

**WFCR, Amherst, Massachusetts**

**WNNZ, Westfield, Massachusetts**

**Issues/Programs List**  
**January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.**

During this period, programming was broadcast about local issues that aired during program segments reserved for local feature-length reports, interviews, and commentaries, Monday through Friday at (typically) 5:51a.m., 6:22 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:22 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 7:51 a.m., 8:22 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 4:44 p.m., 5:44 p.m., and 5:50 p.m. or similar times within the morning and afternoon news programs.

In addition, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts weekdays on the hour from 5:30 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.

*The Fabulous 413*, a local program produced by NEPM, airs daily weekdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and features local stories about and interviews with guests from throughout the region.

Many reports on the same and related subjects were aired daily and weekly through broadcast of such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and others.

# Reports on Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition

Topic	Airdate	Newscast	Duration	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	1/3/2024	6:34am 8:34am	3:02	MA	Over the holidays, composer and conductor Alice Parker died at her home in Hawley, Massachusetts, at the age of 98. Just about anyone who has ever sung in a choir or chorus is familiar with the spirituals, hymns, and folk songs she arranged over the years. Commentator Tinky Weisblat reflects on the Alice Parker she knew.
Arts & Culture	1/23/2024	6:45am 4:45pm	3:57	MA	Necessity is the mother of invention, and when a mom from Orange, Massachusetts, couldn't find bilingual children's books in Chinese and English, she encouraged her daughters to write one. As NEPM's Jill Kaufman reports, "The Sister Detectives" turned out to be a multi-generational production.
Arts & Culture	2/9/2024	6:45am 8:45am	3:48	MA	Several generations of a black and Afro-indigenous family from Amherst, Massachusetts, have been archiving photos and artifacts connected to how they were living in the 18th and 19th centuries. One woman has turned decades of her family's research into a non-profit organization. As NEPM's Jill Kaufman reports, this week dozens of people came out to celebrate an exhibit at Amherst College that tells some of these largely unknown stories.
Arts & Culture	2/28/2024	6:34am 8:34am	7:47	MA	The Deerfield Massacre was a leap-day February 29, 1704 attack on a remote colonial settlement in western Massachusetts by French and Native American raiders. Houses were burned, 47 colonists were killed, and more than 100 were captured and marched away to Canada. In the intervening 320 years many books have been written about the events. Local author James Swanson has released "The Deerfield Massacre: A Surprise Attack, A Forced March, And The Fight For Survival In Early America." He spoke with NEPM's Carrie Healey.

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Arts & Culture	3/14/2024	645am 845am 444pm	3:47	MA	The Smith College basketball team plays in its second consecutive women's Division 3 final-four Thursday, with a trip to the national championship game on the line. NEPM's Adam Frenier spoke with Smith head coach Lynn Hersey, who says the meaning of a return to the semifinals in back-to-back years is beginning to sink in.
Arts & Culture	3/15/2024	6:22am 8:22am	6:17	MA	A National Park Service database lists the remains of more than 90,000 native people that are still on shelves in schools and museums. The database is part of the NAGPRA program that governs the return of remains to native tribes. NAGPRA claims that the Springfield Science Museum still has the remains of 25 individuals, but as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, the museum disputes this.
Arts & Culture	3/19/2024	6:33am 8:33am	8:51	MA	It's the second week of Ramadan and the second year on the campus of Williams College for the Berkshire County school's Muslim chaplain, Sidra Mahmood, who discusses the significance of the holiday.
Community Voices	1/25/2024	645am 845am 544pm	3:50	MA	A Holyoke, Massachusetts native killed during World War 2 is getting a full military burial this weekend, more than 80 years after his death. It's the culmination of years of forensic research to identify victims of US wars.
Community Voices	2/16/2024	7:33am	2:06	MA	Commentator Roland Merullo and his older daughter recently decided to publish a newsletter. It's an ongoing conversation between a father and daughter who are 44 years and 2000 miles apart. They've long shared a fascination with the unexpected places our fates take us.
Community Voices	3/8/2024	7:34am 5:40pm	3:02	MA	Among the Academy Award best-picture nominees this year is "American Fiction," whose lead character, Thelonious 'Monk' Ellison, a middle-class black author, suddenly needs a lot of money. In order to create a bestseller, Monk reluctantly takes on an alter ego. Commentator Nicole Young-Martin says the movie makes her feel seen.
Economic Development	2/9/2024	5:45am 7:21am	5:22	MA	The governor has appointed a director of West-East Rail, which would extend passenger rail service from Boston to Worcester, Springfield, and Pittsfield. Andy Koziol brings more than 15 years of transportation planning experience to his new role.

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Energy & Environment	1/17/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:04	MA	Western Massachusetts researchers are hoping that the conditions in a Whately test plot will be appropriate for growing an Appalachian tree that faces climate threats in its native region.
Energy & Environment	2/16/2024	7:33am	4:53	MA	In 1974, a western Massachusetts man destroyed a weather tower erected to gather data for two proposed nuclear power plants in the town of Montague. That act of civil disobedience ignited what became a nationwide movement to stop nuclear power plant construction. Now, 50 years later, that tower-toppling will be celebrated at a theater in Turners Falls.
Energy & Environment	3/8/2024	7:34am 5:40pm	5:16	MA	A groundbreaking clean energy project is underway in Massachusetts. The utility Eversource is installing a "networked geothermal system" in Framingham. It uses a series of deep holes, underground pipes, and heat pumps to provide climate-friendly heating and cooling for about 40 buildings. As WBUR's Miriam Wasser reports, environmentalists hope it will serve as a model for other gas utilities to wean themselves off fossil fuels.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/18/2024	4:50pm	8:25	MA	It can take decades for an adult who survived sexual abuse as a child to bring a lawsuit. That's the case for many who were abused by trusted members of the community, like a priest. But in Massachusetts, even if a survivor of clergy abuse decides to sue, several state laws sometimes stand in the way of justice, as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports.
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Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/29/2024	7:34am	7:20	MA	The number of eviction filings for non-payment of rent jumped 38 percent last year in Massachusetts. But landlords complain that it is getting harder to evict tenants who don't pay. WBUR's Simon Rios reports on a property owner in Rockland who fought for nearly two years to get his apartment back.

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Politics & Public Policy	2/14/2014	5:50pm	6:40	MA	In the 1930s, four western Massachusetts towns disappeared from the map. They were flooded to build the Quabbin Reservoir, which provides drinking water to Boston and dozens of surrounding communities. But those towns closest to the Quabbin do not have access to its water supply, and as NEPM's Alden Bourne reports, several are now facing significant water issues.
Politics & Public Policy	1/1/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at new laws taking effect this year, including changes in dental insurance regulations and corporate financial transparency; the state senate may be considering further gun control measures.
Politics & Public Policy	1/3/2024	6:34am 8:34am	3:53	MA	Massachusetts has fined almost every housing authority in the state for leaving subsidized apartments vacant without permission. That's according to public records obtained by WBUR. But it appears that most of the fines were never enforced.
Politics & Public Policy	1/11/2024	6:34am 8:34am	7:31	VT	As with most skills, one's ability to drive well changes over time. In New England and elsewhere, the number of older drivers is growing rapidly. Who qualifies as 'older' depends on whom you ask. But one thing is clear: the older you get, the more vulnerable you are in a crash. That's why experts say it's important for older drivers to refresh their skills and be aware of how their age may affect their driving.
Politics & Public Policy	1/12/2024	4:44pm	4:03	MA	The embattled police chief of Greenfield, Massachusetts, and his top deputy, received substantial raises from former mayor Roxanne Wedegartner the week before she lost her re-election bid in November. That's according to the 'Shoestring' news website. Reporter Dusty Christensen says the bump in pay for Chief Robert Haigh and Deputy Chief William Gordon were tied to educational incentives for their college degrees.
Politics & Public Policy	1/15/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Looking at the implications of Gov. Healey's \$375-million in budget cuts and the response from affected agencies and individuals; a preview of the upcoming State Of The Commonwealth address; legislators weigh in on spiraling costs for emergency shelter programs.

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Politics & Public Policy	1/18/2024	7:45am	3:11	MA	Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey delivered her first state-of-the-commonwealth address to a packed audience at the State House last night. She highlighted the achievements of her first year in office and laid out several new policy proposals.
Politics & Public Policy	1/22/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at promised local aid and the implications of the governor's proposed Municipal Empowerment Act that would allow municipalities to raise additional taxes; legislative support is sought for passage of the \$4-billion Affordable Homes Act; the governor's formal budget plan for the next fiscal year will be sent to the legislature next week.
Politics & Public Policy	1/29/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Comparing House and senate versions of a gun safety bill; the governor's budget proposal for the next fiscal year reflects a flat revenue projection and would redirect casino gaming revenues.
Politics & Public Policy	2/2/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: a police search for a book in a middle-school classroom sparks questions and concerns about censorship and government overreach; Western Massachusetts museums pull objects from display after new federal rules require tribal consent; Charmaine Nelson discusses the Slavery North Initiative at UMass-Amherst; and advocates call for caution in pesticide use.
Politics & Public Policy	2/5/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a gun safety bill continues to make its way through the senate; gambling regulators oppose the governor's plan to divert casino revenues to patch a budget gap; a legislative deadline this week will determine which bills remain in play and which will be sidelined.
Politics & Public Policy	2/9/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: the governor names a director for West-East rail; in the bid for local control of Holyoke schools, officials are frustrated by state education leaders who say the time is not right for a hand-off; city and town clerks struggle to keep up with demand for mail-in ballots; and a look at the life and legacy of abolitionist David Ruggles and his ties to Northampton.

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Politics & Public Policy	2/12/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Two recent polls indicate that immigration is the paramount issue for Massachusetts voters, and lawmakers on Beacon Hill are seeing first-hand how the migrant surge is stressing the state's budget and shelter system; legislators last week signalled that they will not support a bailout for a number of financially unstable hospitals; State House committees are close to deciding which pending bills will advance in the current session.
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Politics & Public Policy	2/16/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: host Carrie Saldo and panelists give their previews of what 2024's top stories are likely to be, from tax rates to west-east rail; a look at water issues affecting towns adjacent to the Quabbin Reservoir; and commemorating the 50th anniversary of an act of civil disobedience that sparked a nationwide movement to stop construction of nuclear power plants.
Politics & Public Policy	2/19/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: a look at the ongoing controversy surrounding Governor Healey's nomination of her former domestic partner to be a Supreme Judicial Court justice; the state's western region has been without a representative on the high court since 2016--- does this send a negative message to lawyers and judges in the region? And the governor will create a task force to study the ramifications of increasing artificial-intelligence use in the state.
Politics & Public Policy	2/23/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: host Jill Kaufman and her group of journalists discuss allegations of a racial incident at Southwick High School and the ongoing controversy surrounding the governor's nomination of a former romantic partner to be a Supreme Judicial Court justice; Carrie Saldo speaks with Mpress Nembhard about her work and many volunteer activities in Franklin County, from the Human Rights Commission to the Rotary Club.

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Politics & Public Policy	2/26/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Senate lawmakers prepare to tackle an overhaul of sex-education guidelines in state schools, a topic the House has avoided since the late 1990s; Greenfield is the latest community in the state to propose a Gaza cease-fire resolution.
Politics & Public Policy	3/1/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: host Carrie Saldo and panelists preview next week's Super Tuesday election, along with discussions of "to-go" cocktail rules and questions surrounding vacant properties owned by the Catholic Diocese of Springfield.
Politics & Public Policy	3/5/2024	6:34am 8:34am	5:41	VT	Today is Super Tuesday, when voters in states including Massachusetts and Vermont cast presidential primary ballots. In Vermont it's also Town Meeting Day. But voter participation depends on accessibility. While state and federal laws require polling places to be accessible for people with disabilities, that's not always the reality in what are often historic buildings, as Vermont Public's Elodie Reed reports.
Politics & Public Policy	3/8/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: panelists discuss results from the Super Tuesday balloting, local towns considering Gaza cease-fire resolutions, the strike by workers at the Mass MoCa art museum in North Adams, and the governor's \$20-million push to end homelessness among the state's veterans.
Politics & Public Policy	3/11/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Massachusetts lawmakers approve \$245 million in new funding for emergency shelter services; a new bill to expand early education and child care is making its way through the Senate amid concern over lagging tax revenues; a look at the housing market suggests improvement in availability and affordability; hearings continue on a proposed ballot question to eliminate a standardized test requirement for high-school graduation.
Politics & Public Policy	3/15/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: host Carrie Saldo and a panel of journalists examine the fallout from a gunfire incident at Springfield's Sci-Tech High School, the governor's visit to the region to promote an economic-development bill, the race to succeed retiring state representative Smitty Pignatelli, and the comeback of the bald eagle in New England.



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Politics & Public Policy	3/18/2024	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: time limits may be imposed on migrant stays as the state's shelter system struggles to cope with demand and lawmakers await word on federal funding; this year's allocation for local road and bridge maintenance may be level-funded from last year.
Politics & Public Policy	3/22/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: host Carrie Saldo and guest journalists examine fallout from racial incidents at high schools in Southwick and Pittsfield, along with a look at the region's role in a statewide energy infrastructure plan and thoughts on fast-tracking repairs for a dam in the Berkshires.
Politics & Public Policy	3/28/2024	6:45am 8:45am	4:54	MA	Across Massachusetts, cannabis retailers are suing their host communities, seeking refunds of their "impact fees." A few of these suits were filed last year in Pittsfield, one suit succeeded in Uxbridge, and now a retailer in Great Barrington has filed suit against the town for a return of the fees.
Politics & Public Policy	3/29/2024	9:06am	50:00	MA	The Rundown: Carrie Saldo and panelists review ongoing concerns over the state's migrant shelter system, the outcome of court proceedings from the 2020 covid outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, the prospect of Holyoke regaining control of its schools after years of state receivership, and the state's congressional delegation challenging the White House's refusal of a disaster declaration for three counties impacted by last summer's floods.
Public Health	2/7/2024	6:45am 8:45am	4:25	MA	A decade ago, a 130-year-old hospital in Western Mass abruptly shut down. Now, North Adams Regional Hospital is about to fully re-open. After a nearly \$3-million renovation the facility will have inpatient beds starting next month. Residents in the northern Berkshires say they've missed having a hospital nearby.
Science	2/15/2024	4:44pm	3:02	MA	Humans aren't the only ones who paired up this week for Valentine's Day. It's breeding season for the African penguins at the New England aquarium in Boston. The aquarium is one of about 50 facilities nationwide working to protect the species from extinction.