



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REPORT 4TH QUARTER, 2022

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WESM 91.3 FM
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS

4th Quarter, 2022

- **All Things Considered** (Monday – Friday 4 – 6:30 PM, Saturday 5 – 6 PM): A mix of news, interviews, commentaries, reviews and offbeat features.
- **Latino USA** (Sunday, 1 – 2 PM): A Latino-focused program reporting on Latino news and culture.
- **New Yorker Radio Hour** (Mondays 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show from WNYC
- **Freakonomics Radio Hour** (Tuesdays, 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show that explores the hidden side of everything.
- **Marketplace** (Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 7 PM): A daily magazine of business and economics.
- **Morning Edition** (Weekdays, 5 – 9 AM): A morning news magazine with up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports.
- **On the Media** (Sunday, 3- 4 PM): A program focused on analyzing the media.
- **Our Body Politic** (Sunday, 10 – 11 AM): Hosted by award-winning journalist Farai Chidaya, each weekly episode focuses on how the latest news and current events affect women of color.
- **Radiolab** (Thursdays, 7-8pm): A show that explores science, philosophy, and human experience.
- **Delmarva Today** (Fridays at Noon): A weekly public affairs show that dives into the issues facing our local region here on the Delmarva Peninsula. Hosted by Don Rush and Bryan Russo.
- **Reveal** (Wednesdays, 7-8pm): A public radio program featuring investigative journalism.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS (CONTINUED)

4th Quarter, 2022

- **Weekend Edition Saturday** (Saturday, 8 – 10 AM): A weekly program that wraps up the week's news and offers a mix of analysis and features on a wide range of topics, including arts, sports, entertainment, and human interest stories.
- **Weekend Edition Sunday** (Sunday, 11 AM – 1 PM): A weekly program featuring interviews with newsmakers, artists, scientists, politicians, musicians, writers, theologians and historians.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

N/A

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY

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BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

The Station considers the topic of business, and related issues, to be of considerable importance to our community. Business can take many forms within the broader economic landscape. From regulation to innovation, business touches all of our lives and continues to be the vital engine that drives growth for our region and our nation.

Global economic trends in the United States and Europe have caused instability in markets around the world, many of which were already weakened from the Great Recession of the recent past. These trends have had a direct impact on the U.S. economy – and consequently the lives of our listeners. WESM 91.3 FM has devoted a significant amount of programming addressing the issues of the economy and finance -- including topics related to housing, banking and monetary policy.

Poverty and economic inequality historically play a disproportionate role in rural and agricultural areas – including a large portion of the region served by WESM 91.3 FM.

EDUCATION

WESM 91.3 FM broadcasts programming that highlights the successes and failures of the educational system in the United States. We believe both public education and higher education to be topics of importance to our listeners, and an important community issue which we are addressing via this programming.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

Immigration continues to be another important topic of public discourse. The continuing political discourse on immigration has far-reaching effects in every part of the country, including the areas served by WESM 91.3 FM.

RACE & CULTURE

Given the large numbers of minority groups that live and work in the Eastern Shore region, as well as surrounding areas, WESM 91.3 FM remains committed to addressing topics of concern to under-represented minority groups. The Station has striven to provide this coverage by offering programming that highlights issues that directly affect minority groups in the U.S.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The local communities of the Delmarva Peninsula have, in some cases, chronic illnesses that rate higher than the national average.

WESM 91.3FM-- Story List: October – December 2022

12-16-22 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor on Supreme Court “independent state legislature” case. (4:00)

12-15-22 Interview: Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with Darryl Isom, Director for Admissions and Recruitment at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, who says the institution has seen a five percent increase over last year. (4:00)

12-14-22 Interview: In our regular series with the Bay Journal, Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler, who points out that new developments have also fragmented wooded areas negatively impacting the local environment. (4:00)

12-13-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with Mileah Kromer, director of Goucher College Poll, on the career and legacy of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan in her new book “Blue-State Republican.” (4:00)

12-12-22 Interview: Kevin Phillips, president of Bethel Museum and Sussex County Historic Preservation director Dan Parsons on the potential sale of the schooner “Victory Chimes” and the legacy of the town that built it. (4:00)

12-7-22 Interview: In our regular series with the Bay Journal, Don Rush talks with Karl Blankenship, associate editor and senior writer, about the shrinking of the “dead zone” in the Bay. (4:00)

12-6-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with incoming Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano about her plans (4:00)

12-5-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with Melanie Percel, Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development director, about how the tourism industry fared this year. (4:00)

12-2-22 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O’Loughlin on the outcome of the November elections. (4:00)

11-18-22 Feature: Brian Shane reports on swearing in of new Ocean City Council Members (4:00)

11-16-22 Feature: Photographer and Videographer Tony Weeg reviews Johnathan Haidt's book "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided By Politics and Religion" (4:00)

11-10-11 Interview: With the United Nations Secretary General predicting a road to climate hell many are looking for long term solutions. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Carole Douglis, co-author of "Climate Restoration: The Only Future that Will Sustain the Human Race" about the potential new technologies that would actually take greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. (4:00)

11-9-22 Feature: Don Rush talks with voters as they go to the polls in Wicomico County. (4:00)

11-8-22 Interview: It's been fifty years since the enactment of the Clean Water Act. In our weekly series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with associated editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about its accomplishments for the Bay and the problems that lie ahead. (4:00)

11-7-22 Interview: A new report finds that 90 percent of all coal ash sites are contaminating ground water in violation of federal rules. The survey by Earth Justice and the Environmental Integrity Project also said that Maryland has the 7th worst site in the country. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Abel Russ, senior attorney for the Environmental Integrity Project about the implications of the new report. (4:00)

11-4-22 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on political violence in America. (4:00)

11-3-11 Interview: Don Rush talks with Afghan refugee Mohammad Azim on his escape from Afghanistan (4:00)

11-2-22 Interview: The Maryland Department of the Environment has reduced the wastewater discharge permit for the Lakeside development near Trappe. In our weekly series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about the significance of the decision as the development moves forward. (4:00)

11-1-22 Feature: Don Rush reports on debate between Congressman Andy Harris and Democratic challenger Heather Mizeur. (4:00)

10-31-22 Feature: Don Rush reports on Wicomico County School Board candidates debate,. (4:00)

10-28-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with author Mindie Burgoyne about ghost stories on Delmarva. (4:00)

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10-27-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with Muqtader Khan, professor at the University of Delaware, on the new British Prime Minister making history as the first Asian to achieve that post. (4:00)

10-26-22 Interview: The Bay watershed states have pledged to increase their overall urban tree canopy by 24-hundred acres by

2025. In our weekly series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about why there has been such a great loss of trees and if planting more of them is enough. (4:00)

10-25-22 Feature: Don Rush reports on the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation hearing (4:00)

10-24-22 Interview: Climate and weather-related disasters make up 80 percent of disaster losses, totally \$2.2 billion from 1980 through last year. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Bob Keefe, executive director of Environmental Entrepreneurs, about the organization's new report and the impact of climate change on the Delmarva region. (4:00)

10-21-22 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on mid-term elections (4:00)

10-21-22 Feature: Delmarva Public Media hosts a concert by "garage-folk" artist Skribe with his oil can guitar. Delmarva Public Media's Bryan Russo has this portrait of the man and his music. Concert takes place from noon to 1 p.m. today (Oct 21) at the Guerrieri Student Union Gazebo on the campus of Salisbury University. (4:00)

10-20-22 Interview: AquaCon Maryland LLC has pulled its wastewater discharge application for their proposed salmon farm near Federalsburg. In our series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about the decision that comes after growing public opposition to the facility. (4:00)

10-19-22 Feature: Don Rush reports on concerns over impact of development on the environment in Sussex County (Part 3) (4:00)

10-18-22 Feature Don Rush on impact of development on transportation in Sussex County (Part 2) (4:00)

10-17-22 Feature: Don Rush on local residential area and plans for a new nearby development (Part 1) (4:00)

10-14-22 Interview: The Chesapeake Executive Council met this week to chart a new course in its efforts to clean up the Bay. As part of our series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with editor-at-large Karl Blankenship about why officials have not met their 2025 goals. (4:00)

10-13-22 Feature: Don Rush reports on Maryland Governor's debate. (4:00)

10-12-22 Interview: Efforts are now underway to increase the use of solar power in the Chesapeake Bay watershed states. In our series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with staff writer Ed Crable about the programs being developed by Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania and how they expect to meet their goals. (4:00)

10-11-22 Interview: Plans for Salisbury's Unity Square is to include 200 Bronze statues of hands drawn from the community. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the artist William Wolf, associate professor and chair of the Art Department at Salisbury University, about sculpting the project. (4:00)

10-11-22 Interview: Downtown Salisbury has been a set of disparate blocks and shops in recent years. However, Mayor Jake Day plans on changing some of that with the development of "Unity Square" designed to pull many of those parts together. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the mayor about his vision. (4:00)

10-10-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with James Yamakawa with Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation, about far-right constitutional class and local candidates. (4:00)

10-7-22 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on small government vs. major emergencies. (4:00)

10-7-22 Interview: Don Rush talks with former U.S. diplomat Todd Becker on war in Ukraine. (4:00)

10-6-22 Feature: In our series Talking Books Michele Anstine, executive director of Delaware Humanities, reviews the novel "Take My Hand" by Dolan Perkins-Valdez which explores the journey of an African American nurse in 1973 Birmingham, Alabama. (4:00)

10-5-22 Interview: The Maryland Eastern Shore will be getting two new destinations to escape to — the Bohemian and Cypress Branch State Parks. In our weekly series with the Bay Journal Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about the efforts to expand the recreational areas.(4:00)

10-4-22 Interview: Ocean City experiences wind, sand and flooding. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with Terry McGean, Ocean City City Manager, about the impact from the latest storm. (4:00)

Delmarva Today (This show began airing on WESM on November 11th, 2022

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12-16-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Susan Canfora, Coastal Point reporter on sale of Mitzi Perdue engagement ring to help Ukraine; host Bryan Russo talks with philosophy professor Tim Stock and students in "Ask a Philosopher" on fifth graders and aliens. (30:00)

12-16-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with New York Times feature reporter Elizabeth Williamson about her book "Sandy Hook: An American Tragedy and the Battle for Truth". In addition, we examine the age of disinformation with Salisbury University professor Jennifer Cox. (30:00)

12-9-22 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on the incoming Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano and the cancellation of the Worcester County plans for sports complex. (20:00)

12-2-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent newspaper, about the changing of the guard in the Wicomico County government. Then, he talks with Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point and contributor to the Salisbury Independent, about the life and career of WESM host Yancy Carrigan, who leaving the station this year. (30:00)

12-2-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Celeste Savage, executive director of Hope and Life Outreach Ministries on the homeless. (30:00)

11-28-22 Delmarva Today: With a new national report finding that student test scores have declined in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic, host Ryan Russo talks with Somerset County Schools Superintendent John Gaddis about the challenges that lie ahead. (30:00)

11-28-22 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Bay Journal reporter Jeremy Cox about his upcoming series "Chesapeake Uncharted".

11-18-22 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo digs into the region's headlines with Salisbury Independent Publisher Greg Bassett and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora. Then, host Don Rush interviews the author of "Hollywood Ending." (30:00)

11-18-22 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo speaks with Tommy Vietor, who is the co-founder of Crooked Media, the co-host of "Pod Save America" and "World Corrupt"; as well as Salisbury native and Forbes Magazine sports contributor Ian Nicholas Quillen about the upcoming World Cup in Qatar. (30:00)

11-11-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent about the outcome of the elections in Wicomico County; host Bryan Russo talks with Steven Green, editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch on the outcome of election in Worcester County. (30:00)

11-11-22 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Afghan refugee Mohammad Azim about his escape from Afghanistan in the final days of the U.S. withdrawal. (30:00)