

## **WLNY-TV 10/55 Quarterly Issues/Programs List – January 10, 2016**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 55's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

### **Programs**

**WLNY 10/55 9PM NEWS** - hosted by Dick Brennan and Alice Gainer. Monday – Friday, 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Exit 10/55** - half hour weekly broadcast featuring community events focused on Long Island. The program covers health, politics, technology, education, entertainment, and addresses the most talked about news stories of the week. Hosted by Richard Rose. Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

**“Long Island Report”** – features business reports based in Long Island during the regular 9 p.m. news weekday broadcast, hosted by Richard Rose.

**Public Service Announcements** - WLNY-TV 55 is airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as CBS Cares “I Have A Dream Foundation,” Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Safer City Campaign, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, Catholic Charities, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Project Roadblock (drunk driving prevention), Ad Council, and United Way.

**Health:** Topics in this category include: Diners in NYC will see salt icons in their restaurant menus next to high sodium items; Senator Schumer wants the FDA to investigate a caffeinated peanut butter product that contains five times more caffeine than a can of Coke and A study has shown nasal spray containing Oxytocin can improve social, emotional and behavioral issues in Autistic children.

**WLNY 10/55 NEWS AT 9PM:** 10/20 Anchor Alice Gainer reports on a chemical found in nail polish and its impact on women. Duke University and the Environmental Working Group found women have higher levels of triphenyl phosphate in their bodies 10 to 14 hours after painting their nails. New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone is now calling for Legislation to allow the FDA review its use. 10/20 Anchor Alice Gainer reports for the first time in 12 years The American Cancer Society is changing its breast cancer screening recommendations. The new guidelines say age 45 is best for beginning yearly mammograms for women with an average risk for breast cancer and at age 55 every two years. The partial reason is to cut down the harm mammograms can cause such as over diagnosis and unnecessary surgeries. New guidelines are not for those at high risk for breast cancer. 10/28 Anchor Alice Gainer reports on a small new Australian study that suggests a nasal spray containing Oxytocin, the so called “love hormone” could help improve social skills in children with Autism. Oxytocin is produced naturally by the body and has been linked to social ties like romance and the bond between a parent and child. The study included 31 Autistic children, those who got nasal spray twice a day for five weeks showed significant improvement in social, emotional, and behavioral issues. 11/9 Anchor Dick Brennan reports New York Senator Charles Schumer wants the FDA to investigate a new caffeinated peanut butter, called STEEM. A single serving of the product contains five times more caffeine than a can of Coke and may pose a real health threat. The product is mostly sold online and at some fitness centers and small shops in Connecticut and Massachusetts. 11/22 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on the Pennsylvania parents of a baby with a rare brain tumor who was kissed by Pope Francis in Philadelphia during his Papal Parade back in September. The parents are calling the kiss “Miracle on Market” as they’ve stated since the kiss from the Pope their daughter’s health has drastically improved. 12/1 Anchor Dick Brennan reports diners should see salt icons on their menus in New York City in the latest move to try and improve health and sodium intake. 12/17 Anchor Dick Brennan reports a Manhattan Supreme Court judge blocked a rule that would require preschoolers at city-regulated schools to get flu shots. The Public Health rule was initiated by former Mayor Bloomberg but last month five Brooklyn mothers sued arguing the decision to get a flu shot should be up to the parent and the child’s doctor. City health officials plan to appeal.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Governors Cuomo and Christie announced an agreement to begin building two new tracks between Newark and Manhattan. The project is predicted to be complete by 2030; Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano's one point two percent tax hike in next year's budget was voted to be removed by the county legislature and Mayor de Blasio has announced a plan to help the city's homeless problem that will take up to 15 years to complete and cost two point six billion dollars.

**WLNY 10/55 NEWS AT 9PM:** 10/20 Anchor Dick Brennan reports on three new laws in New York City that now make it illegal to manufacture or sell K2, also known as synthetic marijuana. This move comes amid a growing epidemic. Users of K2 can often be seen acting strangely or completely incoherent. K2 was readily available at bodegas until last month when most jointly agreed to stop selling it. Under new laws, stores caught peddling K2 could lose their license to sell cigarettes. 10/23 Anchor Alice Gainer reports a nurse who fought Ebola quarantine orders is now suing Governor Christie and the state of New Jersey's Health Department. Kaci Hickox filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in Newark. The 34 year old was working with Doctors without Borders in Sierra Leone during last year's deadly Ebola Outbreak. She was then held in an isolation tent at University Hospital in Newark for three days before she was released back home to Maine. Hickox says she was held against her will. 10/23 Anchor Alice Gainer reports that New York City's rat complaint is on the rise for this year exceeding the 24,000 complaints received through the 311 hotline in 2014. 11/8 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on a battle over property taxes in Long Island. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano has put a one point two percent tax hike backs in next year's budget, after the county legislature voted to remove it. Now, lawmakers have to decide whether to try again to reverse Mangano's decision. Mangano says the additional 12 million dollars is needed to cover higher health care costs and lower sales tax receipts. 11/12 Anchor Dick Brennan reports the plan to build a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River is back on track, Governors Cuomo and Christie announced an agreement today with the federal government for the 20 billion dollar project. A corporation will be created to oversee the building of two new tracks between Newark and Manhattan. Half of the financing will come from Washington and Amtrak, the other half from New York and New Jersey. The current tracks are a century old and deteriorating. The goal is to complete the new tunnel by 2030. 11/9 Anchor Mary Calvi reports members of Congress join Mayor de Blasio to support an extension of the Zadroga Act, the bill that's provided help for thousands of 9/11 first responders sickened after working at Ground Zero. On "Face the Nation" Sunday New York Senator Kristen Gillibrand called on Congress to act. The federally funded health program that provided screening and treatment expired on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, Former NYPD Lieutenant Marci Simms was laid to rest. She spent four months working at the World Trade Center and died of Lung cancer. 12/3 Anchor Alice Gainer reports the New Jersey assembly is postponing a vote to override Governor Christie's veto of a gun control bill after failing to get enough support. The bill makes it more difficult with someone with a mental health history to buy a gun.

It requires police to be notified when a prospective gun buyer asks a judge to expunge their commitment to a psychiatric hospital from their record.

**Consumerism:** Topics in this category include: Sanofi, issued a recall of thousands of Auvi-Q epinephrine injections that do not give out the correct dosage; Whole Foods recalled its deli pasta and curry chicken salad and a restaurant in Brooklyn added a surcharge due to Obamacare then quickly removed it after backlash from customers.

**WLNY 10/55 NEWS AT 9PM:** 10/25 Anchor Alice Gainer reports Whole Foods is recalling bulk and packaged classic deli pasta and curry chicken salad. The company said the products could be contaminated with Listeria. Both were sold in stores in several states including New York and New Jersey between October 18<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. These items have a sell by date of October 25<sup>th</sup> so far no illnesses have been reported. 10/29 Anchor Alice Gainer reports on a recall by Sanofi, a New Jersey based pharmaceutical company for hundreds of thousands of Auvi-Q epinephrine injections, used to treat severe allergic reactions. Sanofi issued this recall because the injectors do not deliver the correct dosage of the drug. It affects 490 thousand packs of the devices. 12/2 Anchor Alice Gainer reports a restaurant in Brooklyn has added a three percent surcharge to customers' tabs to help cover the cost of employees health care. 12/2 Anchor Dick Brennan reports on the restaurant in Brooklyn that added a surcharge to customers' tabs has now removed the extra charge due to backlash received from customers who felt the extra cost was anti Obamacare. The owners said their intent was misunderstood and they do embrace health care.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: Mayor de Blasio signed a bill to crack down on the use of K2, synthetic Marijuana; A Rainbow store robbery occurred in Lindenhurst where customers and employees were tied up and robbed and Several cars have had their tires slashed and rims stolen from commuters cars at the Maplewood, NJ train station. No suspects have been caught by police or surveillance cameras as of yet.

**WLNY 10/55 NEWS AT 9PM:** 10/16 Anchor Alice Gainer reports on the slashing of an off-duty NYPD officer in Cunningham Park in Queens. The suspect was a female and has been charged with assault and attempted robbery. The off-duty officer was seen on cellphone video walking her dog when she was slashed in the throat. 10/20 Anchor Dick Brennan reports Mayor de Blasio signed a bill to crack down on the use of synthetic Marijuana known as K2. This new development as some tell CBS 2 stepped up NYPD enforcement but has not stopped the flow of the dangerous drug on the streets.

10/23 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports New York City is on target for a record year of rat complaints to its 311 hotline, exceeding the 24,000 plus reported in 2014. 11/2 Anchor Dick Brennan reports on a store robbery at a Rainbow store in Lindenhurst where customers and store employees were tied up and robbed. Police believe the suspect is responsible for robberies in Babylon, Carle Place and East Meadow since last month. 11/23 Anchor Dick Brennan reports on tire slashing's and missing rims from several cars at the train station in Maplewood, New Jersey. There are surveillance cameras at the train station but thus far no suspects have been caught in the act. Police suspect the thieves have been targeting Maplewood because many houses do not have garages. 12/9 Anchor Dick Brennan reported a man from Queens claimed he was viciously attacked and targeted because of his Muslim faith. The owner of Fatima Food Mart in Astoria said a well-dressed man walked into the store started acting strangely then got violent. A customer stopped the attack and police arrested the suspect and charged him with assault. His intentions regarding the attack and the particular deli are unknown.