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Gloversville and Johnstown Common Council Meetings Covered

WFNY video tapes the Gloversville and Johnstown Common Council Meetings each month. We air those meetings without interruption each Wednesday beginning at 6PM. Most folks do not have the time to get to these meetings so we bring them to our viewers. So many issues are discussed. These are not just a reporters' view, but the actual meeting with the best seat and best sound. Viewers see the public portion and the regular meeting. These meetings deal with local and regional issues. Our city is in financial trouble like most and has issues of crime, blight, drugs and alcohol, high rate of social services, crumbling infrastructure, lack of willing workers, and lack of business. We also deal with a high rate of depression and social issues. These meetings give folks the chance to see them all month long at times that would be good for them, to see what their local officials are doing to help our cities. People can see these officials and now make their own conclusions rather than a reporter telling them what he or she thought was important.

Gloversville and Johnstown School Board Meetings Covered

WFNY video tapes the Gloversville and Johnstown School Board meetings each month. We air them each Tuesday beginning at 6PM. Again, so many local and regional issues are discussed. From financial, to state mandates, to consolidation, education, drug, alcohol, and smoking issues, teenage pregnancies, transportation, to getting qualified teachers or this point how to keep them. Our district in Gloversville now has board unrest and both districts are working with our local BOCES to begin the next step of consolidation. Both the councils and school boards have access to the public. They can talk about issues, look for public support, and get the word out to our area residents. Gloversville can see what Johnstown is doing and Johnstown can see what Gloversville is doing. We receive so many comments about the chance to see what is going on locally from many happy viewers.

Nathan Littauer Hospital Show

Our local hospital, nursing home, and health care facility has it's own program. We have teamed up with the hospital to cover many of the issues that face our communities. We would be in real trouble without this facility, it's equipment, and most of all it's people. From blood tests to surgeries, it happens here. This facility continues to change and it too has it's struggles. we are so proud to be able to work with them to develop a program that has taken our viewers to a summer camp program for kids with health issues to talking with the hospital Administrator, Larry Kelly. We discuss financial issues, health issues from ticks to mammography, the newest equipment and procedures, the latest in training and techniques, a simple tour of certain hospital areas, to meeting the actual staff that makes this facility so great. We are able to let our viewers get a look at the behind the scenes workers and see the things they may never see. We have this wonderful asset here for everyone to use and we are proud to show it off and to be of service.

Gloversville Police Department Self Defense Class Covered

WFNY video taped two hour long class on self defense. Designed for woman and children, but great for everyone. Everyone that even catches a few minutes of this program has remarked at how knowledgeable our officers are and how great and informational this program is. We definately have a crime issue here. This program gave the Gloversville Police Department the chance to reach out to the viewers. This program deals with how to spot a potential problem, deal with it, or how to avoid this kind of ordeal all together. Our cities' police are working very hard and together to make this a safer and better place. They too have the same issues from financial, to mandates and proceedures, emotional stress of the job and much more. I am sure glad they are there. This program went as far as explining to folks just how far legally you can go to protect yourself. You can go from protecting yourself to being the aggressor. This gives you the safe and best way to stay alive and be safe.

Tour Of The Erie Canal

WFNY produced this program right in our backyard. The Erie Canal is just down the road from us by about 9 miles. We had contacted the Canal and New York State Thruway officials about doing this program. We had top level officials from the Administrator, the Chief Engineer, the head of Public Relations, and the Local Lock Chief meet us at one of the locks. We discussed the history, the current problems and issues, then discussed the vast potential of this local asset. People from all over the world can travel this waterway. This is a source of transortation as well as a way to generate interest and economy in the State Of New York as well as the local impact to the economy. Talk about history! We floated on a state boat from one lock to another filming the entire way. It was a beautiful day and we met some of the local employees doing their jobs and were able to show the behind the scenes of a working lock. We discussed how not only is the waterway important to travelers and shipping, but local residents can use this area for picnicing, fishing, boating, and more.