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Community Issues:

July:

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“Cooling Centers Open”

The heat is on, but we've got your back tonight with information about where you can go to cool off. Simsbury is opening two cooling centers tomorrow. They will stay open through Friday. One is located at the Simsbury public library on Hopmeadow Street. The other is at Eno memorial hall, also on Hopmeadow Street. For more information, give the Simsbury Social Services department a call.

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“New London Lemonade Stand”

A New London boy is trying to make difference one glass of lemonade at a time. Eleven year old Izaiah Moore set up his stand near his home to raise money for New London police officers. He put up signs to try to bring in business including one that said "All lives matter." Moore has behavioral issues and police who have come to his home have taken the time to sit down with him and talk to help him calm him. Several officers stopped by the lemonade stand including one who wanted Moore to help spread the word about the police department's National Night out event at Ocean Beach Park on August 2nd. Police will provide transportation to kids who need a ride.

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“Newhallville Cleanup”

A day after an innocent woman was hit by a stray bullet some neighborhood kids are cleaning up to help take back their neighborhood. The Newhallville Ambassadors is a group of students who live in the neighborhood and also help beautify the area as part of a summer job-program.. The students say picking up litter and other trash off the streets and sidewalks sets a good example for all those who live and play in the area. It's a five week program that ends in august. Ambassadors also help clean up the nearby Dixwell neighborhood.

August:

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“New Haven Community Policing”

Many police departments across the country are doing what they can to improve relations in the communities they serve - after a number of deadly shootings involving officers. New haven police officers- who work in the Newhallville section of the city- came up with a way to get to know people in the community during a weekend neighborhood basketball tournament. They bought boxes of frozen popsicles- and passed them out to kids in the park. Officers plans to hand out different kinds of snacks to kids in Newhallville every weekend. They say- better communication and trust will help keep people in the community and the police safer.

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“New Haven Could Lose Fire Engine”

New Haven is considering shutting down one of the city's fire engine companies. The fire fighter's union is speaking out against the plan and the man they say is behind it. The union says losing any engines will put the community at risk. The firefighter's union says last month New Haven's Deputy Director of Emergency Management unveiled plans to remove the engines from company 9 on Ellsworth Avenue. Union president Frank Ricci says the plan is to replace the engines with medical units, a plan he says puts response times and people's safety in jeopardy. Earlier this month the union filed a complaint with the city saying Fontana is overstepping his authoritative duty and interfering with their operations. Today, the union blasted Fontana and his alleged plans on their website. Taking their complaints against him public and urging the public to stand against the proposal.

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“Backpack Drive”

Join News 8 at the Connecticut Post Mall this Sunday and help kids get off to a great start this school year with our back to school backpack drive. You can drop off new backpacks- as well as school supplies- between 11:30 in the morning and two in the afternoon. Backpacks will be donated to both the New Haven and Milford boys and girls clubs.

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“Garden Thefts”

How low can you go... Stealing fresh fruits and vegetables from someone else's garden. It's been happening at community gardens around the state. To discourage thieves - some volunteers are planting sections of vegetables that are free for the public to pick. One man says he takes his own precautions to make sure the fruits or vegetables of his labor do not get stolen. Many people tell News 8 - if someone needs some food that badly all they have to do is ask not steal.

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“Stop and Shop Flu Vaccines”

Flu season is coming and that means it's just about time for a flu shot. Stop and Shop announced today it is offering flu shots at all of its in-store pharmacies. No appointment needed. Most insurance plans cover the entire cost of a flu shot. Stop and Shop is also offering free coupon books for shoppers who get a flu shot.

9/08/16: Good Morning CT - :15

“Hamden Sober House”

Some people in Hamden are saying a proposal for a so-called sober house is not the right fit. The location is in the Spring Glen section of Hamden. Some people are concerned with its location saying two schools are nearby. Others feel differently. The owner of the Connecticut Healing

Center calls it a good, safe environment and says that the men living there will work, volunteer, and attend AA meetings -- even treatment. No final approval just yet. The mayor's office says -- it is reviewing the application.

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“Durham Fair”

Perfect weather for opening day of the Durham Fair. It kicked off this evening. The fair is in its 97th year. Anyone who's been knows it's full of great food, music, livestock, and plenty of locally made arts and crafts. The band "Foreigner" is set to take the stage this weekend. And the fair is going to host a wedding on Sunday. All the fun continues tomorrow through Sunday. For a list of all the local fairs and festivals happening this fall, log on to our website www.wtnh.com.

Health:

July:

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“Breast Cancer Gene”

Ladies a warning in your health this morning. The breast cancer gene is now linked to uterus cancer. That's according to a new study. It's the b-r-c-a-one gene. It's already linked to breast and ovarian cancers now it could also lead to a deadly type of uterine cancer. The study involved more than one-thousand women. All carried that gene mutation. Researchers found the rate was twenty-two times higher than expected. Uterine cancer has a 50-percent mortality rate

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“Sunscreen & Water Resistance”

New research on sunscreen shows it might not work as well as you think. Researchers at Northwestern University looked at the highest rated sunscreens on Amazon. And while most products met the bar for SPF and broad spectrum coverage. Nearly 1 in 3 fell short when it came to being waterproof and sweat proof. So experts say when you're shopping for sunscreen. Make sure to look at the label for something that still works with water and sweat. And, reapply often.

7/11/16: Good Morning CT - :15

“Drug Shortages”

Connecticut hospital officials are using alternative drugs, rationing supplies and seeking new supplies to work around drug shortages. According to the Connecticut Post - some acute-care drugs are in short supply-not just here, but across the nation. The FDA says - those include antibiotics, anti-psychotics, 'intravenous saline' and morphine. The Post says - the situation is so urgent that U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal wants pharmaceutical companies investigated -to determine whether drug shortages occur naturally or are being artificially created.

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“Pool Parasites”

Tonight health officials in North Carolina are trying to stop a disease that's been spreading through public pools. Nearly two-dozen kids have gotten sick from an intestinal illness caused by a parasite known as crypto. But it's serving as a health warning to everyone everywhere. High summer temperatures bring more danger -- killing the chlorine in a pool faster. Experts recommend finding out how often the water is tested at public pools before you and your family go in.

August:

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“Elderly & Medical Technology”

A new study suggests older Americans might be left in the dark when it comes to technology and their health. Researchers say even though most seniors use cell phones and computers only 25-percent use "digital health technology". That includes electronic medical records, online patient portals, prescription refills and even contacting your doctor. Researchers are concerned because the elderly generally relies upon more medical services than younger people.

8/12/16: Good Morning CT - :60

“Kids’ Heart Health”

Physical activity outdoors... Healthy, balanced meals. It's what we picture for our kids -- and also the formula for a healthy heart later in life. But today, a new report from the American Heart Association... And far too few children and teens are taking these healthy steps. In fact, kids' behaviors around food and physical education are even worse than we thought. Some sobering stats: more than half of kids fail to get the sixty minutes of recommended daily physical activity... Among teens, the picture is even worse, with only five to ten percent hitting that minimum. More than nine in ten U.S. children and teens have an unhealthy diet. I'll say that again. More than nine in ten with unhealthy diets. All this, while a third of teens admit to having tried cigarettes... And an increasing number say they have tried vaping. It's a formula for poor heart health later in life. The solution? Reaching kids early, set an example, get them in the habit of heart-healthy activities. Introduce them to a balanced diet. That also makes it less likely that they will turn to tobacco. We all have a stake in making sure that kids and teens take these healthy messages... To heart.

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“College Binge Drinking”

College for millions of young people each year is a time to find yourself, and experiment. And yes, that often means experimenting with alcohol and drugs. Today, a startling new report out using government survey numbers revealing that college students report drinking alcohol - and binge drinking - at higher rates than peers who don't go to college. The survey data covered more than twenty one million Americans aged eighteen to twenty two? And nearly 60 percent of full-time college students said they used alcohol in the past month? Compared to just over 51 percent of those not enrolled. Around 38 percent of the college-goers admitted to binge drinking. A medical disaster... While only 33 percent of the non-college crowd did. More college students also admitting to using cocaine. The message for parents - communicate often and early to kids leaving for college about the dangers of abusing alcohol and drugs, and how you'd feel if they bowed to peer pressure and got hurt. Teach them before they head off to school? So they won't have to learn that lesson the hard way.

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“Painkillers and Drug Interaction”

Health officials are warning about the potentially deadly consequences of mixing prescription painkillers and popular sedatives. Painkillers and sedatives are some of the most commonly prescribed medications. Both drug types slow a person's heart rate and breathing - which can lead to dangerous drug interactions.

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“Cancer-Obesity Link”

A new study says obesity is linked to several types of cancer. That's according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, it says what we do or what we eat and drink is all linked to cancer. The study shows liver, gallbladder, pancreas, ovarian and thyroid cancers were

added to the cancer link from a study back in 2002. The lead author of the study believes the link deals with excess body fat triggering chronic inflammation- which can lead to cancer. Experts say two things can reduce the cancer risk - eating healthier and exercising.

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“Derby Hand Foot Mouth Disease Outbreak”

Now to a developing story in Derby. The high school there is getting disinfected after a number of students were infected with the Coxsackie virus. It's also known as Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. And it is highly contagious. Members of the football team have it -- so the school already canceled tomorrow night's game between Seymour. Some parents are keeping their kids home from school once word got out about the virus the students who have the disease have to be cleared by their own doctor before returning to school.

Education:

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“Dreamers to Get ECSU Scholarships”

46 dreamers are getting scholarships to Eastern Connecticut State University for this fall. The state college system is partnering with 'the dream' U.S. to make it happen. The dream is a national scholarship fund for students who are sometimes referred to as dreamers. The students getting these scholarships are all in the country without legal permission and they were all brought here as children. Scholarships will cover up to 20-thousand per year for out of state costs and just over 7-thousand for in-state costs at the university.

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“Amazon Student Loans”

Amazon Prime is teaming up with Wells Fargo to offer discounts on student loans. Wells Fargo says the undergrad loans available through Amazon come with either fixed or variable interest rates. Graduate students are also eligible for the discount. Repayment doesn't have to start until six months after you leave school.

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“Community College Registration”

If you're heading off to college in the fall -- Connecticut's 12 community colleges will be holding a special one-day registration event at each of their campuses. The Super-Saturday registration blitz will be this Saturday, August 6th from 9 to 2. Students will have an opportunity to speak with academic and financial advisors. It's being done to give students a quick and easy way to take the next step in their education.

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“Education Funding Lawsuit”

Closing arguments have now been made in the trial over whether Connecticut spends enough money on public schools. A coalition of communities, parents and students sued in 2005 claiming the state was violating the constitution by not adequately funding schools. The group cites the big differences in test results between rich and poor towns. Closing arguments will continue tomorrow.

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“Education Gap”

U.S Secretary of Education John King was in Connecticut today discussing the importance of diversity and equality in the classroom. Governor Dannel Malloy says more than 40 percent of students in the state identify as black, Hispanic or mixed. That number is only about ten-percent when it comes to teachers. Senator Chris Murphy has introduced a bill to promote diversity in schools. The measure authorizes 120-million dollars for grants that would support work to increase school diversity. Governor Malloy recently signed into law legislation that, in part, aims to improve teacher diversity.

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“SBAC Test Results”

The results of the Smarter Balanced Assessment, or SBAC, are now in and students' scores are improving but still have a ways to go. Public school students in grades 3 through 8 took the standardized test. Less than half reached the achievement standard in math and just 50-percent reached the mark in English. Fewer black and Hispanic students met the expectation than white students. Lincoln Bassett community school in New Haven is seeing some major improvements the latest scores will be coming out in the next month or so.

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“Crowd Funding Classrooms”

Some teachers across the nation are turning to Crowd-Funding - to get their classroom supplies. New research shows - teachers who have been going online for funding are finding that people are eager to give. Education donations have been surging on Gofundme and donors choose. The online fundraising campaigns connect teachers and donors- to bring-in money when traditional funding sources are not an option.

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“Education Funding Ruling”

The State of Connecticut faces a 180 day deadline to come up with a new school funding formula. And that formula will have to make sure the poorest school districts get the resources they need to provide students with an adequate education. A superior court judge -- handing down a blistering ruling Wednesday in an 11 year-long legal fight -- saying the state has not fairly funded its poor school districts. The state claims -- all public schools are adequately funded and that there is no evidence showing that spending would improve test scores but the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding, which filed the lawsuit, argues that the funding formula is not fair and students in poorer schools suffer. The case is expected to end up before the state supreme court.

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“Teacher Shortage”

America is facing a growing teacher shortage. According to the Washington Post it's the first major shortage since the 1990's. A study by the learning policy institute shows the shortfall is the result of increased demand for educators as schools re-instate classes and programs cut during the "great recession". The education think-tank estimates U.S classrooms last year were short by about 60 thousand teachers. It estimates the problem could grow to more than 100 thousand teachers by 2018. The group says this could mean schools will have to cancel courses, increase class sizes or hire underprepared teachers.

Crime:

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“State Toxicology Tests”

The state police forensic lab in Meriden will now handle toxicology testing in murder investigations. The department of emergency services and public protection calls these tests integral to understanding the circumstances of death. The Meriden lab will be responsible for the tests for law enforcement and judicial agencies statewide. The chief medical examiner announced at the end of May that the agency would eliminate the service beginning June 15th because of budget cuts.

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“Sharing Netflix Password”

Do not share your password for Netflix, HBO or Hulu unless you're ok with committing a federal crime. A judge in a federal court ruling says sharing your password for a streaming account is a violation of the 'computer fraud and abuse act'. The opinion came as part of a trial where a former employee of a firm used the password of a person still working for that company. That employee was charged with hacking. Which means - for all of us - share your password... And it's a violation of federal law.

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“New Britain Body Found”

Police are still investigating what they're calling a suspicious death after someone found a man's body at a park in New Britain. The body was discovered around 740 this morning at Stanley Quarter Park. Police have not released the man's name and aren't saying much more about the investigation.

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“Waterbury Break-ins”

A warning goes out to homeowners after a string of car and home break-ins in Waterbury. Police say it's been easier for thieves because it's been so hot. While some people in Waterbury were trying to beat the heat by opening windows police say thieves took advantage by breaking into a bunch of homes in the historic overlook community. They say in most cases the suspects broke in while the victims were asleep. Neighbors say thieves also broke into several cars. The Waterbury Citizens patrol and the historic outlook community are teaming up with police to combat crime.

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“New Haven Teacher Assault Charge”

A New Haven teacher is now on administrative leave following allegations that she hit and injured a student in the head and body. According to the New Haven superintendent, it happened at Roberto Clemente elementary school on May 20th. The complaint states the student allegedly suffered injuries to the cervical spine; injuries to the thoracic spine; post-traumatic stress disorder; psychological injuries; bruises about the head and face, bruises about the neck associated with physical and mental pain and suffering. The teacher was placed on leave three days after the alleged incident. The school says she will not return in the fall. Or until the investigation is complete. The student's lawyer tells news 8 that police are possibly working on an arrest warrant.

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“East Lyme Human Skull Found”

Investigators are searching for clues tonight after a human skull was found in a wooded area in East Lyme. State police are investigating in a 55 and over community in the Niantic section of town. The skull was found just off of Sleepy Hollow road. Troopers were called there around 7 this morning. Detectives searched the area all day. Police say there is no threat to the public.

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“North Haven Bail Scam”

We've got your back with a warning tonight -- about scam phone calls from people requesting money for bail, back taxes or ransom. North Haven police say an 86-year-old man almost sent nearly 10-thousand dollars to a man pretending be a police sergeant stating his grandson needed to be bailed out. Luckily, police tracked down that money after the elderly man sent it. The same thing recently happened to an elderly man in Meriden.

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“New London Slashing”

Police in New London are looking for the person who attacked a man in the area of Prest Street and Connecticut Avenue. Police say the victim was slashed this morning -- with deep wounds to his arm, head and lower leg. Anyone with information should call police.

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“New Haven Police Department Future”

New Haven's interim police chief telling News 8 he is looking to make the department stronger. Anthony Campbell took over earlier this week for Dean Esserman. Campbell says he intends on keeping the department's community policing fundamentals in place. Crime in the elm city has gone down significantly over the past five years.

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“New Haven Shooting”

Police in the Elm city are investigating a murder. It happened late Wednesday night at 38 Dorman Street which is between Dixwell Avenue and Sherman Parkway. Police are still on the scene this morning, processing evidence and trying to figure out exactly what happened. Right around 10 last night is when police got a call that someone had been shot. Here's what we know. The victim was found in the back yard of that home at 38 Dorman Street. He's been identified as 31 year old Levern Bellamy. According to police he lived at 36 Dorman Street. Literally right next door to where this shooting happened. Bellamy was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital where he died. Right now it's unclear what happened or who is responsible for all of this-- that's what police are trying to figure out. If anyone out there knows anything or heard anything -- New Haven PD would like to hear from you

Consumer Issues:

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“Safer Mobile Pay”

Using a phone to make purchases is getting easier and easier. But if we aren't careful - it can also make it easier for hackers to steal our personal information. According to the Consumer Federation of America - there are some apps that store all your information including name, address, and email. They can even keep track of calls and texts you make and websites you visit are some ways to keep your information safe. For example, lock your phone, read apps privacy policy and be careful when you use public WIFI.

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“Cloud Watch”

The technological cloud is everywhere- but is it keeping our personal information safe? Experts say maybe not. By now you've likely heard the warnings to change your passwords and on a regular basis experts are recommending that we check our cloud settings on several devices to determine what's private and can't easily go public. You should also avoid doing things like handing over information when asked especially something like a social security number.

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“Credit Scores”

We all know you need a good credit score to make big purchases but even if you're not planning to buy having a good score can help you stretch your dollar on other expenses. Matthew Carbray with Ridgeline Financial Partners told News 8 - companies take your credit score into consideration when determining your financial risk. A low score may result in you paying more on something like a cell phone bill or anything you pay insurance on. Another example, he said when you finance items through a retailer you may find your interest rate is higher than someone who has a better credit score.

7/28/16: Good Morning CT - :20

“Farmer’s Market Safety”

Summer time is prime time to get fresh produce from the farmer's market. We've got your back this morning with some tips to make sure you get healthy items. Ask the vendors how long they've been farming, where their farm is located and when fruits and vegetables were harvested. The Alliance for Food and Farming recommends asking them to clarify and confirm statements like certified organic and pesticide free. And ask what kinds of food safety precautions take place on the farm - and also when transporting the goods.

August:

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“Student Insurance”

As college students get ready to head back to campus - there are a lot of things to think about - between school supplies and what you need for your dorm room it's important to think about protecting your things as well. This morning we are helping you stretch your dollar on whether students should consider renters insurance. Experts say as your electronics get more expensive the more important it is you protect yourself while living around so many people. Parents or students signing leases could be held liable if something happens that is your fault. It's also good to know your policy doesn't necessarily have to cover your roommate's belongings. You can often times stretch your dollar by bundling renters insurance in with your car insurance. Many times it won't cost you any extra out of pocket.

8/18/16: Good Morning CT - :30

“Tax Free Week”

Tax-free week kicks off this Sunday and there will be opportunities to save money on back to school items. If any of your kids need clothing or footwear this is the time to do it. All items under \$100 will not be subject to the state's sales tax but there are ways to save even more money. A lot of stores like Target, Walmart and Kohl's will also price match so you should download a useful app before you shop. There will be big deals out there to get you into stores. Most store flyers go out on Thursdays so keep your eyes open for them today to compare and find the best deals.

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“Drug Prices Rising”

Prescription drug costs are still rising as the state looks for ways to help cut costs. A survey by Consumer Reports show prices have gone up for nearly a third for Americans over the past year costing two billion dollars. The New Haven Register reports that a bill signed by Governor Malloy

created a task force to study the issue. That group should have a report ready by January first. And members of congress are trying to introduce a bill that would address delays in the manufacturing of generic drugs.

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“Mazda Recalls”

Mazda is recalling more than 2 million cars and SUVs because of a problem with the rear hatch. They can fall on people and hurt them. Lift supports on the hatch can corrode and fail. 750 thousand of the recalled cars were sold in the U.S and Canada. We have model and make info on our app and our website at www.wtnh.com.

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“Grocery Prices”

Grocery prices continued to fall over the last eight months. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index -- showing food-at-home prices -- falling by more than one and a half percent in July. Eggs are down by about a dollar a dozen and a gallon of milk is about 40 cents cheaper. The main reason -- America keeps producing and stockpiling food -- even with demand tapering off. The U.S could see the longest streak of falling food prices in 50 years.

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“Eggo Waffle Recall”

The Kellogg Company is recalling its Nutri-grain Whole Wheat Waffles in 25 states over contamination concerns about Listeria. The waffles are available in 10-count packs with best if used by dates of November 21st and 22nd 2017. Kellogg says throw away the affected products. You can get a full refund by contacting Kellogg.

Government, Economy, & Law

July:

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“State Budget Trouble”

Connecticut's new fiscal year is officially underway and there is already budget trouble. Governor Malloy is holding back 130 million dollars from some state agencies to try to reign in spending on next year's budget. According to the office of policy and management the new cuts hit education, human services, city aid and the criminal justice system.

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“Obamacare Expansion”

President Obama is getting ready to expand his signature health care law. The president is laying out a blueprint to address the problems the affordable care act has not solved. It includes a renewed call for a public option to let Americans buy insurance from the government. It's considered like a memo for democrat Hillary Clinton on how she could build on his legacy - if elected president.

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“Drug Possession Jail Down”

Governor Malloy says the number of people locked up in the state for drug possession is down. He says that number has fallen almost 40 percent since his second chance society law took effect last October. One thing that law did was reduce drug possession from a felony with a

maximum of 7 years in prison to a misdemeanor with a maximum of one year. The governor says overall the population of Connecticut's prisons is nearing a 19 year low.

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“Insurance Merger Impact”

The justice department argues some insurance mega-mergers would kill competition in the health insurance industry that's why it's stepping in to block the mergers which would have a big impact right here in Connecticut. One involves Hartford based Aetna. Another deals with Bloomfield based Cigna. One U.S. senator says the mergers would kill jobs and make health insurance more costly. Aetna is promising a fight saying a merger is in the best interest of consumers. Cigna sent out a more passive statement that it doesn't believe the transaction will close this year but rather next year at the earliest if at all.

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“Government Guidelines Flossing Dropped”

Flossing is being dropped from the government's latest health guidelines. Researchers say the effectiveness of flossing has never been researched as required. Flossing has been encouraged by the federal government and dental organizations for decades. Some dentists groups are having a hard time dropping the habit -- still urging patients to floss in hopes of avoiding gum disease.

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“DMV Voter Registration”

The Department of Motor Vehicles is launching a new program tomorrow that's aimed at getting more people registered to vote. From now on, when you fill out your paperwork to renew your driver's license or get a state id card you will also be immediately registered to vote unless you decide to opt out. The program is the result of a U.S Department of Justice investigation that found that Connecticut was not following the motor voter provision of a 1993 federal law.

8/29/16: Good Morning CT - :20

“Amtrak Upgrade Loan”

Amtrak's multi-billion dollar loan to buy new trains, upgrade tracks and make platform improvements is getting applause from Connecticut's congressional delegation. U.S senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal call it a much needed down payment toward rebuilding an aging rail network. The senators say while the northeast corridor is the engine helping move the country's economy the passenger rail system seems stuck in the 19th century.

September:

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“Congress Sexual Assault”

A law outlining a federal bill of rights for survivors of sexual assault is now headed to the U.S Senate. The house approved that legislation -- following a national outcry over the sexual assault of an unconscious woman by former Stanford University swimmer Brock Turner. The house bill would ensure that survivors in federal criminal cases have rights to a sexual assault evidence collection kit, be told the results and be notified in writing before that kit is destroyed.

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“Truck Speed Limit”

Truck drivers are warning a government plan to electronically limit the speed of tractor trailers will lead to highway traffic jams even an increase in deaths. Regulators say the rule is supported by

simple physics. If trucks travel slower the impact of a crash will be less severe resulting in less injuries or deaths. Opponents argue that ignores the dynamic of trucks and cars traveling at different speeds. Truckers say slowing down increases the chances of trucks being hit from behind by other cars.

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“Premium Gasoline”

A new study might have you thinking twice about paying extra for premium gas. AAA says there's no upside to paying more for premium if your car runs on regular. The auto club also shows the higher octane fuel doesn't increase horsepower or fuel economy. It also doesn't reduce emissions or clean engines any better.