

WSBK-TV

Boston, MA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

1st Quarter 2023:

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 1st quarter of 2023.

Regularly Scheduled Programs

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.
- "Healthwatch" – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, and The Valarie Fund.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Boston, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

WSBK-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Community of License: Boston DMA

Issue: Business: Breaking news and analysis on business and the economy including technology, stock markets, media and finance.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration	Episode/Segment Description
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/11/23	8:37p	2:19	Courtney Cole reports on an Easton woman Julie Berninger who turned her Etsy side hustle into a multi-million-dollar business. Berninger started selling printables and digital products on Etsy five years ago and now makes six figures with her business Gold City Ventures. Berninger now teaches classes showing others how they can do the same.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/26/23	8:15p	1:40	Mike Sullivan reports on the future of grocery shopping with pick-up only grocery store Addie's in Norwood opening. With the demand for online grocery ordering, Addie's eliminates the need for in-store shopping, allowing customers to build their orders online then pick it up once a team finishes putting it together.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/15/23	8:05p	2:10	Laura Haefeli reports on Mayor Michelle Wu's proposal on rent control to help alleviate the housing crisis in Boston. Some city agencies are opposing the proposal saying it will not fix the real problem—lack of housing in Boston. Instead, local agencies believe efforts should be focused on increasing supply and building.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/11/23	10:08p	2:30	Silicon Valley bank collapse.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/18/23	10:20p	1:40	Concerns over banks, inflation, and consumer spending are all factors painting a picture of the current economy.

Issue: Political: the latest coverage of political news stories and events, political campaigns, and election news.

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/5/23	8:06p	1:41	Tiffany Chan reports on the inauguration of Gov. Maura Healey, the first-elected female and lesbian governor, leading the first female team in the nation. Gov. Healey believes the diversity of the cabinet will help shape more equitable policies.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/22/23	8:05p	1:23	Cheryl Fiandaca reports on Massachusetts State Police continuing to provide security outside former Gov. Charlie Baker's home in Swampscott after the end of his term. The public is questioning why taxpayers are still footing Baker's security bill if he is no longer on the Massachusetts payroll.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/25/23	8:38p	2:14	Jon Keller reports on Biden's falling numbers in New Hampshire and what it could mean for his re-election. Biden is expected to announce later this winter if he will run again for a second term but a recent poll found that 82% of progressives and 57% of liberals, groups that usually dominate the Democratic primary, are not in favor of Biden running again next year.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/12/23	8:46p	3:41	Mike Sullivan reports on whether Boston would be capable of hosting the Super Bowl and the challenges it would face. Infrastructure, weather, and parking are a few issues that would have to be addressed as freezing temperatures and snow are common in New England in February.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/8/23	10:01p	1:43	Acting FAA Chief testifies on Capitol Hill. Grilled over lack of aviation experience and the rise in the number of near misses.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/9/23	10:30p	3:00	President Biden outlines budget proposals including funding for retirement.

Issue: Health: Medical reports on emerging research, new treatments, and trending topics in health and medicine.

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/25/23	8:26p	1:36	Jordyn Jagolinzer reports on a new discovery at Harvard Medical School that could change the future of aging. Researchers at the Sinclair Lab have spent the past 13 years experimenting with DNA alteration in mice that can accelerate and restore aging. Experts believe this discovery could impact the onset of many diseases and health complications that come with aging.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/3/23	8:04p	2:00	Christina Hager reports on how EMS crews in Boston are preparing to help homeless and vulnerable people during the extreme cold. EMS is reminding people to cover up, check on neighbors, and to get inside somewhere to warm up before frost bite sets in.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/14/23	8:08p	1:53	Christina Hager reports on the closing of Brockton Hospital after the electrical fire on February 7 and its impact on other local hospitals. Along with Norwood Hospital which closed in 2020 due to flooding as well nationwide staffing issues, Brockton Hospital's closure has put a strain on first responders and medical staff in the area.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/26/23	8:37p	2:15	Laura Haefeli reports on a new Autism Awareness Program being implemented by Peabody Police which aims to prepare officers to interact with people on the autism spectrum. The program includes a registry where autistic individuals or their loved ones may voluntarily submit their name.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/1/23	10:08p	1:00	Texas abortion pill access court hearing.

CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3//21/23	10:08p	2:00	Poison prevention week tips to show parents how to prevent accidental poisonings in their homes and keep their children safe.
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Issue: Law & Safety: Latest news on law, crime, and community safety matters.

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/18/23	8:02p	1:47	Juli McDonald reports on developments in the case of Cohasset mother Ana Walshe who has been missing since New Year's Day. A murder warrant has been issued for Brian Walshe, Ana's husband, after he gave misleading information to police and new evidence has emerged suggesting he may have been involved in the murder of his wife.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/22/23	8:03p	2:20	Kristina Rex reports on electrical vehicle crashes and the dangers they pose when they catch on fire. Unlike gas-powered cars which are quickly extinguished, electrical vehicles' lithium-ion batteries can keep reigniting and catching fire after being put out. Electric vehicle fires can take up to 20,000 gallons of water to put out or may sometimes be left to burn themselves out.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/9/23	8:26p	1:52	Christina Hager reports on a new method of reminding people of their court dates via text. Massachusetts is the first state to use text reminders to alert defendants of their upcoming court dates and are seeing rates of no-shows dropping which helps defendants save money on fees and avoid arrest warrants.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/21/23	8:07p	1:59	Brandon Truitt reports on the rise of mailbox fishing and “check washing” where thieves fish checks out of mailboxes and remove and replace the name and original amount. Police are advising people to keep money in their savings account, keep an eye on their checking accounts, and walk in and drop mail directly to their postal carrier to prevent check fraud.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/1/0/23	10:08p	2:30	Alarming number of flights affected by turbulence linked to climate change.
CBS News Boston Now on TV38	3/14/23	10:08p	1:40	New safety standards to protect passengers in the back seat.

Issue: Community: Community affairs stories highlighting and promoting local community affairs initiatives.

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/16/23	8:09p	1:48	Paul Burton reports on the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the various events taking place at Boston University and across Massachusetts to honor his legacy.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/18/23	8:45p	1:41	Levan Reid reports on the Big Sister Boston Association (BSB) of Greater Boston. BSB is an association representing 69 communities in and around the Greater Boston area helping young girls and women grow through academic achievement, interpersonal relationships, and healthy decision-making. January is National Mentoring Month and BSB is hosting a campaign called “31 Big Days” with the goal of recruiting a new Big Sister each day of the month.

<p>WBZ News at 8 on TV38</p>	<p>2/8/23</p>	<p>8:07p</p>	<p>1:50</p>	<p>Brandon Truitt reports on hundreds of residents from local communities coming together to help victims of the earthquake in Turkey. Working with the Turkish Consulate in Boston, volunteers are collecting baby supplies and formula, winter clothing, hygiene products and more to donate to those in need.</p>
<p>CBS News Boston Now on TV38</p>	<p>3/20/23</p>	<p>10:15p</p>	<p>3:00</p>	<p>Profile of Women for Women non-profit organization. The mission is to create a world where women choose their own life path to reach their full potential.</p>
<p>CBS News Boston Now on TV38</p>	<p>3/22/23</p>	<p>10:10p</p>	<p>5:00</p>	<p>Water scarcity special profile of non-profit organization DigDeep that delivers running water to families living in colonias.</p>