

WAIC, Springfield, Massachusetts

Issues/Programs List

January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

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 ***And Another Thing***, typically broadcast each weekday at 6:00 pm, a 30-minute newsmagazine focusing on issues of local and regional significance.

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	1/6/2022	4:44pm	5:33	MA	For the last few months, artists Imoh Imeh has been working from his Holyoke, Massachusetts studio, on paintings he made in response to last year's insurrection at the US Capitol. Imeh says his large-scale pieces of people, objects, and religious symbols are an attempt to illustrate the historical frameworks around the violence of that day, and the violence he sees occurring against non-whites, under the guise of patriotism.
Arts & Culture	1/14/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	During the uncertain time of the Covid-19 pandemic, places of worship have had to get creative about keeping people connected to their faith. Religious leaders assembled for a panel discussion on And Another Thing also reflected on the upcoming holiday to celebrate the life and work of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
Arts & Culture	1/26/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:32	MA	In 1786, Revolutionary War veteran Daniel Shays led an uprising to protest seemingly unfair land taxes and an unresponsive government. He marched with western Massachusetts farmers to local debtor's courts, forcing them to postpone business. Easthampton author Daniel Bullen looks at the story from a new angle in his book, "Daniel Shays' Honorable Rebellion."
Arts & Culture	1/27/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:50	MA	A recent book by historian Bruce Laurie describes how the actions of two Civil War soldiers from western Massachusetts helped educate the public about the brutality of slavery. It's titled "Chaotic Freedom In Civil War Louisiana: The Origins Of An iconic Image."

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Arts & Culture	2/1/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	It's official: Tom Brady is retiring and finishing up one of the most storied careers in not just football, but professional sports. In a message posted to Twitter, Brady wrote that he believes that if there isn't a 100% commitment in football, then you won't succeed. 'And Another Thing' looks at what set Brady apart from everyone else who has played professional football.
Arts & Culture	2/17/2022	4:50pm	8:18	MA	The legacy of a revered musician and faculty member at UMass-Amherst will be celebrated this weekend, nearly two years after his death. Fred Tillis served as long-time director of the Fine Arts Center, whose concert hall has been renamed in his honor. He also helped found the university's jazz and African-American music studies program, and recruited world-renowned artists to perform and teach on campus. NEPM's Kari Njiri asked current director Jeff Holmes to discuss Tillis' legacy.
Arts & Culture	2/18/2022	7:20am	8:18	MA	The legacy of a revered musician and faculty member at UMass-Amherst will be celebrated this weekend, nearly two years after his death. Fred Tillis served as long-time director of the Fine Arts Center, whose concert hall has been renamed in his honor. He also helped found the university's jazz and African-American music studies program, and recruited world-renowned artists to perform and teach on campus. NEPM's Kari Njiri asked current director Jeff Holmes to discuss Tillis' legacy.
Arts & Culture	2/22/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:27	MA	A portrait exhibit is travelling around Massachusetts, but not in art galleries. It's being set up at busy shopping malls, in locations people constantly pass by. The show tells a story about who we are---and about being more than just what people see.

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Arts & Culture	2/24/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:58	CT	An album released during Black History Month brings together a Connecticut jazz musician and one of America's foremost poets. "The Gospel According To Nikki Giovanni" features saxophonist Javon Jackson, whose quarter plays gospel hymns and spirituals hand-picked by Giovanni, who makes a rare vocal appearance.
Arts & Culture	2/25/2022	6:31am 8:31am	10:32	MA	For centuries, archaeologists and amateur collectors looted Native American graves in Massachusetts and across the country, taking the remains of people and the objects with which they had been buried. Institutions have reported holding the remains of nearly 117-thousand people, including about 60 from central and western Massachusetts, and now efforts are underway to find proper resting places for them.
Arts & Culture	3/3/2022	4:50pm	4:11	MA	College basketball's regular season is coming to an end with teams about to enter their conference tournaments, and, hopefully, the NCAA tourney. While not as well known or successful as their counterparts at UConn, the UMass women are coming off their best season in the program's history, at 23-6. Daily Hampshire Gazette sports reporter Hannah Bevis says the Minutewomen have a good chance of making it to the conference tourney for a second straight year.
Arts & Culture	3/17/2022	6:34am 8:34am	7:40	MA	If you've been to a live concert lately, it's probably one of the first you've attended in a while---and the same goes for the performers. But music venues around western Massachusetts are ramping up offerings and hoping the demand for concerts outpaces the pandemic.

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Arts & Culture	3/23/2022	6:34am 8:34am	6:01	CT	An historic chapel in a Hartford cemetery is threatened with demolition by the congregation that owns it. But preservationists, including the city's historic commission, want to see the building saved.
Arts & Culture	3/25/2022	5:45am 7:45am	6:05	MA	Live music from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra has been missing for a couple of years---not only because of the pandemic, but due also to an ongoing contract dispute between the orchestra and its musicians. In recent months the players have formed their own arts organization, The Musicians Of The Springfield Symphony Orchestra. And there have been new developments in the dispute.
Community Voices	1/3/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	And Another Thing devotes Mondays to single interviews with people in western New England with unique experiences or challenges. The guest this week is Eduardo Samaniego. He attended high school in Georgia unaware that he was not a legal resident of the U.S. He was fully aware by the time he began college in Northampton, Massachusetts, and held out little hope of returning at the time he was deported to Mexico in 2019. But in a rare immigration ruling, Samaniego won humanitarian parole in the fall, which allowed him to return to the Pioneer Valley while a judge decides whether to issue him a humanitarian visa.

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Community Voices	1/10/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	And Another Thing: Imagine giving it all up — the money, the career, the prestige — to help people living on the street who struggle with substance-use disorder. Kali Baba McConnell is someone who did that. After overcoming his own dependency demons, he works to offer resources, and kindness, to others navigating their own addictions on the streets of Northampton. He's currently working on a new album and plans to use the proceeds from any sales for his self-funded non-profit.
Community Voices	1/11/2022	6:45am 8:45am	2:47	MA	It will feel as low as -25° in parts of Western Massachusetts today. Getting out of bed on frigid mornings is a chore for many people---including commentator Nan Parati.
Community Voices	1/11/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	Eleven days into a new year, you may be struggling to keep up with your new year's resolution, or you may have already broken the resolution. That's not uncommon, according to some experts interviewed by And Another Thing---among them, Springfield College professor of psychology Judy Van Raalte. She reassures anyone who does not keep a new year's resolution that there is still hope. She notes that it usually takes smokers, for example, several attempts to quit.
Community Voices	1/20/2022	6:45am 8:45am	2:44	CT	Traffic stops by police---including the dangers they pose---have been in the news a lot in recent years. Commentator Lenny Shine has been reflecting on what happened when he was pulled over.
Community Voices	1/28/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:37	MA	A Pittsfield, Massachusetts minister is retiring after 32 years. Rev. Joel Huntington started a church-based food pantry that serves 650 families a week and told NEPM's Nancy Cohen about how his thinking evolved after he arrived in 1989.

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Community Voices	2/1/2022	6:34am 8:34am	7:35	MA	Two women who are among the thousands of evacuees who escaped from Afghanistan in August 2021...are trying to make a new life in western Massachusetts. They did not know each other and came from different generations, but are figuring out their place in America together.
Community Voices	3/2/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:08	VT	Those who have been to Mount Snow in West Dover, Vermont, have surely noticed the Sundance Base Lodge, a huge and distinctive structure. The man who led the lodge's construction was a lifelong resident of nearby Wilmington named Bertram Adams, better known as 'Pete.' As NEPM's Carrie Healy reports, Adams' obituary notes that he succumbed to covid last fall, and it asks people to wear a mask and get vaccinated.
Community Voices	3/16/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:47	MA	The president of Ukraine is scheduled to remotely address Congress this morning. This comes as his country continues to battle Russian forces in a conflict that the International Rescue Committee has characterized as not just a military crisis, but also a moral one. Commentator Elizabeth Vozzola, a moral psychologist, agrees.
Community Voices	3/22/2022	6:34am 8:34am	7:55	MA	When Russia invaded Ukraine in February, western Massachusetts resident David Korpiewski became very concerned. Korpiewski's 10-year-old daughter Mary lives in Ukraine. The decision to bring her to the United States was easy---the process was not. He described the arduous journey he made to Ukraine and Poland to rescue his daughter.

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Community Voices	3/30/2022	6:34am 8:34am	5:13	CT	Evictions slowed down during the pandemic thanks to financial help from state and federal governments, but almost all of the aid has now lapsed. And evictions are starting to return to pre-pandemic levels. At the same time, rents have jumped by more than 15 percent. Connecticut Public Radio's Camila Vallejo has the story of one evicted family.
Education	3/11/2022	6:45am 8:34am	5:46	MA	With gas prices at an all-time high, many school districts are grappling with the cost of busing their students. One transportation coordinator says the energy market also has impacts beyond running buses---it's also about heating school buildings and getting staff, including bus drivers, to work.
Education	3/15/2022	4:50pm	8:00	MA	Hospitalizations have increased across the U-S for children and teens struggling with anxiety and depression. And after kids come home from the hospital, they face what's often a daunting prospect: going back to school. NEPM's Ben James visited a classroom that's helping to smooth that transition.
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Education	3/16/2022	6:34am 8:34am	4:44	CT	Hartford is facing a shortage of bilingual teachers. The district is addressing the problem by recruiting teachers from Puerto Rico. Connecticut Public Radio's Brenda Leon visited the classroom of one teacher from Puerto Rico who arrived a year ago.

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Energy & Environment	3/16/2022	5:51pm	1:25	CT	Connecticut lawmakers are working on a bill that aims to bring solar power to more customers who are not able to put panels on the roof. As Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, it's part of a program called 'shared solar.'
Energy & Environment	3/23/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:38	MA	The Housing Authority Board in Great Barrington voted last week to ask the Housatonic Water Works Company if it will reimburse tenants for bottled water and doctor's visits. The state has raised a red flag about drinking water at a housing complex for the elderly and families.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/5/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey tells And Another Thing that any allegation of police misconduct must be taken seriously. In light of a U.S. Department of Justice probe of the Springfield Police Department that included more than 100,000 pages of misconduct reports, Healey discussed state prosecutors taking over the investigation of allegations that police officers assaulted four men outside a city bar and that other officers helped cover it up.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/6/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	A Massachusetts Congressman who was at the rostrum overseeing proceedings of the U.S. House at the time of the riot a year ago on January 6, 2021 says he had no idea at the time how serious the threat was. Congressman Jim McGovern says he respects legitimate political differences of opinion with Republican colleagues but refuses to allow anyone to make excuses for what happened that day.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/13/2022	7:45am	4:07	MA	After a 23-year-old was killed Sunday by a Springfield police officer, family members and activists are demanding better training for how to deal with people in mental-health crises.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/19/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	In the wake of the recent hostage incident in Texas, rabbis and other Jewish leaders in western New England and around the country worry that their congregations could become targets. And Another Thing spoke with Rabbi Amy Walk of Springfield's Temple Beth El and Rabbi James Greene, director of a Jewish summer camp in Connecticut.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/25/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:14	MA	It's long been illegal to discriminate against home-buyers because of their ethnicity or skin color. But the legacy lives on in Massachusetts property records, and state leaders are debating what to do about them.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/9/2022	6:34am 8:34am	7:16	MA	In December, Springfield police officer Gregg Bigda was acquitted of criminal charges stemming from an infamous 2016 incident in Palmer, Massachusetts. Bigda had been accused of brutalizing several teenage suspects. But even though he was not convicted in criminal court, Bigda still had to face two civil lawsuits, one of which was just settled.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/10/2022	5:44pm	2:56	MA	The Massachusetts State Police have joined with district attorneys to seek clues in unsolved crimes--- by creating a deck of playing cards highlighting various cases.
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Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/9/2022	6:45am 8:34am	6:01	MA	Overall, fewer minors are coming into contact with the Massachusetts juvenile-justice system. But there are great disparities in the data by race and identity, according to a new report from the Juvenile Justice Policy And Data Board. Melissa Threadgill of the state's Office Of The Child Advocate explained how youth of color, in particular, could benefit from diversion programs.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/25/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:56	MA	The director of Amherst, Massachusetts' new department for response to certain emergency calls started the job this week. The new department joins several other initiatives in western Massachusetts that offer alternatives to police when a call involves a mental health crisis.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/29/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:57	MA	A 22-year-old Pittsfield man was shot and killed by city police on Friday. NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports that those who knew the man say he had a history of mental illness, and that police should have been better equipped to deal with it.
Politics & Public Policy	1/3/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: covid remains a priority for legislators, but there are other big items on their to-do list as well; a look at Gov. Baker's policy priorities as his term enters its final year; speculation continues about who may run to succeed Baker as Governor.
Politics & Public Policy	1/10/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: with schools still struggling with covid-related staffing issues, Gov. Baker sticks to his position of no return to remote learning; hospitals across the state are expected to release new metrics on tracking covid cases; and will the school mask mandate be allowed to expire on schedule?

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Politics & Public Policy	1/17/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Northampton's Board Of Health rejected calls for proof of vaccination to enter businesses even as Boston imposed those restrictions---which way will the state as a whole go? Will newly drawn legislative district maps better reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity? And a look at Governor Baker's commutation of two murder sentences.
Politics & Public Policy	1/18/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	A federal tax credit that has resulted in monthly payments to hundreds of thousands of families in the past six months has expired, leaving some federal lawmakers in New England ready to fight for its return but uncertain whether anything can be done to save the expanded child tax credit.
Politics & Public Policy	1/20/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	Attorney General Maura Healey launched her campaign for governor by releasing an online video this week, highlighting legal fights she initiated against Purdue Pharma and ExxonMobil. The other two Democratic candidates are Harvard professor Danielle Allen and state Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz. The only Republican candidate at this time is former State Representative Geoff Diehl.
Politics & Public Policy	1/24/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: previewing Governor Baker's final State of The State address; Atty. General Maura Healey has joined the race to succeed Baker.

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Politics & Public Policy	1/24/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	The last western Massachusetts resident to hold statewide office finds the prospect of another one exciting. Former Lt. Gov. Jane Swift of North Adams discussed the political challenges faced by candidates from the western part of the state as part of a wide-ranging interview on And Another Thing. Swift compared her experience as acting governor at the time of the September 11th attacks to the challenges currently faced by public officials, who must make decisions today related to Covid-19 developments.
Politics & Public Policy	1/25/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	Some temporary measures designed to make voting easier in Massachusetts remained in place due to Covid-19 for municipal elections around the state in November of last year. Some Democrats are moving to make provisions such as early voting permanent. At the same time, some Republican lawmakers want to institute new rules, including a voter identification requirement.
Politics & Public Policy	1/28/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	On Fridays, And Another Thing reviews and analyzes some of the major news stories of the week. The Supreme Court nomination and the role that the three New England senators on the Judiciary Committee may play is among the topics addressed this week. Other topics include Gov. Charlie Baker's push for state tax cuts in Massachusetts, plans for a full music season at Tanglewood, and the selection of Red Sox star David Ortiz for the Baseball Hall of Fame.
Politics & Public Policy	1/31/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: candidates are lining up for 6 statewide offices; a set of voting reforms passed the state Senate but remains stalled in the House; the Supreme Judicial Court is expected to rule on the wording of a so-called "millionaire's tax" ballot proposal.

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Politics & Public Policy	2/7/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: there are now three announced candidates for the Attorney General's office; joint legislative committees face a deadline for acting on bills under review--which ones came out with a favorable vote? And with health care costs rising, a bill in the state Senate aims to curb some drug costs.
Politics & Public Policy	2/14/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Masking in schools may remain a contentious issue following the governor's announcement that the decision will rest with officials after the end of the month; gubernatorial hopeful Sonia Chang-Diaz opposes the governor's mask decision, though fellow candidate Maura Healey has not yet voiced an opinion; the House speaker is moving ahead with a bill to provide driver's licenses to unauthorized immigrants, a subject that's been debated on Beacon Hill for years.
Politics & Public Policy	2/28/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: The head of the state's School Superintendents' Association reports mixed views among administrators about ending mask wearing in schools; a look at masks and vaccination requirements for visitors now that the State House has been reopened; coming off a quiet week during February vacation, are lawmakers ready to take up Governor Baker's tax relief proposals?

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Politics & Public Policy	3/14/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:15	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: The state Department of Public Health has revised downward the number of covid deaths---will Massachusetts be expected to refund federal relief that was provided on the basis of earlier figures? With so much other legislative business pending, will lawmakers take up the delayed Remembrance Day bill meant to honor covid victims? And with fuel prices rising, what are the chances of measures being taken at the state level to provide some economic relief to consumers?
Politics & Public Policy	3/21/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: After two years of remote livestreams due to the pandemic, the Governor's Council is among state panels that have returned to traditional pre-covid meetings; a look at how parts of the state beyond Boston may fare under Governor Baker's \$9.7-billion transportation and infrastructure bond bill; the state's paid covid sick-leave program expired last week---will lawmakers consider an extension?
Politics & Public Policy	3/28/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:45	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: the budget reconciliation process will include the question of Russian disinvestment, which was specifically included in the Senate version but not mentioned by the House proposal; a look at the chances of gas-tax relief being revived after the legislature rejected it; and with the state in line for \$9.5 billion in federal infrastructure funding, it may be make-or-break time for the long-discussed East-West railroad project.
Politics & Public Policy	3/29/2022	5:45am 7:45am	4:50	MA	Three months ago, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court heard a case that had the potential to up-end state labor laws. The big question: should the owners of some franchises be treated as employees of the parent company? The Court's ruling is unlikely to please corporate executives.

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Public Health	1/4/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:52	MA	Those diagnosed with schizophrenia---a psychotic disorder marked by delusional thinking---often experience fear and anxiety. A group of Massachusetts researchers say changing the name of the condition could go a long way towards reducing the associated stigma.
Public Health	1/11/2022	6:45am 8:45am	1:43	CT	A stressful lifestyle can affect your health at the DNA level, according to new research from Yale University. But researchers say learning to manage those feelings can help prevent this.
Public Health	1/12/2022	6:05pm	22:00	NH	Less than one percent of the abortions that occur in the United States happen after 21 weeks, according to data from the CDC as of 2019. Nonetheless New Hampshire woke up on Jan 1st to a new law that bans the procedure after 24 weeks. And Another Thing spoke with advocates on both sides of the issue.
Public Health	1/13/2022	4:51pm	4:32	MA	The omicron-fuelled covid surge continues to fill hospitals and stretch medical resources. Baystate Health president and CEO Mark Keroack says those capacity issues persist.
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Public Health	2/2/2022	6:05pm	22:00	MA	When it comes to diabetes, heart disease, kidneys, hypertension, the Centers for Disease control reports that historically, the black community faces far higher rates of poor outcomes and death than any other race. Over the past few years, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought these racial inequities in healthcare to the forefront. During February's Black History Month, there's a focus on the historic legacy of social, economic and environmental inequities, such as racism embedded in societal institutions resulting in poor health.
Public Health	2/28/2022	5:45am 7:45am	4:33	MA	Starting today, the faces of some Massachusetts public-school students will be fully visible indoors. The state has lifted the mask mandate for schools and now it's up to local districts to decide what to do. Some want to wait, others are ready for masks to come off.
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