

WAIC, Springfield, Massachusetts

Issues/Programs List

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This report lists representative examples of reporting on local issues that aired in program segments reserved for local feature-length news reports, interviews and commentaries within *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*. It is not a comprehensive list but rather is illustrative of the total programming broadcast.

This local programming includes *The Short List*, typically broadcast on Fridays at 5:50 p.m. during *All Things Considered*, an eight-and-a-half minute roundtable discussion with a rotating panel of journalists and media professionals that analyzes the major issues in the news.

In addition to the feature-length reports listed here, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts during *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*.

Finally, many reports and discussions on the same and related subjects were also included in the broadcasts of such national news and information programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and *Living on Earth*.

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Topic	Airdate	Newscast	Duration	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	7/5/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:27	MA	We kick off our annual Summer Fiction Series with an 'almost cozy' murder mystery. Author Jane Willan set her novel, 'The Hour Of Death,' in a convent in Wales.
Arts & Culture	7/12/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:12	MA	Poet January Gill O'Neill is executive director of the Massachusetts Poetry festival, and she teaches at Salem State University. Her new collection is called "Rewilding." As part of our summer reading series, she told New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman what the title means to her.
Arts & Culture	7/16/2019	7:51 am	5:12	MA	Rebecca Sheir introduces us to an Indonesian-born filmmaker living in Berkshire County who's finding ways to bring her two homes closer together.
Arts & Culture	7/19/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:29	MA	Our Summer Fiction Series continues with a historical novel. Lynda Cohen Loigman's "The Wartime Sisters" takes place at the Springfield, Massachusetts armory during World War 2.
Arts & Culture	7/22/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:00	MA	'The Soap Myth' is a play about a Holocaust survivor and his crusade to have a say in history. It's capping off a national tour with a performance tonight at the Williamstown Theater Festival in the Berkshires.
Arts & Culture	7/25/2019	7:51 am	7:36	MA	'New Horizon,' a 100-foot-tall hot air balloon, is artist Doug Aitken's new creation, showing up in western Massachusetts this week. But no project this ambitious is without its risks.
Arts & Culture	7/26/2019	6:33 am, 8:33 am	4:47	MA	Under British rule starting in the late 19th century, many thousands crossed the sea to Kenya from India. This history is central to Jennifer Acker's new novel "The Limits Of The World," the next pick in our Summer Fiction Series.
Arts & Culture	8/1/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:01	MA	There was more than one artist in the O'Keefe family. WBUR's Andrea Shea reports on the sleuthing it took to build an exhibition around a lesser-known O'Keefe---Ida--- at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

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Arts & Culture	8/2/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:00	MA	Shelburne Falls resident Joan Livingston is the author of "Checking The Traps," about a fictionalized western Massachusetts community. It's the next installment in our Summer Fiction Series.
Arts & Culture	8/9/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:11	MA	Next in our Summer Fiction series: a re-telling of the story of Anne Frank. The new novel, "Annalies", by Amherst, Massachusetts writer David Gillham, starts out as historical fiction, reconstructing the Frank family's life in hiding before they were sent to the concentration camps.
Arts & Culture	8/13/2019	7:45 am	4:14	MA	This week is the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, one of the first big music festivals and an event which continues to be a symbol of the 1960s. New England Public Radio's John Voci has this story about one enduring image of the festival.
Arts & Culture	8/16/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:23	MA	A photographer documents her childhood friend's rise to fame. Foreign journalists try to adapt to life in a U-S city. A clown pines for the love of a trapeze artist. These characters and more make up a new short-story collection from Lenox, Massachusetts author Brendan Mathews, called "This Is Not A Love Song." It's the final pick in our Summer Fiction Series.
Arts & Culture	8/20/2019	7:51 am	4:20	MA	In 1953, American illustrator Norman Rockwell moved from Arlington, Vermont, to Stockbridge, Massachusetts. While in the Berkshires, Rockwell developed a relationship with a prominent psychotherapist who came to influence the artist's work. Their relationship is the subject of an exhibit now on display at the Norman Rockwell Museum. Lily Tyson of the New England News Collaborative reports.

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Arts & Culture	8/23/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:10	MA	We turn to our Back-To-School Book Series, speaking with authors who focus on a younger audience. We begin with a young adult novel called "X-L." It's about a 16-year-old named Will, who, at the beginning of the story, is short for his age: 4 foot 11. Author Scott Brown tells New England Public Radio's Karen Brown that the story appealed to him as a metaphor for expectations imposed on teens.
Arts & Culture	8/30/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	3:43	MA	Amherst, Massachusetts author Aaron Becker is known for his bestselling children's book trilogy, "Journey." His wordless books often feature expansive scenes of fantasy and nature. This year Becker went in a different direction. "You Are Light" is an interactive board book filled with cut-outs and colored pieces of plastic.
Arts & Culture	9/6/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:06	MA	Mike Curato contributed a collage spread to a new Sesame Street book out next month celebrating the show's theme song, "Sunny Days." The Northampton, Massachusetts author and illustrator also created the "Little Elliot" picture books, including a Christmas edition published last year.
Arts & Culture	9/13/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:17	MA	'Shouting At The Rain', a young-adult novel, deals with some dark issues like addiction and being abandoned by a parent. But it's not a dark story, says Linda Mullaly Hunt. Growing up in Connecticut, the writer faced some of the same issues.
Arts & Culture	9/20/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	4:26	MA	Our Back To School Book Series continues with 'The Adventures Of A Girl Called Bicycle.' This middle-grade book is about a 12-year-old girl's complicated quest to make a friend. East Longmeadow, Massachusetts author Christina Uss spoke with New England Public Radio's Carrie Healy about the book.
Community Voices	7/3/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	2:40	MA	In some businesses, the phrase 'dead wood' is used to describe someone who is no longer productive, or not contributing to a company's bottom line. But commentator Susan Johnson has come to think of dead wood not as useless, but as some of the most useful material around.

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Community Voices	7/12/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	2:37	CT	There's a relatively new item on commentator Cara McDonough's to-do list: solve humanity's most urgent mission. And then there's all the other routine stuff.
Community Voices	7/16/2019	7:51 am	2:18	MA	Commentator Tom Niels-Duffy used to direct a mental health program in Northampton, Massachusetts. He's moved on to other things...but he still thinks about the people he served there.
Community Voices	7/18/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:49	MA	In recent months, Sudan has been in a state of upheaval. In West Springfield, Massachusetts, the Gabriel family has been closely following the popular uprising. As refugees from Sudan, they hold a mixture of hope for their homeland and fear for their friends and family.
Community Voices	7/23/2019	6:20 am, 8:35 am	9:36	MA	Congress created the United States Nurse Corps in 1943 to quickly train more than 100-thousand new nurses. Those who know about the corps praise it, but others have been lobbying for more formal recognition for decades. This month, the US House took a step in that direction, as New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports.
Community Voices	7/24/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	2:40	MA	Ilan Stavans teaches the humanities at Amherst College. Part of his job is to think about words. Recently, while writing a commentary for this radio station, he realized even words can be pressed for time.
Community Voices	7/24/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	2:35	MA	Sometimes community organizations close down because of a lack of funding or not enough interest. But when it comes to bingo and other senior activities in Clarksburg, Massachusetts, the main problem is...aging.
Community Voices	7/26/2019	5:51 am, 7:51 am	4:28	MA	Michael Kittredge, the founder of Yankee Candle Company in South Deerfield, Massachusetts, has died after several years of failing health. The self-made business leader was known as an innovator and philanthropist---as well as a fun dad and generous friend. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.

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Community Voices	7/26/2019	6:33 am, 8:33 am	2:54	MA	Since the death last week of former Supreme Court justice John Paul Stevens, our commentator Renny Fulco has been thinking about his particular approach to judging and what informed it.
Community Voices	8/20/2019	7:51 am	2:22	MA	"There are bears in those woods," a farmer once told commentator Susan Johnson. "I wouldn't go in if I were you." So, of course, she went in... again and again.
Community Voices	9/11/2019	6:22 am, 8:22 am	2:47	MA	For most people, 9/11 brings indelible memories. Commentator Martha Ackmann remembers moving into a new house, her mother's birthday, and a train she desperately wanted to hear.
Community Voices	9/20/2019	7:50 am	3:04	MA	It's the end of an era for a Northampton, Massachusetts institution. The Pioneer Valley Roller Derby has called 'The Bunker' their home track for nearly a decade. But last weekend's bouts were the last-ever in the beloved building.
Community Voices	9/20/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	2:45	MA	Bhutan, a South Asian nation of less than a million, is often championed as an extremely happy country. But commentator Bhuwan Gautam says, no matter how Bhutan describes itself, we should never lose sight of its history of cruelty towards some of its citizens.
Economic Development	7/26/2019	5:51 am, 7:51 am	2:27	CT	Connecticut Public, the parent company of Connecticut Public television and WNPR radio, is offering voluntary buyouts to some longtime employees. The organization recently went through a leadership change and its new CEO says it's up to those workers to decide whether to take the deal. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.
Economic Development	8/7/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:37	MA	When the MGM Springfield casino was under construction, several local retailers and restaurants said they got a lot of new business. But now---not so much. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports.

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Economic Development	8/20/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:55	CT	In 2014 Congress authorized the Coltsville National Historical Park in Hartford. It would mark the contributions to the firearms industry made by Samuel Colt. Fast-forward five years to today, and plans for the park remain stalled.
Economic Development	8/21/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:23	MA	The magazine 'High Times' has been going strong since 1974, when it would have been hard to imagine today's giant swing towards marijuana legalization. Today there's so much online about cannabis, and even specific apps to locate pot shops. But there's also a new crop of old-fashioned print publications, including some from this region.
Economic Development	8/29/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:47	MA	MGM executives this month celebrated the anniversary of their Springfield casino. They touted the number of visitors, the jobs for Springfield residents, and the big investment downtown. But as New England Public Radio's Sam Hudzik reports, it's been hard to brag about gambling revenue.
Economic Development	9/25/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	4:42	ME	From agriculture to steel, President Trump's trade war with China is taking a toll on many Sawmills and lumber exporters are watching their top foreign market slip away. The industry accounts for tens of thousands of jobs in New England---but unlike other agricultural sectors, it's received no relief from the federal government.
Education	8/28/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:22	MA	As students move into their dorms for the fall semester we are reminded that a lot has changed. Amherst, Massachusetts resident Jill Margaret Shulman is the author of "College Admissions Cracked: Saving Your Kid And Yourself From The Madness." As her book points out, at least one part of the process has gotten simpler.
Energy & Environment	7/30/2019	6:21 am, 8:21 am	6:44	NH	In 1902, two middle-aged women organized a hiking trip through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. At the time, the mountains were under threat from logging and fires. Whately, Massachusetts botanist Allison Bell credits the trip with preserving the White Mountains for decades to come.

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Energy & Environment	8/27/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:19	MA	In recent winters, small-scale New England beekeepers have consistently lost around 40 percent of their hives, and winter losses in the US set a record high in 2018, according to the Bee Informed Partnership. To save their bees, some Pioneer Valley apiaries are using innovative methods and getting promising results.
Energy & Environment	9/17/2019	7:45 am	4:14	MA	Climate activists from across western Massachusetts are preparing to join in a week of global protests. Among the groups is 'Extinction Rebellion,' whose members promote civil disobedience.
Energy & Environment	9/19/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	7:38	MA	A dire warning from scientists: we're running out of time. Clean, renewable energy sources are coming on-line, but solar and wind are intermittent and the transition will take time. There is another carbon-free energy source that is strong, steady and available---but there's a catch: it's nuclear power.
Energy & Environment	9/27/2019	7:50 am	3:42	MA	Right now there's no single, quick protocol to make sure the public knows when untreated sewage or wastewater makes its way into rivers in Massachusetts. But a bill to create a timely, uniform notification process is sitting in a legislative committee. New England Public Radio's Carrie Healy reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/17/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:24	MA	The review system for driver violations at the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is broken. After more than a year's worth of unopened paper violations from other states were found, more than 1600 drivers are just now having the law catch up with them.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	9/25/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	2:18	MA	A Connecticut man who was wrongfully imprisoned for 27 years says he's delighted by the verdict in his lawsuit against four Springfield police officers---but not for the reason you might think.

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Politics & Public Policy	7/1/2019	6:45 am ,8:45 am	5:39	MA	BH In 5: Lt. Gov. Polito signed a stopgap Budget in Gov. Baker's absence last week, dealt with a resignation at the RMV, and kept peace at a Governor's Council meeting---what's ahead for lawmakers this week? // Suffolk Downs ran its last races over the weekend---this week the Consumer Protection Committee will seek to take horse racing out of the legislature's purview. Why, and why now?
Politics & Public Policy	7/3/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	2:43	MA	Massachusetts cities and towns with marijuana businesses are getting revenue from a 3-percent tax on retail pot sales. Most municipalities haven't decided how to spend the money, but residents have lots of ideas.
Politics & Public Policy	7/10/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:16	MA	A bill on Beacon Hill that would create a commission to look at declines in local journalism gets another hearing today.
Politics & Public Policy	7/15/2019	6:33 am	6:13	MA	BH In 5: Mid-July and still no state budget or hands-free cell phone law; negotiations on those continue behind closed doors. Last week a bill on guidelines for police body cams was hit from all sides. Glitches plague the state's website. The latest casino revenue report is due today and may show what impact the new casino in Everett has had on MGM Springfield.
Politics & Public Policy	7/16/2019	6:45 am , 8:45 am	5:26	MA	The 4 Democratic Congresswomen known as The Squad have fired back at President Trump following two days of his racist tweets and comments. Those tweets have sparked outrage in Massachusetts.
Politics & Public Policy	7/29/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	6:15	MA	BH In 5: The legislature held a hearing last week on the scandal related to a repeated failure to process out-of-state driver violation notices. Lawmakers wrap up loose ends before summer recess. Governor Baker has until Friday to act on the budget.
Politics & Public Policy	8/2/2019	5:51 am, 7:51 am	6:23	MA	Richard Neal, dean of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, is facing a primary challenge from the left. It's coming from Alex Morse, the 30-year-old mayor of Holyoke, who says he represents a new generation of progressive leadership.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/5/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:29	MA	BH In 5: A House/Senate deal on a distracted driving bill fell through last week; Governor Baker was remarkably restrained in his vetoes of line items in the new state budget; fallout continues from problems at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
Politics & Public Policy	8/6/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	3:20	MA	President Trump is urging the country to take several steps in response to the two deadly weekend shootings sprees. One of them is a step Massachusetts has already taken. The state enacted a "red flag" law a year ago.
Politics & Public Policy	8/8/2019	6:45 am , 8:45 am	5:01	MA	Some Massachusetts farmers and retailers find themselves in limbo, as a new policy takes effect in different ways in different communities. It's a ban on the sale of some hemp products, including foods with the cannabis extract CBD.
Politics & Public Policy	8/12/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:58	MA	BH In 5: Massachusetts lawmakers hail the state's new Equal Pay Act but equity for their own staff may be some ways away; a pending bill could provide a lifeline to local cable-access tv stations; following the discovery of the Registry of Motor Vehicles' failure to suspend licenses of drivers charged in other states, lawmakers had some tough questions for Registry officials as an outside audit and accounting firm was brought in.
Politics & Public Policy	8/19/2019	6:45 am , 8:45 am	4:58	MA	BH In 5: Gov. Baker and his political team appear to be tangled in a fight with the state Republican Party; negotiations drag on over a compromise to the hands-free cellphone bills passed by the House and Senate; and what's behind the increased State Police presence at the State House?
Politics & Public Policy	9/2/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:30	MA	BH In 5: Congressman Kennedy may challenge Senator Markey; activists on both sides of the gun control debate were at the State House last week as legislators heard testimony on more than six dozen bills; and there are some high-profile agenda items pending.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/11/2019	6:22 am, 8:22 am	3:46	MA	The city council in Fall River, Massachusetts, voted to remove mayor Jasiel Correia from office amid corruption allegations. But he's refusing to step down.
Politics & Public Policy	9/16/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:17	MA	BH In 5: State officials to convene a task force To address allegations of abuse and fraud in the nursing-home industry; Secretary of State Galvin advocates a major reform of the primary election system-----is there an ethics twist here involving his relative? GOP lawmakers urge action on distracted-driving legislation.
Politics & Public Policy	9/16/2019	5:45 am, 7:45 am	3:55	MA	Massachusetts lawmakers end their summer recess and head back to Beacon Hill this week. Over the weekend about 4-thousand Democrats were in Springfield for the state party's political convention.
Politics & Public Policy	9/23/2019	6:34 am, 8:34 am	5:43	MA	BH In 5: Early reviews are positive for the school finance overhaul and it may be voted on in the Senate soon; a distracted driving bill remains stalled in conference over concerns about racial profiling; and Mass Most Wanted playing cards will be distributed in county jails this week, bearing photos of fugitives and missing persons.
Politics & Public Policy	9/30/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:35	MA	BH In 5: The Senate takes up a big education funding bill this week; at the state Office Of Campaign And Political Finance, the director's retirement has set off a political squabble as lawmakers try to change the way a replacement is chosen; and vaping legislation may be in the works.
Public Health	7/11/2019	6:20 am, 8:20 am	6:25	MA	As outbreaks of measles continue across the country, including the Northeast, public health leaders are doubling down on the importance of childhood vaccination and focusing on the best ways to talk about vaccines to wary parents.

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Public Health	7/15/2019	6:33 am	3:08	MA	People with addiction in Massachusetts can be forced into treatment by a legal process that some feel is too punitive. At a community meeting, public health advocates and those in the criminal justice system had a range of perspectives on how that should change.
Public Health	9/3/2019	6:45 am , 8:45 am	3:17	MA	Massachusetts' 2011 casino law required the state to help address problem gambling. About a year after MGM Springfield opened, health leaders say programs are rolling out.
Public Health	9/4/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	4:44	MA	Advocates have often been at pains to differentiate marijuana from hemp. And increasingly, some users are smoking the hemp buds in the same way Americans have long smoked marijuana.
Public Health	9/5/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	3:46	MA	More than two dozen Massachusetts cities and towns are considered at a critical risk for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, a mosquito-borne illness that can cause death within days. The virus is rare but many residents are worried, especially after a woman from the southeastern Massachusetts town of Fairhaven died from the illness.
Science	8/14/2019	6:45 am, 8:45 am	5:10	MA	Motorists this summer will find frequent lane closures and a need to merge. Research shows a *late* merge---using both lanes as long as possible and not moving over right away---is often safer and will keep traffic flowing. The problem is, among fellow drivers it's not the most popular move.