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WAMU Acquires Local News Site DCist

Neighborhood News Site Bolsters Leading Public Radio Station's Ties to Washington Community

(WASHINGTON, February 23, 2018) – Today [WAMU](#) announces the acquisition of beloved neighborhood news site DCist. WAMU joined forces with leading public media outlets across the country – WNYC in New York, and KPCC in Southern California– in acquiring DNAinfo and its associated news sites across the country: DCist, Gothamist and LAist. The move underscores WAMU's commitment to the local community as it expands its breadth of local news on digital outlets and increases its digital presence.

“WAMU connects Washingtonians with each other and the world, and DCist will enhance our coverage of the region and expand our digital reach,” said JJ Yore, general manager, WAMU. “At a time when local journalism is declining everywhere, we are excited to revive this important news source for our region.”

Since 2004, DCist has provided local coverage of news, events, restaurants, nightlife and other observations about the greater Washington area and built a loyal fan base of more than 700,000 readers and more than 400,000 followers across social media channels.

“The audience who turned to DCist did so to feel more connected to their neighbors and community,” said Andi McDaniel, senior director of content and news, WAMU. “The WAMU audience wants to do the same, and the addition of the DCist platform helps us bring the quality journalism we’ve been producing for decades to the neighborhood level.”

WAMU expects to launch the new DCist.com website this Spring. Local news fans can go to DCist.com today and register to receive launch updates, news and information once the site is again live.

For more information, view the [WNYC press release](#).

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