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Issues/Programs List

July 1, 2022 through September 30, 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.

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	7/1/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:05	MA	Amherst, Massachusetts author David Gilham explores themes of grief, guilt, redemption, and hope in his new novel "Shadows Of Berlin." The main character is Rachel, a German Holocaust survivor living in New York a decade after the end of World War 2. As part of our Summer Fiction Series, Gilham explains to NEPM's Nancy Cohen that Rachel marries a Jewish American who spent the war state-side and is somewhat oblivious to the horrors his wife and others endured.
Arts & Culture	7/8/2022	6:45am 8:45am	3:36	MA	Northampton, Massachusetts writer Susan Stinson's new book, "Venus Of Chalk," is the next in our Summer Fiction series. It's set largely on a bus trip from Massachusetts to Texas. The main character, Carline, has taken a break from her partner Lillian. During the trip, Carline tries to find peace in her body. Stinson describes Carline as a fat lesbian---and resists the use of euphemisms for the term 'fat.'
Arts & Culture	7/15/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:12	VT	For decades, readers of Archer Mayor's mysteries have been accustomed to a new book release each fall. But the author has announced that his forthcoming book, "Fall Guy," will be his last for an undetermined period. As part of NEPM's Summer Fiction Series, Carrie Healy asked Mayor why he's taking a pause.
Arts & Culture	7/21/2022	6:34am 8:34am	8:41	MA	Mount Tom in Holyoke, Massachusetts, isn't an especially tall mountain, but it's famous among paragliders for having some of the best flying conditions in the world. The risks of the sport are real, however. One paraglider was seriously injured on the mountain earlier this month. NEPM's Ben James followed a group of Mount Tom paragliders to their launch site---and off of it.

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Arts & Culture	7/22/2022	6:34am 8:34am	5:35	MA	For the latest installment of our Summer Fiction series, NEPM's Nirvani Williams spoke with author Morgan Talty about the 12 interconnected short stories in his new collection, "Night Of The Living Rez," the story of a Penobscot boy. Talty drew inspiration from many people he's known in his own life.
Arts & Culture	7/29/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:55	MA	Our Summer Fiction Series continues with "The Boys," a novel by Western Massachusetts native Katie Hafner. It's about a couple who take in two young boys from Russia, growing obsessively attached to them just as the pandemic hits.
Arts & Culture	8/5/2022	6:34am 8:34am	4:48	MA	"Helen In Trouble" is a novel closely based on the author's personal experience. Wendy Sibbison of Greenfield, Massachusetts, had an illegal abortion in 1963 when she was 16. Sibbison went on to have a long career as a lawyer. After she retired, she finished the novel that had been marinating in her mind for years. In the latest installment of our Summer Fiction Series, Sibbison spoke with NEPM's Karen Brown and said the story came out a deep personal need to describe what women went through before abortion was legal.
Arts & Culture	8/11/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:54	MA	"Dear Mister Montgomery" had a one-night run recently at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. Four actors took turns reading letters from the 1930s and 40 directed to the complaint department of Montgomery Ward, the Amazon of its time---a full-service mail-order catalog.
Arts & Culture	8/19/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:22	MA	Animals with sore throats, stuffy noses and allergies are comforted by a curious and caring little girl who's chasing her dreams. That's the theme of the first book by author Jennifer Welborn of Amherst, Massachusetts, titled "Dr. Rosie Helps The Animals," part of NEPM's Books For Young People series. She discussed how her book differs from those she remembers from when she was young.

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Arts & Culture	8/26/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:34	MA	Growing up in the hills of western Massachusetts, Astrid Scheckels always had a knack for telling and drawing stories. Her new book, "Hector Fox And The Raven's Revenge," is the second in her popular children's series, with two more installments also planned. She says her interest in storytelling through pictures began with her family.
Arts & Culture	9/2/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	"Make Your Own Money" is a book for young people about....well, making and spending money. While it's essentially a light-hearted guide, the main character is based on author Ty Allan Jackson's fictional character Danny Dollar. In Jackson's earlier book, Danny Dollar aims to become a millionaire by setting up a lemonade stand. Although Pittsfield-based author Jackson refers to Danny as his alter ego, he admits to some key differences in their life stories.
Arts & Culture	9/9/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	At the kitchen table 5 years ago, inspiration struck Holyoke, Massachusetts children's book author Leslea Newman. Her partner Mary had tears in her eyes after reading about the devastation Hurricane Maria caused for Puerto Ricans and the island's animals. That led Newman to write "Alicia & the Hurricane: A Story Of Puerto Rico." As part of our Books For Young People Series, Newman spoke about her partner's fear that a beloved indigenous tree frog would be displaced by the hurricane.
Arts & Culture	9/13/2022	6:22am 8:22am	7:34	MA	Pandemic or not, live music came back with gusto this summer at festivals, as well as outdoor and indoor concerts--- albeit with more-nervous promoters. But long before covid threatened to upend the concert industry, a music professor at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts started writing a book on the history of live music in America.

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Arts & Culture	9/16/2022	7:45am	7:31	MA	"Bonny Light Horseman," a collaboration by three successful solo musicians, will perform Saturday at the Arcadia Folk Festival in Easthampton, Massachusetts. Band member Anais Mitchell is the rare singer/songwriter--- perhaps the only one--- to compose a folk opera that became a Tony Award-winning Broadway show, "Hadestown." She spoke with NEPM's Jill Kaufman.
Arts & Culture	9/16/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:15	CT	Ellington, Connecticut author Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo learned to rock-climb in order to write her third book. She also met Ndengo Gladys Mwilelo, a New Haven resident and refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Together they wrote "Each Of Us Is A Universe," the story of two 11-year-old girls, American-born Cal and Rosine, a Congolese refugee. As part of our Books For Young People series, Zulick Ferruolo began by describing Cal's approach to other people in her life before meeting Rosine.
Arts & Culture	9/23/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:58	MA	Our Books For Young People series wraps up its season with "The Adventures Of Robo-Kid" by Amherst, Massachusetts author and illustrator Diane deGroat. The book is about a child living in the real world who encounters a comic-book character.
Arts & Culture	9/29/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:41	MA	Massachusetts' list of official symbols is extensive---including an official muffin, a state cat, and several state rocks. But so far, no official "sedimentary structure." That could change. An enthusiastic geologist from Greenfield Community College is seeking recognition for what are known as 'armored mud balls.' As he explained to NEPM's Jill Kaufman, they're ancient and rare.

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Community Voices	7/7/2022	6:20am 8:20am	4:12	CT	Guns are being transformed into garden tools by a group aligned with the Episcopal Church of Connecticut. They're called "Swords To Plowshares Northeast." The group, which recently held events in Massachusetts and Connecticut, sees blacksmithing as a response to America's epidemic of gun violence.
Community Voices	7/7/2022	6:20am 8:20am	3:01	MA	The number of anti-Semitic incidents in both Massachusetts and Connecticut reached historic highs last year. That's according to reports from the Anti-Defamation League. Commentator Christopher Carlisle, an Episcopal priest, says there's an important lesson for us as we witness the rise in anti-Semitism--- and it comes from a popular TV show.
Community Voices	7/13/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:37	MA	There's no doubt that interactions with wildlife can be tricky. As commentator Susan Johnson knows all too well, this is especially true when the wildlife stars acting a little less than wild.
Community Voices	7/22/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:05	MA	Many businesses, including retail stores, have closed since the pandemic began, continuing a tough trend for brick-and-mortar stores. This week another joined the list: A-J Hastings in Amherst sold stationery, books, gifts and more. Commentator Martha Ackmann thinks much more than a store has been lost.
Community Voices	7/28/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:26	MA	Finding child care is difficult, and for many parents even more so during the summer, forcing many to rely on family members, babysitters and local summer camps. This year the stressful situation has worsened as a worker shortage has led several camps to reduce capacity or close programs completely.

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Community Voices	8/5/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:43	MA	The parents of commentator Madelaine Zadik only left Nazi Germany after her father had been in a concentration camp and her mother in prison. They'd been charged with high treason for resistance work. Zadik says she's finally beginning to understand why her parents waited as long as they did.
Economic Development	7/12/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:39	MA	Economic development leaders in the Berkshires are pushing to expand a local experiment: a very local currency. "Berk Shares" are bills you can only find and spend in and near Berkshire County. And now the currency has gone digital.
Education	7/27/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:37	MA	Two years into a publicly funded education savings program, Massachusetts officials are seeing a limited number of parents in poorer communities take advantage of some free start-up money. Shira Schoenberg of Commonwealth Magazine told NEPM that fewer than 19-thousand saving accounts have been created across the state since 2020.
Education	9/14/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:10	MA	About five years ago, Christina Royal became the first female president of Holyoke Community College. She was also the first person identifying as queer and the first person of color to lead the school. Now, at age 50, Royal has announced she will leave HCC next July. She discussed the big challenges that have marked her tenure, as well as some promising changes in store for the community college.
Education	9/27/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:12	MA	Too many PhD's? That's a hot topic in the science community. New research looks at the chemistry career path, which often includes a long period of low or even no pay in what's known as a 'post-doc position' at a university as a pathway to an academic job. Researcher Ina Ganguli, an economist at UMass Amherst, says her study found a bias of "excessive optimism" among chemistry PhD's hoping for such a job.

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Energy & Environment	7/13/2022	6:34am 8:34am	6:29	MA	In 1970, a new album hit record stores, featuring a voice unlike anything most people had heard before. "Songs Of The Humpback Whale" was produced by biologist Roger Payne. His album energized the 'Save The Whales' movement, which pushed Congress to pass the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972. Payne told WBUR's Barbara Moran how the album came to be---and why he's still listening to whales.
Energy & Environment	8/25/2022	6:34am 8:34am	4:34	MA	Several New England states are in a severe drought, including Massachusetts. Reservoir levels are at all-time lows, as are some streams and rivers. Rain earlier this week has helped, but not enough. As NEPM's Jill Kaufman reports, many farmers are struggling to keep their crops alive.
Energy & Environment	9/13/2022	5:45am 7:45am	4:08	MA	Electricity prices are among the highest seen in recent years, and while prices are high throughout New England, they're rising faster in some places than in others. WBUR's Miriam Wasser and NHPR's Mara Hoplamazian set out to discover why.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/20/2022	4:20pm	8:20	MA	23-year-old Orlando Taylor of Springfield and 22-year-old Miguel Estrella of Pittsfield---both men of color---were killed in separate incidents by police earlier this year. Each was in the midst of a mental health crisis. Both police departments work with mental health professionals to help those in crisis, but at the time of the shootings, none were on duty. Police chiefs and mental health agencies say they want more co-responders, but as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, not enough clinicians apply for the jobs---and others say police should not be involved at all.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/26/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:09	MA	Experts predict that in the post-Roe world, more women will cross state lines to get an abortion. This has prompted some in Massachusetts to volunteer to open their homes---but as those offers spring up on social media, so have warnings not to accept such help.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	9/15/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:54	CT	More than a third of the people police restrain with physical force in Connecticut were in emotional distress, according to new data collected from law-enforcement agencies across the state. Some departments are experimenting with new approaches to bring those numbers down.
Politics & Public Policy	7/11/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Tax relief of one sort or another could be in the works for Massachusetts residents, with reports indicating that there is a \$3.6-billion surplus; lawmakers return from recess with three weeks left to consider assorted pending bills; with primaries two months away, candidates face the challenge of campaigning during summertime when it's not easy to attract voters' attention.

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Politics & Public Policy	7/14/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:29	MA	In recent years, conservative groups seeking evidence of voter fraud have been making large and repetitive public-records requests of town clerks across the country, including in Massachusetts. Grace Bannasch, the clerk in Shutesbury, a community of about 1700, described how she handles such requests.
Politics & Public Policy	7/25/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: the legislative session ends this week. Action on a sports betting bill is still pending. A sweeping climate-change bill was passed to boost the offshore wind industry and other renewable energies, and now goes to the governor. And applications for mail-in ballots have gone out to voters---will this affect the campaigning timeline?
Politics & Public Policy	8/1/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A review of last-minute legislative action at the State House as the legislature wraps up its session, which extended beyond its July 31 deadline into the early hours of August 1.
Politics & Public Policy	8/2/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:11	MA	State auditor is one of the lower-profile elected offices in Massachusetts...but this primary season, the Democratic race is heating up as candidates work to explain the job to voters.
Politics & Public Policy	8/8/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A huge state surplus has triggered a law mandating automatic tax refunds. The state auditor is involved---will she have any discretion or is it all a formality dictated by the numbers?
Politics & Public Policy	8/15/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:50	MA	Four Democrats are running in the September 6 primary for the Governor's Council seat representing western Massachusetts. The panel has several duties, including approval of Parole Board members, as well as pardons and commutations. But the most prominent function is confirming judicial appointments, from the district court levels all the way to the Supreme Judicial Court.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/22/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Opponents of a measure to allow undocumented immigrants to get Massachusetts driver's licenses say they have collected enough signatures to get their repeal question onto November's ballot; a review of races for auditor and secretary of state, and notable contests among the 200 legislative seats up for election this year.
Politics & Public Policy	8/25/2022	6:34am 8:34am	2:53	MA	Two candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination to replace western Massachusetts state senator Eric Lesser. A recent debate featured some sharp accusations being traded.
Politics & Public Policy	8/29/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Governor Baker has proposed a \$40-million plan to improve security at schools and public colleges; lawmakers may have to return to formal session to address a pending \$4-billion economic development bill presently languishing in committee; with state primaries a week away, a recent poll finds most voters still undecided.
Politics & Public Policy	8/30/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:18	MA	Not many candidates for statewide office hail from western Massachusetts, and those that do usually don't meet with success. But state senator Eric Lesser of Longmeadow is trying to change that. He's running against Salem mayor Kim Driscoll and state representative Tami Gouveia of Acton for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.
Politics & Public Policy	8/31/2022	6:45am 8:45am	4:57	MA	In western Massachusetts, two sheriffs face challenges in next week's primary. In Hampshire County, the incumbent faces two people with front-line experience at the jail he runs in Northampton. Both claim that they'd run it better.
Politics & Public Policy	9/1/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:03	MA	In most states, sheriffs are elected for a 4-year term. In New Hampshire it's two years, in Massachusetts six. In next week's Democratic primary in Berkshire County, incumbent Tom Bowler faces a challenge as he seeks a third term.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/2/2022	5:45am 7:45am	5:35	MA	In next week's Democratic primary for Berkshire District Attorney, incumbent Andrea Harrington is running on her criminal-justice reform record. Challenger Timothy Shugrue says he supports coupling reform with tough prosecution. NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports on their debate.
Politics & Public Policy	9/5/2022	6:45am 8:45am	6:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A check of the GOP gubernatorial primary race between Geoff Diehl and Chris Doughty; the attorney general's office is an open seat, with two candidates remaining after Quentin Palfrey dropped out last week; western Massachusetts candidate for lieutenant governor Eric Lesser trails in the polls; and the secretary of state primary comes down to Tanisha Sullivan challenging 7-term incumbent Bill Galvin.
Politics & Public Policy	9/12/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: with the primaries over, the countdown to November voting has begun; a look at some primary surprises including well-funded Shannon Liss-Riordan losing to Andrea Campbell, and North Adams school committee member Tara Jacobs topping three Hampden County lawyers to secure the Democratic nomination for a Governor's Council seat.
Politics & Public Policy	9/19/2022	6:45am 8:38am	6:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at how demographic differences in mail-in voting could affect the Massachusetts vote in November.
Politics & Public Policy	9/26/2022	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: voters will decide four ballot questions in November, and supporters and opponents are putting a lot of money into the contests; Sen. Adam Hinds has resigned his seat--- having been chairman of the Revenue Committee, will his absence affect Senate business? And with energy prices rising, will the Baker Administration have the situation under control before a new governor takes office in January?

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Politics & Public Policy	9/27/2022	5:44pm	4:35	MA	The White House will host a conference on hunger, nutrition, and health---the first such event in more than fifty years. US Representative Jim McGovern of Massachusetts says there's been a backslide in progress since then. He has long called for another hunger conference, saying that more than 35 million Americans are "food insecure."
