



**98.7 WEPN-FM**  
**New York, New York**

***Public Service Report***  
***Fourth Quarter 2018***

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98.7 WEPN-FM, which is owned by and licensed to Emmis Broadcasting, is a "sports-talk" radio station broadcasting in the New York metro area that carries ESPN Radio Network programming as well as local programming furnished by New York AM Radio, LLC pursuant to a time brokerage agreement. ESPN Network News broadcasts at the top of each hour. As a public service to the local community, traffic and weather updates are provided (3) three times an hour during morning drive (6A–10A) and afternoon drive (4P–7P). Additionally, if there is a breaking, non-sports news story of national or local significance, the station will break into its regularly scheduled programming and simulcast ABC News coverage.

The station devotes most of its broadcast day to discussion of current sports events and sports issues, including coverage of all tri-state area teams (professional, collegiate and high school). Listeners from the tri-state area are invited to call-in and offer their perspective on the various issues being discussed. ESPN broadcasts professional, collegiate and high school home games for several local New York teams.

## PART 1: PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMMING & PSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New York Sports and Beyond:** Aired on Sunday mornings from 6am–7am, Hosted by ESPN's Larry Hardesty.

*New York Sports and Beyond* is a weekly public affairs program that airs on ESPN New York 98.7FM and ESPNNewYork.com. The show's podcast can be downloaded on ESPNNewYork.com and the ESPN Radio phone app. The show focuses on current topics dealing with public safety, community events, and issues affecting people both in and around the sports community. A community calendar is also presented making listeners aware of what special events and fundraisers are going on in the New York/New Jersey listening area.

### **Public Service Announcements:**

During **Fourth Quarter 2018**, the station aired **582** 30-second public service announcements, free of charge, in varying dayparts, from advertisers, advertising agencies, community groups and various "grass roots" community efforts.

The station determined that the following issues were of particular importance to its listeners and its communities: What follows is a list of some of the most significant treatments of those issues during fourth quarter 2018:

- ***Health & Wellness***
- ***Foundations, Charities & Non-profit Organizations***
- ***Sports***
- ***Public Housing & Issues***
- ***Community Matters***
- ***Public Health & Safety***

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**10-14-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by **Joshua Dines, MD**, a leading orthopedic surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery with expertise in understanding and treating sports injuries. Dr. Dines serves as an assistant team physician for the New York Mets, Orthopedic Sports Medicine Consultant for the New York Rangers and consultant for the LA Dodgers. He was previously the Doctor for the U.S. Davis Cup Tennis Team and now serves as a consultant for USA Tennis. Dr. Dines discusses the decision he made to follow in his father's footsteps as an orthopedic surgeon and how seeing the patients' gratitude toward his father and his own love for sports was a driving force. He also discusses the advances in medicine and technology, and his own "weekend warrior" injuries that he is currently recovering from.

**10-14-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 2, 6:30a:** Dr. Dines takes us through the various kinds of ACL injuries we always hear about – it is a common injury in twisting or pivoting sports. Unlike UCL (elbow) injuries in which Tommy John surgery is not always necessary, since the ACL stabilizes a knee in connecting the femur and tibia, it always has to be repaired when torn. Even with a great surgery, a solid rehab is always necessary for recovery.

**10-14-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 3, 6:45a:** Larry and Dr. Dines discuss precautions the weekend warrior can take to avoid injuries and get back to work on Monday, and take a closer look at some prominent injuries in the professional athlete world over the last year or so.

**11-4-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 1, 6:15a:** Repeat of Segment 2 on 10/14/18.

**11-4-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 2, 6:30a:** Repeat of Segment 3 on 10/14/18.

**11-4-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 3, 6:45a:** Repeat of Segment 4 on 10/14/18.

**11-25-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 1, 6:15a:** Repeat of Segment 2 on 11/4/18.

**11-25-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 2, 6:30a:** Repeat of Segment 3 on 11/4/18.

**11-25-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 3, 6:45a:** Repeat of Segment 4 on 11/4/18.

## **FOUNDATIONS, CHARITIES & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

**10-21-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by **Kathleen O'Reilly**, Director of Development & **Gregory Drapkin**, Care and Support Program Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. The NYC Chapter provides programs and services in Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island and Queens – free programs, support groups and online services for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

**10-21-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Alzheimer's is not just a disease that attacks those of older age. It is actually possible to suffer from it at ages prior to 65. Kathleen discusses instances of Younger-Onset Alzheimer's. The 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's is also discussed. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter sponsors four Walk to End Alzheimer's events. The fourth and final walk is Saturday, October 27 at the South Street Seaport. Walks were held in Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens earlier this season. The Manhattan walk will take place at the South Street Seaport, Pier 17 - Fulton and South Street.

**10-21-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 3, 6:45a:** Kathleen and Gregory discuss programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter. The Alzheimer's Association- NYC Chapter offers a variety of educational programs and support groups to help increase knowledge and to offer a safe space for those affected by Alzheimer's disease. These include but are not limited to Legal/Financial Planning, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, Effective Communicative Strategies, Living with Alzheimer's for People with Alzheimer's/Caregivers, and much more.

**11-11-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by former Pro Bowl NFL DE, **Adewale Ogunleye**. For the fourth year in a row, Adewale is bringing his "Goal Power Foundation" to the elementary school he attended as a child for a Thanksgiving Event. As part of this Foundation, he will be providing all third and fourth grade students at P.S. 57 a Thanksgiving turkey. In addition to the turkeys, two students, one from each grade, will be honored during the assembly with a gift card for their families as part of his Thanksgiving Essay Contest. Goal Power Foundation has provided over 1,100 Thanksgiving Turkeys over the past four years. Additional sponsors for this year's event include The Carter Foundation and Beautiful Smiles.

**12-2-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by **Sherrie Mazur**, VP of Communications at The V Foundation, as we discuss V Week 2018. We hear our colleague and friend Stuart Scott's speech at the 2016 ESPYs prior to his passing. Sherrie then discusses the 12th annual V Week for Cancer Research, which kicked off this past Giving Tuesday, is November 27-December 8 across ESPN platforms. V Week encourages supporters to donate through the theme 'Cancer Is,' while sharing stories of patients, researchers, caregivers, doctors and more. Supporters are encouraged to donate to the V Foundation at [v.org/donate](http://v.org/donate). – 100% of all donations go to cancer research and programs.

**12-2-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 2, 6:30a:** Sherrie discusses where we are headed with cancer research as we try to finally eradicate the disease. We also hear the late Jim Valvano's speech that started this whole thing 25 years ago.

**12-2-18 NY Sports and Beyond – Segment 3, 6:45a:** Sherrie reacts to the speeches of Jim Valvano and Stuart Scott. She recalls being at the ESPYs and how his memory is still very much being felt. Larry stresses how important early detection is by citing his own story of a scare just a few short years ago.

PSA Source: City Harvest  
Dates Aired: 10/1 – 12/29  
Number Aired: 126  
Script: As New Yorkers, we know how to take care of our own. It's rescuing milk from a grocer in Brooklyn Heights. For our baby in Jackson Heights. It's rescuing vegetables at Union Square. For our fruits near Tompkins Square. It's rescuing bread at the convention center. For my dinner at the seniors center. Let's feed our people. Help City Harvest rescue access food for hungry New Yorkers. Donate now at [cityharvest.org](http://cityharvest.org).

PSA Source: Stand Up to Cancer  
Dates Aired: 10/1 – 11/17  
Number Aired: 70  
Script: Four quarters, ten dimes, 25 nickels, 100 pennies. A dollar doesn't get you much anymore. Thankfully, Stand Up To Cancer can make a dollar count. Join us by giving a dollar or more when you check out online or in store at any CVS pharmacy location. All funds raised October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup> will support Stand Up To Cancer and its life-saving research. Together, let's make every cancer patient a long-term survivor.

PSA Source: Blue Man Group  
Dates Aired: 10/23 – 11/3  
Number Aired: 18  
Script: Join Blue Man Group for their fourth annual autism-friendly performance on Saturday, November 3 at 2pm in partnership with Autism Speaks. Leave your expectations at the door and let three bald and blue men take you on a spectacular journey filled with music, laughter and surprises. Slight modifications will be made to this performance including limited audience interaction and reduction of light and sound levels. Tickets are available at a discounted rate with a \$5 donation from every ticket going to Autism Speaks.

PSA Source: Salvation Army  
Dates Aired: 11/9 – 11/16  
Number Aired: 15  
Script: On Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Salvation Army, the MTA Police Department and Metro North are collaborating on a winter coat drive at the main concourse at Grand Central Terminal. The public is being encouraged to donate new or gently used coats for adults and children in need between the hours of 7am to 12 noon. Help the Salvation Army, the MTA Police Department and Metro North this winter in distributing coats to those less fortunate. That's November 16<sup>th</sup> at the main concourse at Grand Central Terminal from 7am to 12 noon.

PSA Source: NYS Lottery  
Dates Aired: 11/17 – 12/31  
Number Aired: 97

Script: This holiday season, when your kids play with their new gifts, will it sound like this (truck sound)? There are certain gifts that should be left for the grownups. Scratch off lottery gifts are intended for those 18 and older. So, be sure their gifts sound like this (scratching sound). Please gift responsibly. This message is brought to you by the New York State Gaming Commission and New York's Responsible Play Partnership.

PSA Source: Children's Miracle Network Hospital

Dates Aired: 12/6 – 12/31

Number Aired: 62

Script: Children's Miracle Network Hospitals are amazing places. It takes tremendous resources to care for sick and injured kids and keep them smiling and laughing even during their toughest treatments. That's why donations are so very important. Please join in supporting your children's hospital so every kid has a chance to get better. Put your money where the miracles are. Give to your Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

## SPORTS

**11-11-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Adewale discusses how a young man whose parents emigrated from Nigeria to Staten Island ends up becoming a Pro Bowler in the National Football League. He talks about growing up on Park Hill Avenue, attending Tottenville High School with plans to transfer after only one year, but then falling in love with the game of football and deciding to finish out 4 years there. Adewale took a "try hard, even if you fail" attitude with him to Indiana University, the Miami Dolphins, and then the Bears.

**11-11-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Adewale and Larry discuss the current state of affairs in the NFL. He also gives his take on the way the rules of the game have been changed from his playing days not even 10 years ago.

**12-16-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by Jets OL **Kelvin Beachum**, a finalist for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award this season. Since being drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers with one of the final picks of the 2012 draft, and avoiding becoming Mr. Irrelevant by only five slots, Kelvin has forged a career on the gridiron that has been anything but irrelevant. Kelvin is now the starting left tackle for the Jets, tasked with protecting the blind side of rookie franchise QB Sam Darnold. However, Kelvin's greatest achievement may be his work off the field. Having grown up in a poor family in a rural Texas town, and often not knowing where his next meal would come from, Kelvin has embraced his NFL platform to support children in need around the world through his work with the global humanitarian organization World Vision. Kelvin is a leading voice for global clean water access, and on December 3rd, when the Jets played the Titans, he donned custom cleats in support of World Vision's clean water mission.

**12-16-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Kelvin discusses the ups and downs of the Jets this season, and what the future could hold with rookie QB Sam Darnold.

## PUBLIC HOUSING & ISSUES

**10-7-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Newark Mayor **Ras J. Baraka** joins after penning an op-ed on his disappointment with the failure of government agencies to collaborate to achieve clean, decent, affordable housing resulted in 50 years of misery for the residents of Newark's Garden Spire apartments. Over the last 50 years, grim conditions at Garden Spire have roiled tenants and politicians, who have long-clamored for cleaner and safer conditions

in a housing complex that was often a hotbed for violence and drugs. Those efforts failed, and failed again. Mayor Baraka, Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver, and former American League All-Star and Most Valuable Player, Mo Vaughn gathered on September 5<sup>th</sup> to announce a new beginning for Garden Spires and Spruce Spires with more than \$172 million in funding to rehabilitate the two dilapidated and nearly uninhabitable multifamily rental housing complexes that have been plagued by years of neglect and building code violations. The planned rehabilitation by the new owner, Omni America, LLC, will be funded and financed by the State and will remediate all past safety violations and improve the quality of life for more than 650 households who live in the public housing complexes.

**10-7-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Mayor Baraka details the long, arduous process to this road. It took over 5 years to find a developer, cut through red tape, file injunctions get approval for Mo Vaughn and Omni to not just purchase the property, but to renovate it and improve the living situations of residents.

**10-7-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Larry asks Mayor Baraka to “toot his horn” about the positive changes that have taken place in Newark over the last few years under his administration. These include \$4 Billion in developments in the city, a reduction of crime (although the mayor would prefer it to continue trending downward), and increased employment. The state is no longer in control of their schools and the hope is that things continue to improve.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

**11-18-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by former Pro Bowl NFL DE **James Winans**, chief development officer at The Bowery Mission ahead of their 139<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day Celebration. Since the 1870s, The Bowery Mission has served New Yorkers experiencing homelessness & hunger. The Bowery Mission provides a second chance for men & women who need one because of homelessness, addiction & abuse. They also provide a positive first chance for children from struggling families & tough neighborhoods. James says the goal is to provide food, dignity and love to those who are not living at home for Thanksgiving.

**11-18-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** The Bowery Mission “would love to be out of business” because that would mean there are no longer homeless people needing care. Homelessness doesn't just happen in one way; health crisis, drug addiction, abuse, losing a job, etc. can all lead to homelessness and The Bowery Mission exists not just to help provide resources, but also counseling, training, and restoration to those affected.

**11-18-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Nearly one in every 130 New Yorkers will sleep in shelters, on the streets or in subways tonight. James says the lack of affordable housing in New York is one of the biggest issues in getting people back on the feet. With such a complex issue, it's easy for cynicism to sink in; “How would I be able to help?”, people ask. James encourages volunteering or making a financial gift at Bowery.org.

**12-16-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Kelvin and Larry discuss when Kelvin realized the importance of giving back to his community, a trait that was ingrained into him early by his parents. They also discuss his youth football camp and his World Vision. His hope for the world is that everyone will have access to clean water.

PSA Source: New York State Broadcasters Association  
Products (3): Governor's Traffic Safety Committee 2018  
Dates Aired: 11/1 – 12/30  
Number Aired: 194

- 9 Products

- Teen Driving - Summary: Be smart. Drive smart. Turn off your phone. Obey the speed limit. Buckle up and never drive over the speed limit.
- Army National Guard - Summary: Student loan repayment. Get the education you need to land the career you want.

- NYS Sheriff's Institute - Summary: A message can save your life. Protect yourself and your family. Sign up for free crime victim alerts at [sheriff-assist.org](http://sheriff-assist.org)
- Army National Guard – Summary: Be a part of the Army National Guard.
- Army National Guard – Summary: Serve your country and your community.
- Army National Guard – Summary: Selfless service is the guiding principal that drives Army National Guard's soldiers to always be ready whenever disaster strikes.
- Army National Guard – Summary: Always ready to respond to local or national emergencies. We protect the homeland. We stand guard for our communities.
- Army National Guard – Summary: Committed to keeping the country safe and our communities secure. We're always ready. We're always there.
- Army National Guard – Summary: The guard offers career training to take advantage of your skills in science, technology, engineering and math. Get a head start on your career while earning money to pay for college.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

**10-28-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by **Robert Sinclair**, manager of AAA Northeast. Robert and Larry go over some summer numbers in the automotive world. It was busy, as usual with the period between Memorial Day & Labor Day referred to as "the 100 deadliest days of the year" where crashes go up 14%. AAA has crunched the numbers and found that the number of teen-involved crashes goes up when teen drivers have teen passengers – they are 51% more likely to be involved in a fatal crash in those instances.

**10-28-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Larry and Robert discuss establishing parameters for teens to follow behind the wheel. Teen drivers put everyone on the roadway at risk of a deadly crash, especially if they are bringing teen passengers along for the ride. New research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that when a teen driver has only teen passengers in their vehicle, the fatality rate for all people involved in a crash increased 51 percent. In contrast, when older passengers (35 or older) ride with a teen driver, overall fatality rates in crashes decreased eight percent. Considering the increased risk created by a combination of teen drivers and teen passengers, AAA emphasizes the need for teen drivers to gain adequate supervised training, especially in different driving scenarios, before taking what could be a fatal drive.

**10-28-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Can safety features actually work against drivers? Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) can potentially prevent more than 2.7 million crashes, 1.1 million injuries and nearly 9,500 deaths each year. The Bad News: Many drivers are unaware of the safety limitations of ADAS technologies, which could lead to misuse and overreliance on the systems, which could result in a deadly crash. One Solution: Drivers should understand their vehicle's technology features, functions and limitations before driving off the lot. Automakers and dealers should accurately market and carefully educate consumers about the technologies they are purchasing.

**12-9-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry is joined by **Dr. Brittain Mahaffey**, an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Health at Stony Brook Medicine on the mental health impact of the holidays. People tend to experience a significant uptick in their overall stress burden during the holidays, regardless of whether or not their family fits the Norman Rockwell standard. Adding family conflicts or isolation to this mix can increase the likelihood that a person will experience stress-related health problems. While we often see a decrease in rates of suicide leading up to the holidays, we see an increase in stress-related problems such as myocardial infarction or heart attack, alcohol poisoning, alcohol-related injuries and self-harm behaviors, such as cutting or hitting oneself.

**12-9-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Dr. Mahaffey and Larry discuss things we can do to avoid depression. Avoiding overconsuming alcohol is a huge step. While it may be tempting to drink to take the edge off at a family party, this tends to backfire—decreasing your inhibitions and increasing the likelihood that you will say something damaging to the person who is pushing your buttons. Check in on yourself and your expectations. Ask yourself if you are

in the right place mentally to try to repair a damaged relationship. Likewise, be aware that, even if you are ready to work on your relationship, your family member might not be. Remind yourself that trying to force a relationship repair before all parties are willing and able, can be more damaging over time than missing one holiday together.

**12-9-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Larry and Dr. Mahaffey discuss how as a parent to tell if a child or teenager is battling depression and how to address it.

**12-23-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Larry discusses the trending topic in the nation right now, Patriots WR Josh Gordon leaving the team to deal with his personal demons, implied to be a relapse with alcohol and substance abuse. It is something many people battle and Larry hopes Gordon can find a way to climb out of it. The most important thing for Josh Gordon now is not the game of football; it's about turning his life around.

**12-23-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Larry invites callers to share stories of their battles with addiction, and ways Josh Gordon can take control of his demons. There is many "Josh Gordons" out there with 9-to-5 jobs and they can beat this. Larry points out that it is okay to seek help when you have a problem.

**12-23-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Larry says we view athletes as superheroes because of what they can do, but they are people just like you and I, and they struggle with the same things we struggle with. Addiction is a daily battle that does not stop – any little thing can trigger it.

**12-30-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 1, 6:15a:** Repeat of Segment 2 on 12/9/18.

**12-23-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 2, 6:30a:** Repeat of Segment 3 on 12/9/18.

**12-23-18 NY Sports and Beyond - Segment 3, 6:45a:** Repeat of Segment 4 on 12/9/18.

<b>PART 2: PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES / COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b>
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### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The staff of ESPN New York has forged relationships with the local community in recognition of its obligation to the citizens of the tri-State Area. We participate in fundraisers for local organizations / charities / schools and build awareness by drawing area residents to these events. Support is provided by giving station "gift packs" when requested by community groups. They consist of ESPN's promotional items (T-shirts, hats, etc.) and are provided to organizations free of charge to use as auction items, prizes and/or "thank you gifts" to persons who help staff the charity event. Various members of ESPN Radio, including on-air talent, will often attend charity events and represent the team at ESPN New York.

#### **City Meals on Wheels**

Date: October 6th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers gather and deliver meals to seniors.

#### **Blanketeer Workshop**

Date: October 11th, 2018



Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers learn to crochet blankets, scarves, hats and other handmade goods to be given to children less fortunate.

**Blood Drive**

Date: October 11th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers donate blood to help replenish the blood supply.

**Hospital Comfort Kits**

Date: November 13th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Spread comfort and cheer to kids in hospitals. Volunteers fill Disney themed bags with fun, kid-friendly items.

**Lerner Children's Pavilion "Waves of Fun Festival"**

Date: December 1st, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers help guests and children enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and activities as part of the Hospital for Special Services festival.

**Special Olympics Tournament**

Date: December 7th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers help set up the Javits Center for the Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament.

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Day**

Date: December 8th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers pair with young students while doing holiday arts and craft projects such as gingerbread houses, ornaments and more.

**Food Bank Packing Day**

Date: December 15th, 2018

Location: New York, NY

Details: Volunteers join the Food Bank of New York Bronx Warehouse to help re-pack and distribute food that will go to those in need.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Within the ESPN New York website, there is a "community calendar" feature. Visitors to the website can submit community events taking place throughout the tri-state area. Events include school fundraisers, community performances, street festivals, concerts, free health screenings and more. These events are also frequently mentioned on air during NY Sports & Beyond. **Fourth Quarter 2018** calendar entries are below:

**National Fiber Festival**

October 6, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

Kings County Fiber Festival features a marketplace of natural-fiber artists who crochet, dye, felt, knit, quilt, spin, and weave, plus crafting demonstrations and an art exhibit at historic Old Stone House in Brooklyn.

**Columbus Day Parade**

October 8, 2018

New York, NY

Watch marchers, bands, floats, and Italian folk groups parade up Fifth Avenue from 47<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Marco Polo Festival**

October 13, 2018

New York, NY

Marco Polo Festival celebrates Chinatown and Little Italy with a puppet parade on Mulberry Street ending at a stage on Grand Street with cultural performances.

### **Pickle Day**

October 14, 2018

New York, NY

Buy a pickle on a stick or other pickle-themed food, take part in games and activities, and hear live music at Lower East Side Pickle Day on Orchard Street, where vendors once sold pickles from barrels.

### **Masquerade Ball**

October 19, 2018

New York, NY

Men wear suits and ties, women wear dresses, and all don Venetian masks for The Champagne Ball.

### **Bronx Bike Ride**

October 21, 2018

Bronx, NY

Register to join the family-friendly Tour de Bronx, which follows a scenic 25-mile or 40-mile course from Joyce Kilmer Park in the Bronx to a music festival at New York Botanical Garden.

### **Halloween Show**

October 26, 2018

New York, NY

Watch a silent classic horror film with live organ, and then see an immersive show of fantastic creatures that surround you at Halloween Extravaganza at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

### **Halloween in Central Park**

October 28, 2018

New York, NY

Bring a carved pumpkin to Halloween Pumpkin Flotilla for spooky stories, crafts, a 6pm costume parade, and a 6:30pm pumpkin float.

### **Halloween Costume Ball**

October 31, 2018

New York, NY

Dance, dine, show off your costume, and watch creative cabaret acts all evening at Village Halloween Costume Ball.

### **Day of the Dead**

November 3, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

Families celebrate the departed with live music and art activities during Dia de los Muertos: Day of The Dead Celebration at Brooklyn Children's Museum.

### **Marathon**

November 4, 2018

New York, NY

The world-famous New York City Marathon begins on Staten Island and runs through all five boroughs before ending at Central Park.

### **Jewish Deli Event**

November 7, 2018

New York, NY

The Future of the Jewish Deli includes a panel discussion about Jewish cuisine, a dinner from Katz's, and a meet and greet with panelists at Henry Street Settlement in the Lower East Side.

**Prohibition Party**

November 9, 2018

New York, NY

Dress 1930s style for Prohibition Pong, when Spin is transformed into a vintage "ping pong social club" with Prohibition-priced cocktails and vintage jazz.

**Cider Tasting**

November 10, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

A ticket to Ciderfeast includes unlimited cider samples from 15 producers paired with small bites of hearty food in Williamsburg.

**Beer Tasting on Long Island**

November 10, 2018

Long Island, NY

Sample 100 beers from breweries worldwide in an afternoon or evening session at the Great Beer Expo.

**Beerathon**

November 17, 2018

New York, NY

A marathon has 26 miles, but a Beerathon has 26 bars to visit with "discounted pricing on 26 different craft, premium or better beers.

**Long Island Boat Parade**

November 18, 2018

Long Island, NY

Watch decorated boats on the river at Patchogue Christmas Holiday Boat Parade on Long Island.

**Balloon Inflation**

November 21, 2018

New York, NY

Watch giant balloons slowly fill with helium at Macy's Thanksgiving Parade Balloon Inflation.

**Thanksgiving Day Parade**

November 22, 2018

New York, NY

Watch giant balloons, floats, marching bands, clowns, and performers as Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade goes down Central Park West and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Lincoln Square Holiday Festival**

November 26, 2018

New York, NY

Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square features a 5:30pm tree lighting in Dante Park, musicians, dancers, street performers, tastes of 30 local restaurants, and activities for children.

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

November 28, 2018

New York, NY

Brave the crowds and winter weather to watch the Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting and live entertainment.

**Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt**

December 1, 2018

New York, NY

Cranksgiving is a scavenger hunt on your bicycle for Thanksgiving food that you donate to charity, plus an after party.

**Weird Holiday Slideshow**

December 1, 2018

New York, NY

You are welcome to dress for the holidays at Charles Phoenix: Holiday Jubilee, featuring vintage photos, quick-witted commentary, and hilarious jokes.

**Spirits Tasting**

December 1, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

Taste samples and meet distillers making 100 styles of rum, cognac, whiskey, vodka, gin, and tequila at Brooklyn Whiskey and Craft Spirits Fest, with live music and food.

**Dog Films**

December 2, 2018

New York, NY

The Dog Film Festival features films about the bond between dogs and humans at School of Visual Arts.

**Latke Festival**

December 3, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

Latke festival includes the potato treats made by dozens of top chefs, plus alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at the Brooklyn Museum.

**Star-Studded Concert**

December 7, 2018

New York, NY

Jingle Ball brings big name music artists every December to Madison Square Garden.

**Santa bar Crawl**

December 8, 2018

New York, NY

Wear a Santa suit and start at one of the bars that will be listed Friday night on the Santacon website.

**Prayers for Pets**

December 9, 2018

New York, NY

Arrive early with your pet for Blessing of the Animals by a minister and a rabbi at Christ Church.

**Tea Dance**

December 16, 2018

Brooklyn, NY

The Jazz Age Tea Dance features a live orchestra, a dance lesson at 3pm, a dance contest, exotic teas, a cash bar, and "complimentary holiday sweets and light treats" with additional food at The Bell House in Brooklyn.

**Caroling**

December 24, 2018

New York, NY

Join the carolers and brass quartet at Christmas Eve Caroling at the arch in Washington Square Park.

**Shred Bad Memories**

December 28, 2018

New York, NY

Say goodbye to your worst memories of 2018 so you can start fresh in 2019 by tossing them into the shredder at Good Riddance Day in Times Square.

**New Year's Eve – Times Square**

December 31, 2018

New York, NY

New Year's Eve in Times Square has dazzling lights, big name music, balloons, confetti, fireworks, and a crystal ball that drops at midnight.