

WIBG-AM 1st Quarter 2018 Issues & Programming- January 1- March 31, 2018

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WIBG-FM has determined the following issues to be of major importance to the communities of licensed service

SECTION 1- ISSUES

A. Bridge and Highway Repair: The status of the highway repairs and road improvements in our area.

B. Education: Issues relating to public school education in our community.

C. Military: The impact that activation of our state s National Guard and the overseas deployment of soldiers from the local army base is having on the local economy.

D. Crime: Recent incidents of robberies in the downtown business district and the efforts of the community to deal with such crimes.

E. Gas Prices: The price of gas and the impact on commuting patterns in our community.

F. Project Funding: The dispute over whether or not the greater Atlantic City community can afford the increasing property tax burden due to the PILOT Program.

G. Property Taxes. The impact that rising real estate assessments are having on homeowners in our

community.

SECTION II: RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

The King Arthur Radio Show Saturdays 6am-12pm MatWorld Radio Show 12noon to 2pm Saturdays- The Welcome Home Veterans Radio Show with Joe Griffes, Saturdays 2-4pm.. 1 hour and 20 minutes each weekend is devoted to specific issues of community interest. These included the growth potential for the reduction in property taxes driven by the new PILOT program the State of NJ has worked with in solving Atlantic Citys ongoing financial problems. This subject was detailed by the WIBG News Department and featured outgoing Mayor Don Guardian. It aired January 6th and 13th

Road, Bridge and Highway Maintenance repair was the subject of a WIBBAGE 30/20 Local investigative report on the growing problem of aging bridges in the region. The interview, 3.5 minutes in length featured Cape May County engineer Dale Foster detailing the work and the number of grants that the county has gathered to complete several major bridge projects. The Program aired on the King Arthur Radio Show during the 7:45am local news broadcast. Community attention given to listener reaction to the subject during the program as well. The program aired on January 13th.

Crime and the ongoing battle within local municipalities to handle the drug addiction problem that is growing exponentially. Pleasantville Mayor Jesse Tweedle was a featured interviewee on the WIBBAGE 20-20 Expanded Local News at 11:45 am, January 20th

Education and charter schools in Atlantic City was the subject of a three part series on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd on the burdening cost of building charter schools. The Issues Programming in depth coverage included Atlantic City School Board President Walter Johnson and school board member John Devlin. the 4 minute series aired at 4:45 pm on those dates WIBG covered the full depth of the issue including the redundancy of teaching, which was attested to by Mr. Devlin.

January 27th at 10:45am, a 4.5 minute Issues report on the growing opioid addiction problem in the municipalities of Avalon, Wildwood, Pleasantville and Absecon as well as an overview as to the impact drugs have had in Egg Harbor City. Special interviewees included Egg Harbor City Mayor Lisa Giampetti, describing the growing menace it has had in her community.

February 3rd and 4th at 6:45pm, a 2.5 minute call to action issues report on the organized crime connection as it impacts the casino industry. A historic evidences report and a review of how most of the industry is now free of mob connections. This report also detailed the growing number of casinos coming back to life in the city. We featured members of the Casino Reinvestent Development Authority to get their impression of the resurgence of the industry as a whole.

February 7th and 8th, WIBBAGE 20/20 LocalNewsFirst featured an issues program alert regarding the crisis of cabbies and limosene service providers in Atlantic City as the result of Uber. Our featured interviewee is Murray Rosenberg of AC Yellow Cab . The program aired at 4:45 and 6:45pm and the features were 2.5 minutes in length. Rosenberg outlined the serious challenge the Uber and Lyft services create.

February 12th and 13th, the issue of growing gas price and the reation from local consumers in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Trulli Lundberg of the retail gasoline association explained the mid winter rise in gas prices and the impact it is having on Wildwood and Sea Isle. Interviews included Wildwood Mayor Earnest Troiano.

February 17th and 18th, the Issue program included a review of the flooding concerns in the North end of Ocean City. OEM Director Frank Donato was the featured interviewee. He explained the ongoing rebuilding of the infrastructure on the island, but also addressed the need for additional pumping stations to eliminate much of the water overload many streets continually face. Donato fielded questions e-mailed to us about the severity of the problem. Additionally, the inclusion of Atlantic City's rebuilding of their dam and floodgates feathered into the interview because of the nature of backbay flooding. Inland, on February 24th and 25th, WIBG Local News featured a two part series on the flooding problems at Hamilton Townships Lake Lenape. The replacement of the Coffey dam is next on the list of priorities for the Hamilton Township Committee. The segments run time was 2.8 and 3.5 minutes respectively.

February 28th at 6:45 pm WIBG featured an issues program regarding the missing \$10,000 check from the Atlantic City Democratic Club. We featured Mayor Frank Gilliam who said the fact he had the check did not make that improper, but that was not the sentiment within their committee. WIBG Investigative Issues report featured an extensive interview with Durwood Pickett of the Club who said they want a full investigation into the origins of the check and why Gilliam ended up with it.

March 3rd and 4th, WIBG Issues community programming included a 3.5 minute segment on the zombie home epidemic in Atlantic County. Guest was County Executive Dennis Levinson addressing the wildly growing number of foreclosures in the county. The program was punctuated with a full spectrum Saturday interview in the King Arthur Radio program on March 8th. There were many listeners who called into the program addressing their concerns and the souring real estate market.

March 11th and 12th, WIBG featured a report on the growing vandalism problems in suburban communities and the growing number of home invasions. The prime interviewee was Middle Township Police Chief Chris Leusner describing the impact the home invasions have had on the community at large and what his department is doing to attempt to circumvent this rising challenge. The 3.5 minute program aired during the 8:45am and 6:45pm local WIBBAGE 20/20 LocalNewsFirst.

In addition to these most significant issues that have been voiced by our listeners, we air more than 2.5 hours each month with various public service agencies, including the American Red Cross, The United Way of Atlantic County. Veterans of Foreign Wars in both Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Atlanticare Services. School closing announcements serviced by all local school districts in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties.

