by NewCourtland around the city to keep seniors safe.

October 18th - Senior Sweetest Day Party – Vo aired at 6p

The Watermark at Logan Square holds a Sweetest Day party for its senior residents with chocolate and heart-shaped desserts, paired with a tasting of dessert wines. They'll also decorate chocolate and write love notes for the different people who brighten their lives - friends, partners, family members, Watermark associates - to display throughout the community.

November 7th – Echo Lake Opening Ceremony – Vo aired at 5p

Local community members and elected officials celebrate the opening of Echo Lake in Malvern. Echo Lake is an active lifestyle and supportive living community for older adults that includes 250 apartments and offers an array of amenities including club-like community spaces for socializing and entertaining, a 4,500-sq.-ft. fitness center, a virtual reality room with a high-tech golf simulator, and expansive patios and terraces.

November 8th - Turkeys Terrorize Seniors – Pkg aired at 4p and 6p

A big flock of aggressive, wild turkeys is terrorizing residents at an over-55 community in Tom's River. 40 to 60 turkeys are causing havoc by blocking doors, keeping people from getting out of their cars and pecking vehicles, even breaking house windows. The township animal control officer says he's not allowed to trap the turkeys and that state wildlife officials want frustrated residents to call federal authorities.

November 11th – Last Pearl Harbor Survivor – Pkg aired at 4p

A local nursing home celebrates a 97 year old resident who is the last survivor of Pearl Harbor.

November 12th -96 Year old Honorably Discharged – Vo aired at 6p

World War II veteran Nelson Henry Jr., 95, is honorably discharged from the Army – something he has waited 75 years to receive. Initially given a “blue discharge” and pushed out of the Army due to racial discrimination, Henry finally won an appeal this year to receive an honorable discharge. Between 1941 and 1945, more than 48,000 soldiers were given “blue discharges.” Of those, a disproportionate number were black, gay, or lesbian service

members. Printed on blue paper, the discharge was notice to potential employers who refused to hire soldiers without an honorable discharge. Henry's lawyers filed an appeal in March seeking to upgrade his discharge. Due to his age (he turns 96 on June 15), the Army agreed to expedite its review, a process that typically takes at least 18 months. Henry tried in the 1940s to have his discharge changed and his benefits reinstated, then stopped trying until recently. Henry views the result as a miracle!

November 24th – PCA Thanksgiving Feast – Vo aired at 6p

275 older adults enjoy a special Thanksgiving dinner at Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA). Held annually by PCA for the last 19 years, this event brings together many low income older adults who are considered socially isolated. Older adults are more likely to live alone and suffer from social isolation, which can significantly impact them. A recent study found that one in five elderly adults is socially isolated from family or friends, increasing their risks for poor mental and physical health, as well as higher rates of mortality. The event, which includes a catered Thanksgiving dinner, also allows for many of the participants to eat, socialize, win door prizes and dance together.

December 3rd – Grandparents Affordable Housing – Vo aired at 5p

The City of Philadelphia announces the construction of 37 Affordable Housing Units. There will be 14 units targeted to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren or other kinship caregivers. Susquehanna Square will be a 37-unit affordable housing development in three different buildings. Units will vary from 1-4 bedrooms.

Minorities, Gay and Lesbian Issues:

October 2nd - Women Against Abuse – Vo aired at 4p

Women Against Abuse, Inc. launches Violence Awareness Month in Philadelphia with its 12th Annual iPledge Campaign press conference and resource fair. The 2019 Campaign – “Safety for ALL Survivors” – will illuminate the importance of creating safe housing for survivors of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

October 4th- Latin American Book Fair – Vo aired at 4p

First Annual Latin American Book Fair featuring 31 authors of literary genres such as novels, fiction, poetry, education, history, self-help, politics, biography, and children's literature. Attendees will enjoy cooking demonstrations, musical performances, flamenco dancing, theater presentations, and for the children, storytelling, a clown, and poetry.

October 7th -Minority Enterprise Development – Vo aired at 4

35th annual Philadelphia Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week kicks off w/an opening reception highlighting business and contract opportunities for minority owned businesses. There will be over 30 other events throughout the week.

October 8th - Supreme Court LGBTQ - Pkg aired at 4p/5p

Locals weigh in as the U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in a long-awaited set of cases testing whether the federal law that bars sex discrimination in employment applies to LGBTQ employees. Specifically, the question is whether employers are free to fire employees because they are gay or transgender. Justice Neil Gorsuch said the text of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination "because of sex," or "on the basis of sex, appears to favor the plaintiffs in the case, but he wondered whether the court should also consider "the massive social upheaval" that could follow a ruling in favor of LGBTQ workers. The court's conservative justices, who are in a majority, appeared somewhat skeptical of the arguments of the lawyers for the LGBTQ workers.

October 10th – Upper Darby Teacher Racist Rant - Pkg aired at 11p

An Upper Darby teacher is caught on camera using racial slurs towards a parent after a fender bender in the middle school's parking lot. School officials met with the parent involved in the incident and immediately put the teacher on administrative leave pending further investigation.

October 11th – Hispanic Heritage Celebration – Vo aired at 5p

Independence Blue Cross and Comcast host a celebration of the city's Hispanic Community. The celebration showcases the heritage of employees and highlights the company's commitment to the Hispanic communities in the region. The event features music, dancing and food.

October 31st - Transgender Bill Signing – Vo aired at 4p and 5p

Philadelphia city officials take part in a bill signing to protect the rights and promote the fair treatment of transgender and nonbinary people. Starting next year, youth organizations in the city will be required to allow transgender and nonconforming kids to wear clothing and use bathrooms that are consistent with their gender identities. The bill will also require city employees to undergo antidiscrimination training.

November 13th – Hate Crime Summit – Vo aired at 4p

Local and federal officials host a Hate Crime Summit for over 200 law enforcement officials in the area. The keynote speaker of the event is the mom of Matthew Shephard. Shephard, whose anti LGBT motivated murder in 1998 led to the creation of the federal Shephard-Byrd Hate crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

Education

October 4th – Schools Closed for Asbestos – Live at 5p, 6p and 11p

The School District of Philadelphia announces that Ben Franklin High School and the Science Leadership Academy are closed indefinitely due to asbestos in the building. The district had hoped they'd be able to open the schools after a week of cleaning but now say the buildings are unsafe. A decision has not yet been made about where the students will go to school.

October 7th - Choice Bus – Vo aired at 5p

The Choice Bus visits various school districts in Delaware throughout the week sending the message of what an education can do. The half-classroom, half-prison cell setting is designed to show students the power of their choices.

October 9th – Camden School District Test Results – Vo aired at 5p

The Superintendent of Camden schools announces the districts detailed Student Learning Assessment scores from the 2018-19 school year. For the 5th year in a row there has been a significant improvement amount students in areas including English Language arts, math and overall participation.

November 4th – New PA GI Bill – Vo aired at 5p

Governor Tom Wolf joins Pennsylvania's adjutant general and head of the DMVA Maj. Gen. Anthony Carelli, legislators and PA National Guard members and their families to encourage them to take advantage of the new Military Family Education Program, or the PA GI Bill, now that it is open for enrollment. The initiative is the first of its kind in the nation and provides Guard members' families with education funding for a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved educational institution.

November 14th – West Chester Univ Scholarships – Vo aired at 5p

The Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation and Goals & Assists Scholarship Fund announces it will provide an additional 100 full scholarship years, including room and board, to Philadelphia-area high school student-athletes, who participated in Snider Hockey programming as children, with a no-cost education at West Chester University. Having gifted \$1-million over the course of the past three years, Ed Snider Youth Hockey and the Goals & Assists Program have assured that many of its student-athletes can attend West Chester University for four years tuition free. Currently, 19 Snider Hockey alumni are attending West Chester University on scholarship.

November 19th - School Supply Partnership – Vo aired at 4p

The Allentown School District announces a new partnership with the national nonprofit DonorsChoose to help teachers tap into a network of 4 million donors to support classroom projects and more seamlessly align with district strategy and operations. ASD is the only district in Pennsylvania that will now be a part of a select cohort who can intentionally leverage this type of philanthropic engagement to support personalized learning & instruction in our classrooms. Allentown School District teachers have raised \$236,000 and completed over 490 projects on DonorsChoose. These projects vary from books to laptops and other tools to enhance the learning environment and support student success.

November 25th – Cheyney University Accreditation – Vo aired at 6p

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) notified Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, the nation's first African American institution of higher education, today that the university's accreditation has been reaffirmed. Cheyney had been awaiting a decision after meeting the academic and financial requirements set forth by the commission. Even as Cheyney increased admissions standards, it was able to increase Fall 2019 enrollment this year to 618, reversing a declining trend. The school projects that it will enroll over 800 students next year and over 1,000 the following year. Similarly, after recording a \$2 million surplus in 2019, it projects \$4 million surpluses in each of the next two years.

December 5th - 8 Mil Stockton Gift – Vo aired at 4p

Entrepreneur and philanthropist John F. Scarpa pledges \$8 million to the Stockton University Foundation. It is the largest gift in the university's history. The gift from will target two primary initiatives, Stockton's expansion of its Academic program in Atlantic City and its Health Sciences program at its mainland campus and create an unrestricted fund for other university needs.

Government

October 15th – NJ Voter Registration Deadline- Vo aired at 4p

Would-be voters in New Jersey must register by Tuesday if they want to cast their ballot in New Jersey's Nov. 5 general election. At the top of the ballot this year are all 80 seats in the Democrat-controlled General Assembly. Democrats control 54 seats, while Republicans hold 26. To register, voters must fill out a registration form and then mail or deliver it to their county registration commissioner or superintendent of elections. The state Division of Elections website has information about the 21 counties' registration forms and hours.

October 20th – Pete Buttigieg in Philadelphia – Vosot aired at 11p

Mayor and Democratic Presidential nominee hopeful Mayor Pete Buttigieg brings his campaign to Philadelphia. Hundreds came out to hear his campaign theme that he is the best person to take up the challenges facing the US after Trump leaves office. Buttigieg talked to the crowd about healthcare, why politics matter, the economy and education.

October 23rd – Biden in PA – Vo aired at 4p

Joe Biden travels to Scranton, Pennsylvania to deliver an economic policy address. Biden will lay out his vision for rebuilding the backbone of America — the middle class — and how he will make sure everybody comes along regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

October 31st - PA Voter Reform Bill – Vo aired at 4p and 5p

Governor Wolf makes voting more convenient and secure by signing Act 77 of 2019, the most significant improvement to Pennsylvania's elections in more than 80 years. The bipartisan compromise legislation takes effect for the April 2020 primary election and makes Pennsylvania a national leader with voter-friendly election reforms. The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a

\$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections

November 5th- Election Day – Live at 4p and 5p

Voters in Pennsylvania and New Jersey head to the polls for general statewide elections. One of the most competitive races in the Philadelphia is for City Council at Large, while Democrats in Delaware County hope to turn the county council blue for the first time in history. Voters in New Jersey will focus on local issues.

November 19th - Chris Coons Challenger -Vo aired at 6p

Delaware's junior U.S. senator will face a primary challenge next year as Jessica Scarane plans to run against U.S. Sen. Chris Coons in the state's Democratic primary. Scarane is a Wilmington-based digital strategist who serves as the board president of the nonprofit Girls Inc. The 34-year-old is running on a progressive platform that includes universal health care and tuition-free college. Her platform is similar to those of more left-leaning Democrats in the U.S. Senate, such as Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Coons said in a statement that he's proud to challenge President Donald Trump. But he also said he's someone who works across the aisle to "get done what we can in this environment to make our state and our community stronger."

December 3rd – NJ Drunk Driving Law – Pkg aired at 4p

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy enacts a new law expanding the use of ignition interlock device for those convicted of drunk driving offenses and of refusing breath tests. The legislation (S824) also reduces the length of license suspension and forfeitures for these offenses. This measure requires that first time offenders install ignition interlock devices (IID), at a cost to the offender. IIDs and suspensions from then on are based upon the severity of the offense. The legislation further requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to issue a summary report containing information on drunk driving offenders that are required to install an IID, on a semi-annual basis.

December 11th – Wolf 2020 VP Candidate – Vo aired at 4p

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf says that the answer is "no" to speculation that he would agree to join a Democratic presidential nominee's ticket as the pick for vice president. Wolf also said he seriously doubts that anybody would ask him to join the ticket and that, if he did join the presidential ticket, his wife would divorce him before their 45th anniversary in June. Wolf has not endorsed a candidate in the crowded Democratic presidential primary race. Wolf's name has surfaced because of his 17-percentage point re-election victory last year in a battleground state that is of the utmost importance to Democrats in next year's presidential election.

December 18th – Donald Trump Impeached – Live in all shows

Donald Trump becomes the 3rd U.S. President to be impeached.

Youth Issues

October 8th – Coats for Kids – Vo aired at 4p and 5p

The Auto Dealers Caring for Kids Foundation kicks off its annual Driving Away the Cold month by giving away thousands of winter coats to students in the Philadelphia school district. One in six children in the Greater Philadelphia region lives in poverty.

October 21st- Second Sesame Place – Vo aired at 4p

SeaWorld Entertainment and Sesame Workshop announce a second Sesame Place location will open in San Diego in the spring of 2021. Sesame Place San Diego will feature all the fun, laughter, and learning of Sesame Street in a highly immersive way, with exciting family rides, water slides, live character shows, parades and interactive experiences that will extend the laughter and learning of Sesame Street. The original Sesame Place, currently the only U.S. theme park based entirely on the iconic children's program, opened outside Philadelphia in July 1980 and has been a premier destination for families countrywide for nearly 40 years.

October 21st - Teen Driver Safety – Vo aired at 4p

NJM Insurance Group (NJM), one of the Mid-Atlantic region's teen driver safety advocates, kicks off National Teen Driver Safety Week – a week dedicated to raising awareness and seeking solutions to prevent teen injuries and deaths on the road – by hosting an interactive, educational event in partnership with the Philadelphia 76ers at the Wells Fargo Center. 250 students from high schools in PA and NJ will hear from various speakers on how they can avoid risks to be safer drivers and passengers, including New Jersey native Gabe Hurley, who will share his personal story of a life-changing car accident caused by a teen driver. After the presentation, students will get hands on with multiple activity stations demonstrating a variety of driving risks new drivers may encounter on the road

October 28th – Childhood Obesity Surgery – Pkg aired at 4p

The centers for disease control says nearly 1 in 5 American children is obese- that statistic has more than tripled since the 1970's. But a new report says weight loss surgery should be now be an option for children and a local doctor, who's been performing the surgery for years, says it's safe and effective. The key says the doctor is a commitment by the child, add his parents, to keep up with doctors visit and his new dietary and exercise plans.

November 22nd – Toy Safety – Vo aired at 4p

Delaware Senator Tom Carper joins the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) Education Fund and Nemours medical staff to highlight ways to protect kids from unsafe toys this holiday season. Toys are safer than ever today thanks to years of progress driven by consumer non-profits, public health organizations, elected officials, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Still, the Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest data shows that in 2017, there were 251,700 emergency room visits resulting from toys. The event highlighted the latest report which outlines three core toy safety categories: dangers parents can detect, hidden toxics and hazards, and recalled toys still for sale.

November 26th – PA Child Abuse Bills – Vo aired at 5p

PA Governor Tom Wolf signs three bills that mirror the Grand Jury's recommendations after its investigation into child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy. House Bill 962 abolishes Pennsylvania's criminal statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse and extends the timeline victims have to file civil action against their abusers. House Bill 1051 increases penalties for failure to report child abuse by a mandated reporter. House Bill 1171 makes conversations with law enforcement agents exempt from non-disclosure agreements.

November 27th - PA Tobacco Age – Vo aired at 5p

PA Governor Tom Wolf signs House Bill 97 and Senate Bill 473, which amends tobacco legislation to prohibit the sale of any tobacco, nicotine or related item to anyone under 21 years of age. The legislation also expands the definition of a tobacco product to include e-cigarettes and other vaping products, and expressly prohibits the possession of these items on school grounds.

December 4th - PA Child Care – Vo aired at 5p

PA Governor Tom Wolf announces the award of \$15 million to expand access to high-quality, affordable child care to more than 900 infants and toddlers around Pennsylvania. The investment comes from the 2019-2020 budget, which included the \$15 million investment in federal funds to expand access to high-quality care and reduce the subsidized child care waiting list. Pennsylvania's subsidized child care program, Child Care Works, helps families with incomes below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline access high-quality child care through financial assistance. This supports the family's ability to work and go to school while their children spend time in early learning environments that support their development and school readiness.

Disabled

October 1st - UNO Braille - Vo aired at 4p

UNO announces the debut of UNO Braille, the first official UNO card deck featuring braille. The new game will make game play widely accessible for the more than 7 million blind and low-vision Americans in the U.S. Designed in partnership with the National Federation of the Blind, UNO Braille features braille on the corner of each playing card to indicate the card's color and number or action. UNO Braille packaging features braille on the front and back for clear identification, and directs players to UNOBraille.com where they can find play instructions featuring .BRF (braille readable files) for download.

October 3rd - Dorney Autism Certified – Vo aired at 4p

Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom earns the Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) designation, granted by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). The certification demonstrates the park's commitment to providing a supportive environment for guests with autism and other sensory disorders. In addition to the CAC designation, the park offers accommodations such as their sensory and quiet room, boarding pass program, quiet outdoor spaces, complimentary sensory packs, sensory-friendly entertainment, a FamilyCare Center and gluten-free food options for guests of varying needs and sensitivities.

October 3rd - Smiles in the Playground – Vo aired at 4p

Aston Township officials will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the 'Smiles in the Playground' project. The playground will be handicap-accessible and inclusive to all children, featuring a wheelchair-accessible carousel, an explorer dome and a double tower, which all serve to train for cross-coordination, balance and spatial awareness.

October 6th – CHOP Buddy Walk – Vo aired at 6p

Over 2400 take part in CHOP's annual Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day benefitting the hospital's Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome.) The program performs clinical assessments and provides ongoing treatment for people with Down syndrome. The Program also conducts high-quality Trisomy 21 research and supports individuals, families and healthcare teams with educational materials and comprehensive reviews of developmental, behavioral, psychosocial and medical issues relevant to individuals with Trisomy 21. In just 17 years, the CHOP Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day has raised more than \$3.4 million for the Trisomy 21 Program.

October 12th - Parkinson's Walk – Vo aired at 6p

Thousands participate in the Parkinson Council of Greater Philadelphia's 18th Annual Stamp Out Parkinson's Walk. The walk helps to fund research, education and programs at the intuitions in Philadelphia fighting to find a cure for the Parkinson's and help those living with the disease.

October 26th – Walk to Defeat ALS – V0 aired at 6p

Annual Walk to defeat ALS is held at Citizens Bank Park. All money raised goes to people living with ALS in our area and their families. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. There currently few treatments for the disease and no known cure.

November 2nd - Special Olympics PA – Vo aired at 6p

Special Olympics Pennsylvania's welcomes approximately 1,200 coaches, athletes and Unified Partners representing 43 Pennsylvania county programs to its annual Fall Festival at Villanova University. Participants will compete in bocce, long distance running/walking, powerlifting, roller skating, soccer, and volleyball. Fall Festival is regarded as the largest university student-run Special Olympics event in the world led by Villanova University's Special Olympics Committee.

November 13th – Special Needs Bike Stolen – Pkg aired at 11p

A bike belonging to a 24 yr old man with special needs is stolen off his family's porch. The man is unable to drive and uses the bike to get to and from his job. Police are investigating and looking at surveillance video of the theft.

December 17th - Innovation Center for Disabled – Vo aired at 5p

Inglis, an innovator in offering greater independence for people with disabilities through a variety of supports and services, opens the \$3.2 million Innovation Center meant to enhance the lives of those with disabilities. The new space empowers individuals with disabilities (18-60) to achieve even greater independence.

Consumer

October 1st – Real ID Countdown – Vo aired AM and 4p

PennDOT reminds customers that in exactly one year, on October 1, 2020, federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act will begin at airports and secure federal facilities nationwide. Beginning October 1, 2020, [federally-accepted form of identification](#) (whether it's a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. Passport/Passport Card, a military ID, etc.) must be used as identification to board a commercial flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and photo ID cards have been available at the customer's option since March 2019. To date, more than 400,000 Pennsylvanians have chosen to get a REAL ID-compliant product. Based on data from other states with optional REAL ID programs, PennDOT anticipates that approximately 1.3 million of its customers will get a REAL ID before the federal enforcement deadline of October 1, 2020.

October 3rd – Library Fines – Vo aired at 6p

Philadelphia Councilwoman Cherelle Parker introduces a resolution calling for a hearing to explore eliminating fines at the Free Library of Philadelphia and wiping away patrons' outstanding debt. Research by the American Library Association and the Urban Libraries Council suggests eliminating overdue fees should increase overall book return rates and circulation rates, meaning more books in the hands of more people.

October 4th – Falling Gas Prices – Vo aired at 4p

Nearly three weeks after attacks on major Saudi Arabian oil facilities and subsequent gas price spikes, local pump prices are falling into seasonal declines. Delaware Valley drivers are seeing continued relief at the pump. Pennsylvania and New Jersey are both down by at least two cents, while Delaware is down seven cents. A weekly crude oil decrease of \$3.10 this week and an increase in crude oil supplies are helping to keep prices down. Today's national gas price average is \$2.66, up a penny in the last week, up nine cents in the last month and down 25 cents from this time last year.

October 15th - New PPA Kiosks Installed – Vo aired at 4p

The Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) begins installing new solar-powered "Pay-By-Plate" parking kiosks on Arch Street - between 4th and 12th Streets. Eventually all existing kiosks and single meters will be replaced city-wide. By using the new kiosks, customers will be required to enter their license plate number, parking zone number, select payment methods of coin, credit or debit card. PPA enforcement officers will verify customer payment by electronically scanning each license plate to verify payment.

November 1st – LIHEAP and PGW – Vo aired at 5p

Low-income Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW) customers can now text the word CASH to the number 75308 to see if they qualify for a free LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) grant of up to \$1,000. LIHEAP is a federal grant that helps income-eligible families pay their heating bills or prevent shut off. Grants range from \$200 to \$1,000, are available to renters and homeowners, and do not have to be repaid. Grant amounts are based on household size and income. PGW estimates 135,000 of its customers are eligible for LIHEAP. Last year, approximately 61,000 PGW customers received more than \$21 million dollars in assistance.

November 5th – Amtrak Thanksgiving Travel – Vo aired at 4p

In response to customer demand during the busiest travel week of the year, Amtrak Acela (Boston – Washington, D.C.) and Northeast Regional (Boston – Virginia) services on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) will operate extended schedules with additional frequencies and capacity during Thanksgiving week to accommodate the surge of holiday travelers. Other services in the Northeast, including the Keystone Service, Pennsylvanian and Empire Service trains will operate full and extended schedules with additional frequencies and added capacity during the Thanksgiving week and require reservations in advance of travel.

November 14th- Fine Free Libraries – Vo aired at 5p

Philadelphia Mayor Kenney calls on the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia to completely eliminate the use of fines for overdue books. The mayor says that while they want library users to return the materials they use, late fines for overdue items has not proven to be an effective strategy and late fines deny access to resources for people who owe as little as five dollars.

December 2nd – Holiday Shipping – Pkg aired in the 4p

Local shipping companies say there are deadlines you need to meet if you want to make sure your holiday packages arrive on time. For standard shipping, the deadlines are December 13th for UPS, the 14th for the postal service and the 16th for FedEx. For procrastinators, the overnight shipping deadlines for all three are no later than December 23rd. Still, experts agree, the best thing to do is to mail your packages early and to put your items in professional packaging to ensure your gifts arrive in good condition.

Religion

October 8th – Yom Kippur – Vo aired at 11p

Local Jews attend a Kol Nidre service to start the solemn Yom Kippur holiday. Known as the “Sabbath of Sabbaths,” Yom Kippur is the holiest of days in the Jewish faith and the culmination of the High Holy Days.

October 14th – Priest Removed – Vo aired at 4p

The Allentown Diocese releases a statement saying Father Robert J. Potts has been removed from the ministry pending investigation of an allegation that he sexually abused a minor in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s. Potts, 82 is the pastor of St. Ursula Church in Fountain Hill. The abuse apparently happened when Potts was a pastor at the former St. George Parish in Shenandoah. Police are handling the investigation.

October 20th - Performance at Historic Church – Vo aired at 11p

Saint Mark’s Church, Philadelphia celebrates the restoration of its famous pipe organ with a series of free concerts. The organ at Saint Mark’s is one of the finest and most historically significant in the region. This restoration brings back the organ’s original glory.

October 21st – Anti-Semitic Flyers – Vo aired at 5p

Police in Evesham are looking for the male caught on video placing anti-Semitic flyers on approximately 75 cars at the Marlton Crossings parking lot. Police believe this is the same man who placed similar flyers on flyers in a different location last week.

October 21st – Shrine Damaged – Pkg aired at 6p

The Saint Padre Pio shrine in Buena Borough is damaged from last week’s strong winds. Many believe the shrine has the power to miraculously heal. Surveillance video shows two gazebos going airborne, toppling a marble statue of the Virgin Mary, breaking off the statue’s head. The wing of an angel is also knocked off during the storms.

November 5th - Church Vandalized – Vo aired at 4p and 6p

The Buckingham Township Police Department is currently investigating 3 cases of institutional vandalism against a single place of worship. The vandalism took place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The church has multiple wooden crosses and a sign speaking against abortion erected on its property along Route 413. On three separate occasions unknown person(s) caused damage to the crosses and sign.

December 5th - Anti Semitic Texts Arrest – Vo aired at 4p

A Warwick Township man faces charges of ethnic intimidation and harassment after spending part of his Thanksgiving sending anti-Semitic images and videos to a Jewish man via text message. Hunter Robert-William Ryan was arrested and arraigned on the misdemeanor charges. Ryan sent the victim images depicting a Nazi flag and symbols, photos and a video of Adolf Hitler, an image of Anne Frank followed by a photo of ashes and other vitriolic messages. The victim received the first message at 12:23p on Thanksgiving and the final message just before 1a the next day. Ryan continued sending the messages despite the victim asking repeatedly that he stop.

December 11th – Catholic Schools Closing – Vo aired at 4p

Faced with declining enrollment and significant financial shortfalls, two Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Trenton will close this June. The leaders of the schools, Pope John Paul II Reginal School in Willingboro and Our lady of Perpetual Help School in Maple Shade, say they will work with the Diocese to help transition the students to another Catholic school in their respective areas. The faculty and staff of the schools will also be given assistance in finding another job.

Women's Issues

October 1st - Today Show Breast Cancer – Live in AM, 5p pkg

The Today Show kicks off Breast Cancer Awareness month by bringing breast cancer survivors and those currently battling the disease to New York. One of the featured survivors is a woman from Delran, NJ who was diagnosed at the age of 30, endured chemo, radiation and surgery before being declared cancer free six years ago.

October 2nd – PA Conference for Women – Live AM, 4p

Thousands of women come to Philadelphia for the 16th annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women. The sold-out event is one of the nation's largest gatherings for women filled with a lineup of speakers including Academy Award nominee and Emmy award winner, Ava DuVernay, MacArthur Genius and two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn War. This year, the Conference will also host its second annual Workplace Summit, which is designed to promote effective partnerships and advance equity within workplaces.

October 15th – Pink Experience – Vo aired at 4p

Women entrepreneurs and small business owners, and those who aspire to start their own companies attend the Pink Experience in Wilmington. The Pink Experience offers a full day of power-packed programming regarding financing options, start-up solutions, e-commerce trends, and marketing and social media strategies. Also included will be Pink Table Talk, a panel-style discussion focusing on strategies for daily balance, a business pitching workshop, opportunities to connect with small business advisors, and a small business marketplace packed with helpful resources and local artisans.

October 18th – Komen Three Day – Live in AM Shows

Area residents, along with women and men from across the country come to Philadelphia to participate in the 2019 Susan G. Komen Philadelphia 3-Day® – a 60-mile journey over the course of three days. The Philadelphia 3-Day has raised more than \$66 million in the fight to end breast cancer since 2005. The funds raised have helped Susan G. Komen support those affected by breast cancer today, while also searching for tomorrow's cures.

October 21st – All Female Space Walk – Pkg aired at 4p

Local girls and scientists react as Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir complete the first ever all female spacewalk outside of the international space station. The all-female walk was originally scheduled for last spring

but was cancelled when NASA didn't have enough medium space suits. Today's mission went off without a hitch and the two repaired a power controller with no problems.

October 22nd – Women of Hospitality – Vo aired at 4p

A new Mid-Atlantic regional conference, hosted by the Delaware Restaurant Association, invites women of the hospitality industry and those inspired by hospitality to “explore your passions and unleash your potential!” From those starting their career to those already enjoying success in leadership or entrepreneurial roles, this unique, two-day professional development conference was created to inspire, connect and empower present and future professional women of business.

October 23rd - Women Business Pop Up – Vo aired at 4p

Drexel University will host a Proving Ground Pop Up Expo as part of a series of events commemorating Women's Entrepreneurship Week. The Proving Ground Expo will feature a variety of businesses owned by female Drexel students, staff and alumni. Visitors can sample food products, learn about developing apps, social entrepreneurship businesses and shop.

October 24th- Breast Implant Warnings - Pkg aired at 5p

U.S. health officials want women getting breast implants to receive stronger warnings and more details about the possible risks and complications. The Food and Drug Administration says that manufacturers should add a warning highlighted by a box — the most serious type — to the information given to women considering implants.

The agency is also recommending patients complete a checklist to make sure they understand all the possible side effects of the implants, such as scarring, pain, rupture and even a rare form of cancer.

December 3rd – Female Casino CEO – Vo aired at 4p

Atlantic City's Ocean Casino hires a female CEO, one of a small handful of women leading casinos or casino companies nationwide. Terry Glebocki was named CEO after serving in the job in an interim capacity since August. She has more than 30 years of financial management experience, and recently served as the casino's chief financial officer. Glebocki previously worked for Tropicana Entertainment and Trump Entertainment Resorts. Ocean is the only one of Atlantic City's nine casinos to be led by a woman. She says maintaining profitability and increasing revenue are her top goals.