

WIBG-FM Issues and Concerns Report
3rd Quarter July-August-September 2021
By Enrico S. Brancadora

JULY-2021

WIBG-FM commits more than 13,458 minutes annually to Issues and concerns that are highlighted by our listeners through both live call in programs, e-mail and letter requests. July 5th, 6th and 7th, WIBG provided listener information and response on the subject of corruption in Atlantic City government. We interviewed Mayor Small on this, and says he has flushed out much of the corruption that had been left from the previous administration. Other guests included City Councilman Kaleem Shabazz, the President of the NAACP addressing how they are helping the Administration in this venue. July 11th and 12th, WIBG Investigative report based upon listener response learned of the Murphy Administrations driving NJ's budget into a deep credit danger. This two part series focused on the effects the budget has on the Atlantic City economic recovery plans. Listeners response was positive. July 18th, 19th and 20th, WIBG discovered that vacant and abandoned homes in Atlantic County continue to be a growing menace for Egg Harbor Townships municipal budget. Listener response demanded that we identify this issue, and what Egg Harbor Township is doing to prevent this from continuing. July 25th and 26th, WIBG looked at the growing problem of the COVID variant and its impact on our communities. We spoke with officials from Egg Harbor City and Pleasantville on how they are ramping up efforts to get people vaccinated. Audience response was positive. We also conducted interviews with Atlantic and Cape May County Health Department Directors as to what they are doing to help provide assistance. WIBG's growing commitment to issues that affect area veterans grew exponentially this quarter as Director of Veterans Affairs Joe Griffes opened phone lines to issues that confront the veteran community.

Among this quarters special guests are
Navy Veteran Founder of Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network and
Philadelphia Shark Tank - Alex Archawski;

Army Afghanistan Veteran - Daniel Lombard and his partner Jimmy
Corbett - both Founders of Project Refit helping Veterans;

Army Veteran Founder of Veterans Reset Center - Sheldon Stewart;

Marine Veteran Board Member of Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network helping Veterans here in South Jersey - Matt Varney;

Brigadiere General and Veterans Business Referral Network of New Jersey - General John Dinapoli; and

Founder and Army Veteran of JDog Franchises all over the US - Jerry and Tracy Flanagan.

AUGUST 2021

August 7th and 8th , WIBG Issues provided full spectrum coverage of the growing issue with leadership in the Pleasantville School Board. Featured presenter was Board Member Jerome Page ,fielding listener Concerns as to how minority members of the board are dealing with the growing problem of nepotism. Page said he has experience more than 20 isolated cases of board members families and friends. A second series on this issue will be addressed on air in September.

August 15^h and 16th, WIBG hit the streets of Atlantic City ascertaining from listeners whether they are in favor of defunding police.

Overwhelmingly, people interviewed said they want MORE, not less funding for area officers. Our featured presenter was Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small and Wildwood Mayor Peter Byron. Segment lengths were 2:14 and 3:21.

August 20th and 21st , WIBG Issues Department addressed the growing homeless situation among veterans in South Jersey. Our Director of Veterans Affairs Joe Griffes received special honorable mention in this Issues report

“Fifty years later and we are still giving out sleeping bags to our Homeless Veterans forgotten about is a disgrace. We loose 25 Veterans a day to suicide, that is 175 a week , 750 a month , 9000 a year , over the last ten years it 90,000 and that is probably a low number. We still have Veterans waiting for benefits ,their whole life is spent fighting the system. I could go on and on but we all know the problems. It is time to fix these problems.” These featured issues reports were 3;22 and 2:29 in length.August 28th, 29th and 30th , a three part issues series on the development of Bader Field in Atlantic City and its great economic impact on the region. In part 2, we addressed the William Hughes Tech Center in Egg harbor Township, now making application for a multi million dollars air research facility employing hundreds more and adding to the area economy.

SEPTEMBER- 2021

WWAC Issues determined from listener feedback that there is growing concern about the vote polling integrity for the November General Election. WIBG dedicated a total of 20 minutes during this month to man-on-the street interviews, a report from Superintendent Maureen Bugdon on safeguards at the polling place for the general election. She insists that the new electronic pollbook system are the Most reliable to date. These interviews aired the week of September 4th through September 10th. Program lengths were between 2 minutes and 3.5 minutes each. September 14th and 15th, the issue of mask mandates for school kids. The vast majority of listeners polled in this issue believe the decision should be that of the individual school system and not another executive mandate by the governor. A huge issues negative is a plan for the Federal government to control the FAA Tech Center in Egg Harbor Township. In our interviews we found unanimous rejection of this plan by the Fed to control our local economy and more than 32 listeners said they are willing to fight to get the government out of their lives. These issues regarding the FAA aired September 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Program segments featured five different presenters, including Executive Dennis Levinson and Atlantic County Business Administrator Jerold DelRosso

Total Public Service announcement count this quarter on both WWAC and WIBG is 3 hours and 14 minutes of free public service airtime for non profits in the listening area.