

WJLP Issues/Programs List
2016 Second Quarter

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

- 1) State Pension Fund
- 2) Property Taxes
- 3) Budget Crisis
- 4) Lead Water Crisis
- 5) Atlantic City Bankruptcy
- 6) Primaries
- 7) Train Safety
- 8) Gun Violence
- 9) Homeland Security
- 10) Zika Virus

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 9:00 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 9:30 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 158*

Date: June 18th & 19th 2016

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 A.M.

Duration: 5 minutes

Topic: State Pension Fund

Description: Host Larry Mendte sits with Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon to discuss his plan for funding state pensions. New Jersey has not been making its payments to the state pension plan for years. The Democrats want to write an amendment that forces the state to make payments. Assemblyman O'Scanlon says that will bankrupt the state. His plan would force the state to make payments; however, he has provisions and reforms in his bill that would protect the state of New Jersey and the tax payers from a recession or from a year of little to no growth.

Program: *Jersey Matters 156*

Date: June 4th & 5th 2016

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 A.M.

Duration: 8 minutes

Topic: Property Taxes/State Pension Fund

Description: Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli is on set with host Larry Mendte to explain his plan to address sky high property tax in New Jersey. His proposal would address school funding. He would require every district to contribute a fair share to their school budget. This would free up state funds, which would be used to fix the pension fund. Then once the pension fund is caught up the savings will result in property tax relief. 70 - 80% of property tax goes to school budgets. 30 school districts out of the 500 plus get the bulk of the state aid. And if we can fix the school funding formula, the property tax will decrease.

Program: *Jersey Matters 148*

Date: April 2nd & 3rd 2016

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 A.M.

Duration: 7 minutes

Topic: Budget Crisis

Description: Host Larry Mendte speaks sits with the Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Chair of the Budget Committee. Gary outlines why he feels like the state has been facing a budget crisis for a very long time. All sectors of government are being affected. The transportation trust fund is severely underfunded. Education and not-for-profits are also being adversely affected. Gary explains that

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Gov. Christie has been borrowing money rather than increasing taxes and now the state is at a critical point. New Jersey's credit rating has been affected.

Program: *Another Thing 154*

Date: April 16th & 17th 2016

Time: 5:30 P.M. & 9:30 A.M.

Duration: 15 minutes

Topics: Lead in the Water

Description: Host Larry Mendte travels to a local water testing facility to find out more information about lead in drinking water. The crisis in Flint, Michigan can happen anywhere in the United States due to aging infrastructure and cost cutting measures. Larry talks to Robert Barret of Aqua Pro-Tech Labs about some of his findings. Robert gives a warning about drinking water in local schools and what can be done moving forward. Robert also gives Larry a tour of the facility and explains how they go about testing the drinking water.

Program: *Jersey Matters 150*

Date: April 16th & 17th 2016

Time: 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 A.M.

Duration: 9 minutes

Topic: Atlantic City Bankruptcy

Description: Jersey Matters travels to Cape May, New Jersey to speak with Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian about the future of Atlantic City. The state voted not to take over Atlantic City. Atlantic City was scheduled to shut down; however, at the last minute the 9 unions in Atlantic City agreed to a deal that would give Atlantic City 90 days of breathing room by switching from a 14 day pay period to a 28 day pay period. Larry and Mayor Guardian then go into details about Governor's plan to take over Atlantic City and possible filing for bankruptcy.

Program: *Another Thing 153*

Date: April 9th & April 10th 2016

Time: 5:30 PM & 9:30 AM

Duration: 5 minutes

Topics: Impact of Local Primaries

Description: Host Larry Mendte makes the argument that the late Presidential Primaries in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York have an impact in this election cycle. Another Thing Correspondent Ellen Kolodziej weighs in on the topic with public relations specialist Jeff Jubelirer who says the parties punish the states if they want to move up their primary. This means the candidates will have to campaign more than usual in these states and spend more money on ads and ground teams.

Program: *Another Thing 156*

Date: April 30th & May 1st 2016

Time: 5:30 P.M. & 9:30 A.M.

Duration: 10 minutes

Topics: Railway Safety

Description: After two major train accidents in the area, railway safety was on everybody's mind. Host Larry Mendte talk to train safety specialist Michael Allen about how safe our railways are. Correspondent Ellen Ellen Kolodziej interviews train expert Allan Zarembski from the University of Delaware about what went wrong, and he believes trains are overwhelmingly safe.

Program: *Jersey Matters 149*

Date: April 9th & 10th 2016

Time: 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Duration: 4 minutes

Topic: Gun Violence

Description: Assemblyman John McKeon wants to take his gun buyback program across the entire state to help get illegal guns off the street. 10 gun buyback programs over a 3 year period removed 16,000 guns off the street, 2,000 of which were illegally owned. Assemblyman McKeon wants to increase the number to 9 buybacks every year. The statistics shows that with less guns in the state the gun violence decreases.

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Program: *Jersey Matters 153*

Date: May 7th & 8th 2016

Time: 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Duration: 10 minutes

Topic: Homeland Security

Description: Jersey Matters travels to Bordentown to interview Chris Rodriguez, Director of New Jersey Homeland Security. Host Larry Mendte and he discuss Syrian Refugees coming to New Jersey and local terrorist cells. The director cannot comment on specific cases but he says arrests have been made and that there were 5 cells found in New Jersey last year. This is 2nd in the nation, ranking after only New York. The director says, however, that a bigger threat comes from the unknown individuals like with what happened in San Bernardino, California. He urges the public to stay vigilant and if you see something, say something.

Program: *Another Thing 161*

Date: June 11th & 12th 2016

Time: 5:30 P.M. & 9:30 A.M.

Duration: 10 minutes

Topics: Zika Virus

Description: Host Larry Mendte talks to Dr. Randy Gaugler of Rutgers University about the history of Zika, its symptoms and prevention. He recommends steering clear of mosquitoes if and when possible. He also recommends bug spray with DEET and wearing long sleeves and long pants. He also recommends keeping windows and screens closed. Most important he says stay clear of standing water which is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.