

WAIC, Springfield, Massachusetts

Issues/Programs List

July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

During this period, WAIC broadcast programming about local issues that aired during program segments reserved for local feature-length reports, interviews and commentaries, Monday through Friday at (typically) 5:51 a.m., 6:22 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:22 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 7:51 a.m., 8:22 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 4:44 p.m., 5:44p.m. and 5:50 p.m. or similar times within the morning and afternoon news programs.

In addition, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts on the hour from 6:00 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. inclusive, and 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. inclusive. On Saturday, local issue programming was presented at 8:35 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and on local newscasts following national newscasts on the hour from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. inclusive, and at 12:00 p.m. On Sunday, local newscasts were broadcast following national newscasts on the hour at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Many reports on the same and related subjects were broadcast daily and weekly through WAIC's broadcast of such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and others.

Issues

Arts & Culture
Commentary
Economic Development
Education
Energy/Environment
Justice, Law & Public Safety
Politics/Public Policy
Public Health
Science

Reports on Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition

Topic	Airdate	Newscast	Duration	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	7/11/2023	6:45am 8:45am	2:35	MA	This summer, buildings in Holyoke, Chicopee, and Florence Massachusetts are sporting freshly painted murals by local and international artists. The public art reflects the communities in which it is seen.
Arts & Culture	7/25/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:08	MA	Ousmane Power-Green's new novel, "The Confessions Of Matthew Strong," draws upon the author's work as a history and Black Studies professor at Clark University. One of the book's main characters is a black philosophy professor who is confronted and abducted by a white supremacist. As Power-Greene explains, he started the book in 2007, when Barack Obama was running for president.
Arts & Culture	8/2/2023	6:20am 8:20am	6:17	MA	Indigenous educators and scholars from around Massachusetts and Connecticut are advising the Springfield Museums on how to create better exhibits that feature Native Americans, a goal to which the museums are publicly committed. The most recent exhibit on indigenous cultures introduces visitors to 17th-century maps and land deeds drawn up by English colonists. The display challenges visitors to think about how Native Americans, then and now, define land and borders.
Arts & Culture	8/9/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:53	MA	The Basketball Hall Of Fame holds its enshrinement ceremonies in Springfield on Saturday, and there's local flavor to this year's class: Dave Hixon, the retired men's basketball coach at Amherst College. He won more than 800 games and two Division-3 championships in his 40-plus years on the sidelines. He spoke with NEPM's Adam Frenier.

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Arts & Culture	8/16/2023	6:22am 8:22am	6:32	MA	"Altar To An Erupting Sun" is the first novel by author Chuck Collins. It chronicles the life of an environmentalist who is diagnosed with a terminal illness and takes a final dramatic stand against the climate catastrophe. Collins discussed the story with NEPM's Carrie Healy.
Arts & Culture	8/18/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:19	MA	Western Massachusetts author Sarah Prager delves into the rich global history of the LGBTQIA+ community in her book, "A Child's Introduction To Pride." She uses ancient records and oral histories to give a detailed account of queer identities in many cultures. She spoke with NEPM's Nirvani Williams.
Arts & Culture	8/23/2023	6:22am 8:22am	6:02	MA	Western Massachusetts is home to several historic houses where famous poets and writers once lived and wrote. But it's costly to keep these literary sites open to the public. As NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, some museums are renting out writers' rooms or libraries---for a hefty price.
Arts & Culture	9/5/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:40	MA	Conway, Massachusetts author Roland Merullo recently published "Dessert With Buddha," the last of what he calls his Buddha books. The series started 16 years ago with "Breakfast With Buddha." Each of the books is framed around a road trip taken by two brothers-in-law, one of whom is a Tibetan Buddhist meditation teacher. As Merullo explains, he gets his ideas from real-life road trips with his wife and daughters.
Arts & Culture	9/28/2023	5:44pm	4:08	CT	The Connecticut Sun host the New York Liberty Friday in game 3 of their WNBA semi-finals, the series tied at one game apiece. The series features former UConn star and New York forward Breanna Stewart and Connecticut coach Stephanie White, who was named Coach Of The Year in her first season with the Sun.

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Community Voices	7/18/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	A Western Massachusetts writer and audio producer has written a new book about blindness. He shares his experience of losing his vision and what he wants fully-sighted people to know.
Community Voices	7/21/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:55	MA	When David Bulley grew up in Maine, he'd hitch-hike locally...and as he got older his hitching led him to new adventures further afield. He told his coyote-encounter story at an NEPM Valley Voices Story Slam event.
Community Voices	8/4/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:23	MA	Angela Combest was rescued from cold Alaskan waters following a kayak mishap years ago, and the traumatic experience stayed with her. A friend later invited her to do "cold-water swims," also known as Polar Plunges. Combest considered using this to push past the trauma. She shared her story at an NEPM Valley Voices Story Slam event.
Economic Development	7/6/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:23	MA	The Eastfield Mall in Springfield---a western Massachusetts staple since it opened in the late 1960s---is down to its final days. A developer has purchased the property with plans to demolish the building and replace it with a more modern space. For those who still have stores there, or continue to visit, it's the end of an era.
Economic Development	9/29/2023	6:34am 8:34am	6:40	MA	A Mexican restaurant in Greenfield, Massachusetts, is trying something new. Once a week they're serving Haitian food, made by a chef who recently immigrated. NEPM's Nirvani Williams visited on a recent Sunday night.
Education	8/3/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:50	MA	Anxiety, fear, doubt---that's what some young people felt when stepping into Springfield's "Take The Mic" program. As NEPM's Nirvani Williams reports, it's a summer camp aiming to empower young women of color to feel confident when speaking in public.

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Energy & Environment	8/10/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:36	MA	It's been a rough year for Massachusetts farmers. A late frost followed by heavy rains and floods have ruined nearly 3000 acres of crops, affecting more than 100 farms in the state. WBUR's Barbara Moran spoke with farmers and found them asking themselves a pretty big question---how to keep farming in a rapidly changing climate.
Energy & Environment	8/23/2023	5:45am 7:45am	3:57	NH	Summer is the busy season for farms in New England...when farmers make much of their money and residents get the local food they love. But farms in the region face increasing threats from climate change. As part of our series "Beyond Normal" from the New England News Cooperative, NHPR's Mara Hoplamazian visited two farms in New Hampshire hoping to head off those threats with new practices.
Energy & Environment	8/24/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:20	MA	Summers in New England are getting hotter with climate change, especially in cities. But some parts of some cities are a lot cooler thanks to trees. As part of the New England News Collaborative's "Beyond Normal" series, WGBH's Craig LeMoult reports on groups working to expand the tree canopy in Boston.
Energy & Environment	8/25/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:12	MA	Poison ivy is expected to be one of the big "winners" when it comes to climate change. The dreaded 3-leaf vine is poised to grow bigger, faster, and more toxic. For the New England News Collaborative series "Beyond Normal," WBUR's Gabrielle Emanuel reports that some in the region are already noticing the change.

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Energy & Environment	8/28/2023	5:45am 7:45am	3:55	MA	This summer, New England didn't see the kind of heat waves that gripped other parts of the nation. But even moderately hot days can have an impact on health. A pilot project seeks to address this by sending heat-alert emails to health clinics in seven states, including Massachusetts. For "Beyond Normal," our series with the New England News Collaborative, WBUR's Martha Bebinger explains.
Energy & Environment	8/29/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:36	MA	Drought, floods, more heat and less snow: the formula is starting to affect the long-held New England tradition of fly fishing. WGBH's Jennifer Moore is a fly-fisher, and as part of the New England News Collaborative series "Beyond Normal," she set out for the river.
Energy & Environment	8/30/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:53	MA	Farmers have a few things they can control---but never the weather, and certainly not the erratic weather brought on by climate change. Extreme temperatures and heavy rain have made it a tough growing year in New England. But the increasing heat of summers and warmer winters could also allow for new plant varieties and a longer growing season in the Northeast. Jill Kaufman reports as part of the New England News Collaborative series "Beyond Normal."
Energy & Environment	8/31/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:54	MA	Heat is the main weather-related killer in the US. Experts say many heat deaths go uncouncted. As part of our series with the New England News Collaborative, "Beyond Normal," WBUR's Miriam Wasser looks at the challenge of tracking heat deaths...and why doing so could be important for protecting our health.

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Energy & Environment	9/1/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:11	VT	The climate crisis impacts all facets of life, including the arts. For the final story in our series "Beyond Normal" from the New England News Collaborative, Vermont Public Radio's Howard Weiss-Tisman and Connecticut Public Radio's Michaela Savitt report on how two very different New England summer-theater productions are adapting.
Energy & Environment	9/6/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:34	MA	Last winter, Massachusetts officials heralded the appointment of the state's first Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity. Maria Belen Power was described as an impactful addition to the administration, empowered to create the change needed to address the climate crisis and environmental pollution. She spoke with NEPM's Carrie Healy.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/14/2023	6:34am 8:34am	7:21	MA	Twenty years ago this month, the then-attorney general of Massachusetts issued a report on an investigation of child sexual abuse at the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. In the two decades since, the state's top prosecutor has not published a report on clergy abuse at the Springfield Diocese nor the two others in the state, Fall River and Worcester. But as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, several survivors and advocates say they were interviewed by the attorney general's office two years ago for a report on those dioceses...and are still waiting for the report.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	8/11/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:39	MA	An April traffic stop in Northampton, Massachusetts will soon lead to a legal claim against the city. A Northampton police officer pulled over a 60-year-old woman for a missing headlight. An ensuing violent encounter was caught on video.

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Politics & Public Policy	7/3/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at progress on the now-overdue state budget for the new fiscal year; an audit of Mass Health by the state auditor turned up some problems; among bills still pending on Beacon Hill is one aimed at improving sickle-cell disease care; hearings slated for enhancing language interpretation in schools.
Politics & Public Policy	7/10/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: trying out the state transportation department's new online dashboard breaking down passenger vehicles by location and fuel type; lawmakers plan hearings on crypto-currencies and related technologies; there's a new push to expand the state's bottle bill, nine years after a similar effort failed.
Politics & Public Policy	7/17/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: with the year half over, Springfield has already surpassed its homicide total for all of 2022, and the state attorney general says the problem indicates a need for tighter restrictions on 'ghost guns'; another supplemental budget is being added to one already signed by the governor; the vetting process for 2.4-million Mass Health members continues.
Politics & Public Policy	7/19/2023	6:34am 8:34am	8:29	MA	The state agency charged with keeping children safe is supposed to do everything possible to let them stay with their families. But some child advocates say the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families can be too quick to remove children from their parents when they are not actually in danger. That was the impetus for a new legal-aid program to help families stay together.
Politics & Public Policy	8/1/2023	6:45am 8:45am	6:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A detailed breakdown of the FY 24 state budget that was finalized by the legislature and sent to the governor yesterday amid some criticism over delays and behind-closed-doors negotiations.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/7/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Legislators have sent their \$56-billion budget to the governor and among its provisions is universal free meals for school pupils; tax relief remains stalled on Beacon Hill; an update on the status of a possible \$2-billion clawback of federal unemployment subsidies.
Politics & Public Policy	8/14/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Governor Healey has appealed for federal help in coping with an influx of migrants; a look at some programs contained in the new budget, including a new health-care policy, support for veterans' services, and a provision to make free meals in schools permanent.
Politics & Public Policy	8/21/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: examining the impact of the state's new humane pork production law; a new bill in the state senate aims to block what some regard as politically motivated censorship at local libraries; actions by the legislature's budget negotiating committee may have lead to an accommodations crunch at UMass-Dartmouth; committees continue to meet during 'informal sessions' in an otherwise quiet summer at the State House.
Politics & Public Policy	8/28/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A comprehensive vetting of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance is about one-third complete; following many delays, Springfield-based rail-car maker CRRC continues to turn out equipment for the troubled MBTA and has been contracted for 400 additional cars; the new Mass Reconnect program is likely to spark a large influx of new students at the state's community colleges.
Politics & Public Policy	9/7/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:19	MA	A carpenter-turned-legislator, two city councillors, and a therapist. Those are the challengers to Springfield's longest-serving mayor in the city's preliminary election on Tuesday.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/8/2023	6:45am 8:45am	3:40	MA	Springfield's preliminary election is Tuesday. At the top of the ballot, voters will trim a field of 5 mayoral candidates to 2 who will compete in November. Turnout for preliminaries in the city is usually quite low, but with a vigorous mayoral race, the campaigns and election officials hope to change that and bring more voters out to the polls.
Politics & Public Policy	9/11/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:22	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at legislation seeking to address challenges faced by disabled residents and their caretakers; the attorney general has given the OK to three dozen potential referendum questions---which ones are likely to make it to the 2024 ballot? And just 8 months into the new administration, state transportation secretary Gina Fiandaca has resigned---has she set up MassDOT and the MBTA with enough direction?
Politics & Public Policy	9/14/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:58	MA	Voters will cast ballots for mayor in Pittsfield, Massachusetts next week. Incumbent Linda Tyer is stepping down after two terms. Three candidates are vying to take her place, as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports.
Politics & Public Policy	9/18/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: With the end of the legislative session two months away, lawmakers have several matters to address, including tax relief and climate legislation; the debt-ridden state GOP adopts new fundraising tactics; a preview of what may be tackled at the state Democratic convention.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/20/2023	6:45am 8:45am	5:40	MA	The number of families in need of shelter in Massachusetts has almost doubled in the past year. Yet an investigation by WBUR and Pro Publica finds that many state-subsidized apartments sit empty. WBUR's Todd Wallack explores how the state's wait-list system has contributed to the vacancies, and how it affects people who need housing the most.
Politics & Public Policy	9/21/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:29	MA	More than 2000 apartments that are supposed to house the poorest throughout Massachusetts sit empty, sometimes for years. A WBUR/ProPublica investigation shows that the biggest reason for vacancies in state-subsidized units is a backlog in maintenance and renovation. Public housing authorities say it's hard to get these units into proper condition due to funding and staffing issues.
Politics & Public Policy	9/22/2023	6:45am 8:45am	4:55	MA	Housing advocates say Massachusetts has a desperate need for more affordable places to live. But a WBUR/ProPublica investigation finds that many housing agencies are quietly using subsidized apartments for other purposes.
Politics & Public Policy	9/28/2023	5:45am 7:45am	5:03	MA	The African Heritage Reparation Assembly of Amherst has released its final report for reparative justice to redress racialized harms waged against the town's African-American residents historically and in the present. NEPM's Carrie Healey spoke with the assembly committee chair, Michelle Miller.

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