

WJLP Issues/Programs List  
2017 – Third Quarter

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

- 1) Heroin Crisis
- 2) NJ Gubernatorial Race
- 3) Healthcare Reform
- 4) Hurricane Season
- 5) NJ Budget Crisis
- 6) Trump Administration
- 7) NJ Transit - Trains
- 8) Cyber Security
- 9) Real Estate
- 10) Atlantic City

These issues were addressed in the following programs aired on WJWP:

*Jersey Matters* - This 30 minute discussion program aired Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and re-aired Sundays at 11:00 a.m. through July 16, 2017, and tackled issues of importance to the citizens of New Jersey.

*Jersey Matters* - This discussion program aired for 30 minutes on July 1, 8, and 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. then was repeated on July 2, 9, and 16, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. The program then was expanded to 60 minutes and now 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 with Larry Mendte*

Date: August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 15 minutes

Topic: Heroin Crisis

Description: Host Larry Mendte talks to the Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato. Ocean County, New Jersey has been hit very hard by the heroin crisis. Prosecutor Coronato expresses his views on big pharmaceutical companies and the role they play in the heroin epidemic. Coronato also gives details about prevention including education, strong law enforcement, and breaking the cycle of addiction with compassionate recovery efforts. Coronato shows Larry what's inside a narcan kit and how police use it to save lives.

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Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 20 minutes

Topic: NJ Gubernatorial Race

Description: The New Jersey Gubernatorial primary has concluded. Host Larry Mendte sits with Republican Candidate for Governor Kim Guadagno. They explore a number of topics including being the Lt. Governor under Chris Christie and her opponent Democrat Candidate Phil Murphy. Kim promises not to raise taxes, and states that she would not run for reelection if she fails to lower property tax. Kim also talks about sports betting in New Jersey, unemployment, the transportation trust fund, the heroin crisis in NJ and more.

Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 10 minutes

Topics: Healthcare

Description: Correspondent Ellen Kolodziej sets up the debate on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Senate Republicans have put forward a bill to repeal the ACA which according to the Congressional Budget office would strip up to 23 million Americans, including 799,000 residents of New Jersey, of their health care. Then host Larry sits with Assistant Professor Ann Marie Hill from Rutgers University who is an expert on healthcare policy. Professor Hill explains how the uncertainty about what Congress will do is affecting the markets. She also talks about how the repeal would affect New Jersey specifically.

Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 9 minutes

Topic: Hurricanes

Description: Host Larry Mendte welcomes Michael Phillips, Chief meteorologist from Weatherboy to the set. Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma have caused massive devastation across Texas and Florida. Michael talks about how climate change plays a role in the frequency of these super strong storms. Michael also explains hurricane season and how difficult it can be predict and track these major storm events.

Program: *Another Thing with Larry Mendte*

Date: July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:30 P.M. & 11:30 A.M.

Duration: 5 minutes

Topic: NJ Government Shut Down

Description: Larry Mendte's commentary this week was about New Jersey Governor Chris Christie shutting down the state government after the legislature failed to pass a budget. Christie wouldn't sign the budget until Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ agreed to give the state more control over their budget surplus. After closing popular state run parks like Island Beach State Park, Governor Christie was photographed on the beach. A budget was eventually passed but not without Gov. Christie taking a lot of criticism over that photo.

Program: *Jersey Matters*

Date: July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 13 minutes

Topic: Trump Administration

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Description: Host Larry Mendte travels to West New York, New Jersey and sits with 8th Congressional District Representative Albio Sires. The congressman talks about immigration and border security. He disagrees with President Trump and his proposed budget. The Congressman doesn't believe it will pass the house as it. The congressman also talks about his feeling on Healthcare. He actually agrees with the President about repealing the Affordable Care Act. But where he differs is in his support for universal coverage. Finally Larry and Congressman Sires discuss investigation into possible collusion with Russia.

Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 13 mins

Topic: NJ Transit

Description: Host Larry Mendte goes to the Philadelphia Train station to talk to Amtrak's Executive V.P of Technology Planning & Public Affairs Stephen Gardner to talk about the "summer of hell" for commuters. Larry asks what he thinks of the governor saying it was called the "summer of hell" – and how it hasn't been one. Gardner talks about how people were still disrupted and that it still wasn't easy for commuters while these big replacements of the tracks happened. They also discuss the time line of the repairs and how everything is going as planned and should be complete by Labor Day Weekend.

Program: *Jersey Matters*

Date: July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 15 mins

Topic: Cyber Security

Description: Larry sits with David Weinstein Chief Technology Officer of NJ to discuss the new executive order that Chris Christie signed. The executive order really solidifies their strategy and the policy of the Executive Branch of state government which is in the interest of security, efficiency and reliability, this means they are consolidating all the IT infrastructure within Trenton into a single government structure. Weinstein discusses how the state government is a massive IT enterprise, they have over 70 agencies, they serve over 60,000 users. He discusses as well the 'cloud' and talking about security issues and how they keep their 'cloud' safe and the public 'cloud'.

Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 6 mins

Topic: Real Estate in NJ

Description: Larry sits with Deborah Weiss, short sales specialist with Keller Williams Reality. Deborah discusses how people end up in foreclosures today, some of the reasons can be they fall behind on their mortgage, they don't pay for several reasons, they lose their job, going through a divorce, situations cause issues for them paying for their house. Weiss talks about the housing crisis several years ago, how people were taking out second mortgages to make other purchases. She discusses property values, inflation, she gives tips on what to do if you are going through a foreclosure.

Program: *Jersey Matters with Larry Mendte*

Date: August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Duration: 15 mins

Topic: Atlantic City

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Description: Host Larry Mendte goes to Atlantic City to talk to AC Mayor Don Guardian about casino closures, the investigation of federal employees, construction and ‘the big comeback’. Larry asks about the ‘AC’ comeback, they discuss sports betting and what that would mean for Atlantic City. Mayor Guardian talks about his accomplishments and how he was able to reduce the tax levy, the resort tax levy, and the property tax in NJ. Is it the Governor who gets credit or the Mayor? Guardian defends his role in the process and how the Governor can’t get credit for that, but he can get credit for the Borgata tax appeal. The conversation explores how Guardian is saving Atlantic City and where he sees his political future.