



Quarterly Report of Community Issues and Programs

Station: WRIW

Period: July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Below is a list of some of the significant local issues, community events, and subsequent programs on WRIW for the 3rd Quarter of 2020.

NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

July 1, 2020

DACA Mexican Consulate- The Mexican Consulate in Boston is assisting DACA recipients with renewals and legal advice.

August 10, 2020

CV Everett Facemasks- A mandatory masks mandate in effect in Everett requires people to wear a mask in public or they will face a state fine.

August 11, 2020

CT Census Response- THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS AND WITH DISCUSSIONS STILL UNDERWAY ON WHETHER TO EXTEND THE CURRENT FINAL COUNT DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 30TH CONNECTICUT SITS ON A RISKY SPOT. THE LOW RESPONSE RATE IN MAYOR CITIES SUCH AS HARTFORD 45.2%, NEW HAVEN AT 49.6% AND BRIDGEPORT AT 50.8% COULD PUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDING FOR ROADS, EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE AT RISK.

August 13, 2020

Worcester Census Efforts- New efforts underway in Worcester to push for Census participation. This large New England city has low rates of participation.

August 24, 2020

CV Law suit against mask- CT Freedom Alliance and Connecticut parents file a law suit against the CT Department of Education and Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona yesterday over the school mask mandate.

August 31, 2020

Telemundo Investiga: WILL THE VOTES BY MAIL GET COUNTED IN TIME?- Telemundo and NBC put the USPS first class shipping system to the test locally and nationally.

September 17, 2020

Constitution/Citizenship Day- Today is the Constitution Day, also referred to as Citizenship Day. In honor of this day we interviewed and heard the compelling stories from some immigrants that recently became citizens of US.

September 22, 2020

National Voter Registration Day- Today is National voter registration day. A pop-up drive-up registration event happening at a library in Framingham.

PUBLIC SAFETY

July 1, 2020

Braintree Fatal Murder- A well-known Braintree nurse was shot and killed in the entryway of her Howie Road home this morning (June 17, 2020) and a former neighbor has been taken into custody, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey and Braintree Police Chief Mark Dubois announced at an early afternoon press conference.

July 4, 2020

4th of July Risks- The 4th of July celebrations may look a little different this year, but the CPSC reminds consumers: Safety remains paramount.

August 11, 2020

Providence Park Homicide- Providence police say a man died after being found injured near Roger Williams park. Now officials are treating this as a homicide.

August 13, 2020

Lynn Paintball attack- A few young guys report being attacked by an unknown person with a Paintball Gun, while driving a car in Lynn, MA. Police are investigating.

August 24, 2020

Brockton Missing Soldier- Family members of a soldier who grew up in Brockton are calling for a congressional investigation of Fort Hood after their loved one went missing Aug. 17 and following the deaths of two other soldiers in the past year, the family's attorney said Sunday. Sergeant Elder N. Fernandes, 23, was last seen by members of his unit Monday at a residence in Killeen, Texas, and did not come to work Tuesday, according to the Army.

September 10, 2020

Waterbury Car Fire Rescue- Waterbury 18-year-old saves family from a burning car... there is a Facebook video and the desk is trying to obtain additional photos from WPD.

September 17, 2020

Lawrence Cemetery Vandalism- Lawrence headstones vandalized, including that of teen killed in the Merrimack Valley Explosions.

September 24, 2020

PVD & Central Falls Safety Initiative- Mayor Jorge O. Elorza will today join Central Falls Mayor James A. Diossa, Commissioner of Providence Public Safety Steven M. Paré, Providence Police Chief Hugh Clements, the Nonviolence Institute, and community members to launch a joint public safety initiative

September 30, 2020

Lawrence Child Care- Mayor Daniel Rivera and The Community Group will be holding a press conference regarding child care in Lawrence.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

July 1, 2020

COVID vs Lyme Disease- We assess the similarities between Lyme symptoms and COVID symptoms. We interviewed a doctor who has patients who think they had COVID, but it was actually Lyme.

July 7, 2020

Kids in Hot Cars- Many parents swear that they would never leave their children alone in a car... but in the following Consumer Reports report, Betsy Badell explains why this can happen to anyone.

August 10, 2020

CT Power outages -Almost 90,000 Connecticut residents remain without power nearly a week after Tropical Storm Isaias, which struck on Tuesday killing two people and leaving widespread damage across the state and entire towns in the dark.

August 14, 2020

WORCESTER SCHOOL TESTING DEMAND- Worcester School Committee made a motion that other school districts are now considering having ongoing, easily accessible, free testing with a quick turnaround operation across the state before any district brings students back into session. The second largest city in the state has basically forced the state to provide testing before they go back in person.

August 26, 2020

Consumer Alert- We offer tips on how to help your children wear masks for long periods of time at school this fall. We speak with a local mother and pediatrician who has advice for concerned parents.

September 10, 2020

CV Chelsea Eats Lottery- Chelsea City Manager said they have some 3,300 applications for the Chelsea Eats emergency food debit card and only 2,000 spaces available, but that the most needy are expected to get the card while others will have to rely on existing food pantries that continue to operate throughout the city.

September 10, 2020

RI Flu Season- RI leaders stress the importance of the flu shot amid a pandemic.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

July 6, 2020

Consumer Alert- Scammers continue to take advantage of the coronavirus pandemic to steal consumers' personal information and money.

July 8, 2020

RESPONDE – COVID TEST BILLS We received several complaints from East Boston residents that received \$295 bills from the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for COVID-19 tests. Find out how we were able to help them, and what authorities say was the reason behind these bills.

July 13, 2020

Responde- AC Warranty- A warranty misunderstanding led a Worcester viewer to spend part of the summer without air conditioning.

August 24, 2020

CT Eversource hikes- Governor Lamont is expected to speak at a virtual hearing concerning Eversource Bill hikes before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Almost 1,000 people have signed up to testify during the hearing. This comes after PURA launched an investigation into the electric giant just last month after outages from customers who saw large increases in their most recent utility bills.

August 24, 2020

Responde : T-MOBIL UNLOCKED PHONE We assisted a viewer with a telephone service contract that they were not satisfied with for the service

September 2, 2020

Responde TRAVEL INSURANCE CASE- Viewer bought plane ticket for his grandson, but he could not travel on the specified date. We tell you how we were able to help him get his money back.

September 14, 2020

RESPONDE: WEDDING VENUE DEPOSIT REFUND- An East Boston couple had to postpone their religious wedding until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic ... But recovering the deposit from the premises they had rented was not an easy task for them.

September 21, 2020

MONEY ORDER LOST DEPOSIT CASE- BOSTON VIEWER GAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS FOR LOSSES WHEN THE DEPOSIT OF HIS MONEY ORDER CHECK DID NOT APPEAR IN HIS BANK ACCOUNT. FIND OUT HOW TELEMUNDO RESPONDS COULD HELP YOU.

September 28, 2020

RESPONDE: FEDEX CUSTOMS TAX- For a Boston viewer, shipping a pair of smartphones to the Dominican Republic is almost more expensive than the same wireless devices.

Civic Interest

Race for the Senate: Decision 2020

On Sunday, July 26TH Telemundo Boston hosted a primary election debate for US Senate between incumbent Ed Markey and Joe Kennedy. The debate was broadcast live, and lasted for one hour.

Public Affairs Programming

August 2020

Clear the Shelters

Our nationwide, 6th annual NBC and Telemundo owned stations pet adoption drive took place throughout the month of August 2020

In light of covid-19 and the need to practice social distancing, this year's campaign was adjusted to allow the public to plan their pet adoptions through virtual platforms.

NBC10 Boston, Telemundo Boston, and NECN along with dozens shelters across New England proudly participated in this heartwarming community campaign.

The month-long "adopt & donate" campaign ran from August 1 to August 31.

Culminating with a half hour program airing on owned stations Saturday, Aug 28, hosted by NBC's Ryan J

July 6, 2020

Supporting Our Schools 2020

On July 6, 2020 the Boston NBC & Telemundo stations launched the 6th annual NBC owned stations tent pole initiative *Supporting Our Schools* - "distance learning" campaign. This allowed teachers to create requests for educational materials and have them shipped to their home or a student's home while classrooms were shut-down due to covid-19. Viewers donated supplies and monetary donations, as well as much needed remote learning supply needs... i.e. New/used/refurbished laptops, ipads, phones, connectivity devices, and other tech supplies. The annual campaign has delivered hundreds of thousands of dollars and supplies to underprivileged schools across New England. Programming for this initiative included produced promos, news VO's and stories that ran in other local programs.