

WJLP Issues/Programs List  
2019 First Quarter

WJLP in Middletown, New Jersey has determined that the following issues are matters of importance to its community of license:

- 1) Taxes in New Jersey
- 2) Katie Brennan Hearing
- 3) Suicide in New Jersey
- 4) Business in New Jersey
- 5) Government shutdown
- 6) Minimum wage increase in New Jersey
- 7) Opioid Crisis (Social Autopsy)
- 8) Legalizing Marijuana
- 9) New Medical Treatment for Alzheimer's
- 10) Homeland security in New Jersey
- 11) Expanding the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault Claims in NJ

Jersey Matters -This 60-minute discussion program airs Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and re-airs Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and tackles issues of importance to the citizens of New Jersey.

WJLP News Breaks- Run Monday - Friday at 11:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., & 3:45 p.m. WJLP, in conjunction with The Asbury Park Press, covers the top stories of the day in three one-minute news breaks.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Program: *Jersey Matters 072*

Date: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:32

Topic: Taxes in New Jersey

Description: Larry sits with Rosemary Becchi, who is President of Jersey 1<sup>st</sup>. Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> is an advocacy group to help keep people in New Jersey, since so many people are leaving the state to escape that big burden of the taxes. Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> group also attempts to help lower taxes and cap spending.

Program: *Jersey Matters 073*

Date: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 6:03

Topic: Katie Brennan hearing

Description: Correspondent Dawn Stensland-Mendte reports from Trenton, to follow the Katie Brennan allegations – a woman who works for the Murphy administration says she was raped by another member of the administration, and she claims her superiors did nothing about it – bringing up sexual harassment and assault in the workplace in NJ.

Program: *Jersey Matters 074*

Date: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 8:44

Topic: Suicide in New Jersey

Description: Larry sits with Betty Jean, Senior Call Center, Service Coordinator at the Mental Health Association in New Jersey to discuss suicide in New Jersey and what is happening to people in New Jersey when it comes to mental health. The importance of being aware of the stressors of life, of seeing the signs of loved ones in your everyday routines, and signs to be noticed if someone is struggling with depression were discussed.

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Program: *Jersey Matters 075*

Date: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 7:19

Topic: Business in NJ

Description: Larry sits with CEO and President of NJBIA, Michele Siekerka to discuss the annual business survey that is out in New Jersey. Michele Siekerka discusses the impact of taxes in business, as well as controlling costs and the potential need for businesses to make changes, especially if a \$15.00 minimum wage is implemented.

Program: *Jersey Matters 076*

Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 5:51

Topic: Government shutdown

Description: Larry sits with Chair of The Republican Party Doug Steinhardt to discuss the government shutdown. Doug discusses the government shut down, and the longer it takes, the more people are just going to be frustrated with the government as it is. He believes that it can reach down to affect even the lower level elections. The discussion included intricate details about the government shut down affects people in ways they may not realize.

Program: *Jersey Matters 077*

Date: February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:05

Topic: \$15.00 Minimum wage increase

Description: Larry sits with New Jersey State Senator, Declan O'Scanlon to discuss the minimum wage in New Jersey and why he is so against the proposed increase. The bill would incrementally increase the minimum wage, now \$8.85 an hour, to \$15 by 2024, with a few key exceptions for seasonal workers, employees at businesses with five workers or fewer, and agricultural laborers. If the bill becomes law, which seems all but guaranteed, New Jersey would be the fourth state — after California, New York and Massachusetts — to commit to significantly raising wages.

Program: *Jersey Matters 078*

Date: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 7:48

Topic: Opioid Crisis – New research

Description: Larry sits with Kimberly Reilly, Chief of Administration Services at Ocean County Health Department, to discuss opioid overdoses and the new way Ocean County is dealing with the epidemic - through new research called social autopsies.

Program: *Jersey Matters 079*

Date: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:19

Topic: Legalizing Marijuana

Description: Larry sits with Mayor Steven Fulop of Jersey City to discuss the legalization of marijuana. Mayor Fulop goes into detail about what will happen if marijuana becomes legal, the development of dispensaries, and the potential expungement a person's criminal record if he was arrested for selling marijuana or possessing it. He discusses how local towns should be able to discuss where and how this happens, also the tax cost that goes with this. The taxes with health, police – etc. Also, discussed in this interview is the decision of Amazon leaving Jersey Cit.

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Program: *Jersey Matters 080*

Date: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:17

Topic: Business in New Jersey

Description: Larry sits down the Former Assemblyman & Gubernatorial Candidate Jack Ciattarelli at his home to talk about business taxes in New Jersey. He states that we are never going to experience the type of economic development that leads to significant job creation in NJ, until we change the business climate. Ciattarelli states that: "We are ranked dead last in the nation before Murphy took office, but he signed a bill to increase corporate business taxes, so he took the worst business climate in the nation and made it worse." He discusses with Larry his thoughts and plans to put Jersey back on top.

Program: *Jersey Matters 081*

Date: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 6:11

Topic: New Medical Treatment for Alzheimer's

Description: Larry sits with Dr. Irfan Qureshi, a Neurologist at Biohaven Pharmaceuticals to discuss a new medical breakthrough that is being tested right now. A novel Alzheimer's Disease treatment for with ties to New Jersey is now being tested to see if it can slow or halt the progression of the disease in a way other medications haven't been able to accomplish

Program: *Jersey Matters 082*

Date: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:04

Topic: Homeland Security in NJ

Description: Larry sits with the Director of Homeland Security in New Jersey, Jared Maples to discuss what are the biggest threats to New Jersey. Mr. Maples did a recent threat analysis to find out what the current threats are to New Jersey. He said that he ranks them based on group characteristics – not just general ideologies. Number 1 is homegrown extremists, for example lone wolf terrorist actors, like the man in Seaside placing bombs in trashcans. He discusses the group of threats, the explanations behind all of them and what they are doing to keep Jersey safe.

Program: *Jersey Matters 083*

Date: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 11:00 AM

Duration: 9:05 Topic: Legalizing Marijuana and the effects it'll have on the legal system.

Description: Larry sits down with Sheriff Shaun Golden to discuss the new marijuana legislation and his opinion of legalizing marijuana and the impact it would have on the state. Sheriff Golden is skeptical of the bill that is being pushed through Trenton right now and of the Governor's view that the change is all about 'social justice.' Golden says we have to break it down into the three sections: medicinal, social justice aspect, and recreational.

Program: *Jersey Matters 084*

Date: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Time: Saturdays 5:00 PM & Sundays 11:00 AM

Duration: 8:54

Topic: Sexual Assault

Description Larry sits with Executive Director, NJ Coalition against Sexual Assault, Patricia Teffenhart, to discuss a bill in Trenton right now that would expand the statute of limitations on sexual assault. Under New Jersey's current law, victims of either sexual assault or sexual contact have only two years to pursue civil litigation. If the change happens a victim can have up to 7 years to come forward.