

WJLP Issues/Programs List
2018 First Quarter

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

- 1) School Funding
- 2) Sports Betting
- 3) Immigration
- 4) Opioids - Heroin Crisis
- 5) Taxes & State Budget
- 6) Gun Control
- 7) Pension Reform
- 8) NJ Transit
- 9) Drowning & Beach Safety

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 041*

Date: May 19th & 20th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 13 minutes

Topic: School Funding Formula

Description: Many if not most of the schools districts in New Jersey are under-funded. This was a major issue in the Governor's election in 2017. Phil Murphy has promised to fully fund New Jersey schools. Jersey Matters and Larry Mendte host a round table discussion with four New Jersey superintendents. They talk about how being underfunded affects staff and students.

Program: *Jersey Matters 041*

Date: May 19th & May 20th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 12 minutes

Topic: Sports Betting

Description: Larry sits with CEO/Chair of Monmouth Park Racetrack Dennis Drazin to discuss the process of getting ready for sports betting, and when it will begin, Dennis also gives his view on sports betting and why he thinks it's a great addition to New Jersey. In part two of the interview, Larry and Dennis take a tour of the new race and sports bar where bets will take place once sports betting is passed in New Jersey.

Program: *Jersey Matters 043*

Date: June 2nd & June 3rd, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 10 minutes

Topic: Immigration

Description: Larry sits with John Tsoukaris, the Newark Field Office Director of Immigration & Customs Enforcement - to discuss the executive order President Trump signed last January removing some of the restriction placed on ICE by previous administrations. The director also wants to clear up the misconception of how they conduct their investigations.

Program: *Jersey Matters 042*

Date: May 26th & May 27th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 7 minutes

Topic: Opioids

Description: Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden and host Larry Mendte discuss the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and surrounding counties. The Sheriff discusses what he believes will help the crisis, what forms of treatment would be beneficial to be available and how to all come together to find a common solution for a major problem.

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Program: *Jersey Matters 044*

Date: June 16th & June 17th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 10 minutes

Topic: Taxes & State Budget

Description: Sports betting is now legal in New Jersey, and Larry sits down with Fmr. Gov. Richard Codey to talk about how this impacts the budget. Gov. Codey and Larry go into detail about impact of the tax increases that current Gov. Phil Murphy has suggested.

Program: *Jersey Matters 036*

Date: April 14th & April 15th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 8 minutes

Topic: Gun Control

Description: Larry sits with Congressman Donald Payne Jr. to discuss his father's legacy in Newark and his own. He talks about the Town Halls for Life in Washington D.C and gun control in New Jersey. Congressman Payne would like to see "sensible gun control" passed across the nation similar to what laws New Jersey has on the books.

Program: *Jersey Matters 034*

Date: April 1st, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 9 minutes

Topic: Pension Reform

Description: Larry sits with Eddie Donnelly, President of NJ Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association to discuss the pension plan. They want to take control of their pension and how it's administered. They firefighters' pension is currently stable, however they have grave concerns about its future. Eddie and Larry also discuss the impact this will have on taxpayers.

Program: *Jersey Matters 039 & Jersey Matters 43*

Date: May 4th & May 5th, 2018 / June 2nd & June 3rd, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 15 Minutes

Topic: NJ Transit Infrastructure

Description: Host Larry Mendte interviews Michael Darcy, The Executive Director of NJ League of Municipalities, a member of the Coalition for the Northeast Corridor. He talks about the importance of the Gateway Project. The Gateway Program would replace and update rail infrastructure assets that, in many cases, are over 100 years old. To continue talking about infrastructure. Larry sits with Curtis Tate, Transportation Journalist from the Bergen Record to discuss how safe are the bridges in New Jersey. Curtis has been trying to get information on the safety inspections of local bridges and has been denied by both the Christie and Murphy administration.

Program: *Jersey Matters 042*

Date: May 26th & 27th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 9 minutes

Topic: Drowning & Beach Safety

Description: Last summer in New Jersey at least 34 people died in water-related deaths. Host Larry Mendte sits with Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden to discuss water safety. Monmouth County has 27 miles of Atlantic Coast line. Sheriff Golden discusses how to prevent drownings and tips for beach goers. The Sheriff also talks about staying safe in pools as well. Most if not all drownings are preventable if people stay vigilant.