

WJLP Issues/Programs List  
2016 Fourth Quarter

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

- 1) Gas Tax Increase
- 2) Transportation Trust Fund
- 3) Presidential Election
- 4) Local Terrorism
- 5) Cybersecurity
- 6) Emergency Services
- 7) Police Transparency
- 8) Healthcare – Medical Bills
- 9) North Jersey Casinos
- 10) Real Estate in New Jersey

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

*Jersey Matters* - this 30 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.

*Another Thing with Larry Mendte* - this 30 minute program airs Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and re-airs Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and addresses issues of importance throughout the service area through conversations between host Larry Mendte and guests.

*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 169*

Date: July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 9 minutes

Topic: Gas Tax

Description: New Jersey implemented a \$.23 per gallon gas tax increase. The Executive Director of the New Jersey Gasoline Association Sal Risalvato sits with Host Larry Mendte to talk about the implications that this will have on small gasoline retailers as well as consumers. Although the increase comes with some sticker shock, Sal says that things could have been much worse. They could have been no tax relief or the tax could be much higher.

Program: *Jersey Matters 170*

Date: October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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

Duration: 7 minutes

Topics: Transportation Trust Fund

Description: State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Muoio address the problems facing the Transportation Trust Fund. Gov. Christie placed a hold on over 200 executive transportation projects until a resolution could be found on funding the trust fund through an increase in the gasoline tax. Assemblywoman Muoio is very concerned about cost going over budget now because of stopping and then re-starting a project and many projects will not be done in time.

Program: *Another Thing 173*

Date: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Duration: 11 minutes

Topics: Voting in the Presidential Election

Description: Weeks before the Presidential Election Larry welcomes Political Science Professor Fran Moran on the show to talk about how in 2016 we have the two most unpopular candidates in history. Professor Moran explains how each party's primary works, and what changes can be made to both sides in order to prevent something like this from happening again.

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Program: *Another Thing 171*

Date: Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM & 11:30AM

Duration: 10 minutes

Topic: Local Terrorism

Description: After a string of local terror attacks in New York City; Elizabeth, New Jersey; and Seaside, New Jersey Larry talks to the former Director of Homeland Security for New Jersey Ed Dickson. Ed currently is the President for MSA Investigations goes into detail about the dangers of “lone wolf” attacks. Ed talks about how ISIS and Al Qaeda are influencing American citizens and how we have to be more mindful of social media.

Program: *Another Thing 176*

Date: November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM & 11:30 AM

Duration: 8 minutes

Topic: Cybersecurity

Description: Host Larry Mendte visits the home of Bill Cheswick whom has earned the nickname The “Godfather of the Firewall”. Bill has worked in cyber security for decades and is the co-author of *Firewalls & Internet Security*. Bill talks about denial of service attacks, which are when people take down or overwhelm popular sites like Netflix, Amazon, and Google. Bill also talks about how the lack of regulation can lead to more attacks. Poorly made devices that require internet access are being hacked and give intruders access to your data or computers. Finally Bill address data breaches in which hackers steal user data from yahoo and target.

Program: *Jersey Matters 167*

Date: October 1<sup>st</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Duration: 8 minutes

Topics: Emergency Services

Description: New Jersey is one of the first three states to implement technology in which residents in all 21 counties can text 911 emergency responders. New Jersey Chief Technology Officer Dave Weinstein explains how the program works. The purpose of these system is for when citizens are in a situation in which they can’t call such as an intruder or a domestic situation. Responders can respond to text, and have a dialogue. Nevertheless, calling is still the preferred method of emergency communication.

Program: *Another Thing 172*

Date: Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM & 11:30 AM

Duration: 10 minutes

Topic: Police Transparency – Body Cameras

Description: Correspondent Ellen Kolodziej sits down with the Sharon Hills Police Department Chief Rick Herron. They are the first department in Delaware County, PA to use body camera’s full time. And the chief praises how the cameras have helped with prosecution and citizen complaints. Larry continues the conversation with the Acting Police Chief of the Asbury Park Police in Monmouth County New Jersey. Chief Anthony Salerno is a firm believer of transparency and he thinks cameras are a tool that helps significantly with prosecution and citizen complaints.

Program: *Another Thing 179*

Date: December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Duration: 5 minutes

Topic: Healthcare – Out of Network Medical Bills

Description: New Jersey State Assemblyman Joe Vitale joins host Larry Mendte to discuss legislation that would help prevent consumers from being billed for emergency services that fall outside of their health coverage. Senator Vitale gives the example of a patient going to their in-network hospital, but then a procedure or a test is administered by a specialist who is out of network. The patient then gets a large bill for whatever their insurance doesn’t cover. Senator Vitale’s bill would require the insurance provider and the healthcare provider to attend mediation to reach a settlement. Senator Vitale has bipartisan support and believes it is very close to becoming a reality in New Jersey.

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Program: *Jersey Matters 172*

Date: November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 8 minutes

Topic: North Jersey Casinos

Description: Jeff Gural sits down with host Larry Mendte just before New Jersey residents vote to allow casinos to be built in Northern New Jersey. Jeff is the owner & president of New Meadowlands Racing. Jeff argues that this bill was designed to save Atlantic City, horse racing, and senior citizens. The Northern Jersey Casinos offered 400-500 million dollars in taxes to the state, which is double what the state gets from all of Atlantic City. Jeff believes the measure will get voted down, however he will continue trying to get casinos built in Northern New Jersey. Jeff believes a casino in Northern New Jersey is inevitable.

Program: *Jersey Matters 175*

Date: November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 5:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Duration: 8 minutes

Topics: Real Estate Market

Description: Peter Reinhart from the Kislak Institute at Monmouth University sits down with host Larry Mendte to discuss the real estate market in New Jersey. New Jersey is bouncing back from the great recession but has not made a full recovery as of yet. Hurricane Sandy had an adverse effect also. Therefore, New Jersey is still lagging behind the nation. Home prices are up but below national average. Peter also discusses how millennials are the ones now buying houses, and they have very different needs and wants from the previous generation, and new house construction is taking place in more urban settings over traditional rural settings.