

WSBK-TV
Boston, MA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

2nd 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 2nd 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 |
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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/3/23 | 8:12p | 1:38 | Christina Hager reports the MBTA is offering hiring bonuses for certain positions due to the lack of staffing. The MBTA estimates they will need to hire 2,800 workers by 2024 to stay on track. The T has 8 upcoming hiring events from April to October. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/6/23 | 8:35p | 1:47 | Brandon Truitt reports on the West Newton Cinema in West Newton Square closing after 85 years in business. The theater is closing its doors due to the pandemic and low-ticket sales but community members have now formed the West Newton Cinema Foundation in hopes of raising enough money to save the theater. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 4/7/23 | 10:20p | 1:30 | March jobs report and the labor market cooldown. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/8/23 | 8:01p | 1:17 | Kristina Rex reports on school bus drivers in Marlboro going on strike for the second day in a row demanding better pay. While students and parents support the strike, the lack of transportation has caused some students to miss school. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/9/23 | 8:33p | 4:21 | David Wade reports on the future of AI and the job market. While some jobs will become automated, new jobs are also created as a result. A new study suggests that in the next five years, 83 million roles will disappear while only 69 million will emerge. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 6/15/23 | 8:24p | 1:28 | Brandon Truitt reports on the old Suffolk Downs racing track being transformed into an outdoor concert venue. The seasonal venue will be hosting concerts during the weekends and will feature food and drinks from local restaurants and businesses. |
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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 | 4/3/23 | 8:32p | 2:24 | Louisa Moller reports on a new bill "Dakota's Law" that will create a retirement fund for police dogs in Massachusetts. The bill will help support retired police dogs, some who have ongoing health issues or injuries from their time on the force. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 4/4/23 | 10:08p | 2:30 | Trump indicted on 34 counts of falsifying business records. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 4/19/23 | 10:08p | 2:00 | SCOTUS deciding fate of over-the-counter abortion pills. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/18/23 | 8:32p | 2:39 | Chris Tanaka reports on the Massachusetts motor vehicle excise tax and why residents are required to pay it. Although the excise tax is a state tax, it is used as a general source of revenue for towns and cities to improve social services and quality of life. Massachusetts is one of 27 states who use it. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/16/23 | 8:01p | 1:32 | Tammy Mutasa reports on US Attorney for Massachusetts Rachel Rollins resigning after a month-long ethics investigation into her appearance last November at a Democratic National Committee fundraiser and other potential issues. |

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| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 6/4/23 | 10:10p | 1:45 | President Biden suspends the debt ceiling limit – this is important to Americans. |
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Issue: Health: Medical reports on emerging research, new treatments, and trending topics in health and medicine.

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| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 4/9/23 | 10:15p | 3:00 | Growing number of hospitals shutting down maternity wards. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/13/23 | 8:31p | 1:42 | Brandon Truitt reports on New Hampshire becoming the first state to distribute Narcan filled boxes to every county in the state in hopes of saving lives. The NaloxBox looks similar to AED boxes found in many businesses and community centers and contains necessary tools to assist someone who is overdosing. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/1/23 | 8:34p | 2:18 | Brandon Truitt reports on a Plymouth couple who was rewarded \$15 million dollars after their son died during a "routine" sleep study at Boston's Children's Hospital. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/16/23 | 8:45p | 1:43 | Christina Hager reports on the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) considering banning flavored milk in elementary and middle schools due to its high sugar content. The USDA will either limit flavored milk to high schools or will allow it to stay with new limits on sugar. Some Boston Public Schools have already removed flavored milk from its cafeterias. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 5/6/23 | 10:40p | 1:20 | What to know about the RSV vaccine. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/31/23 | 8:01p | 1:34 | Kristina Rex reports on Compass Medical shutting down its six medical offices permanently with no warning, leaving thousands of patients confused. The company cited a "steady stream of challenges" for its closure. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 6/6/23 | 10:45p | 1:45 | More young adults are getting colorectal cancer. A new study shows dietary and environmental exposure may play a role in the rise. |

Issue: Law & Safety: Latest news on law, crime, and community safety matters.

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/5/23 | 8:01p | 2:03 | Cheryl Fiandaca reports on an incident at the Revere Hotel on April 4 where FBI agents conducting a mock investigation entered the wrong room and arrested and interrogated a Delta Air Lines pilot. The pilot was questioned for more than 45 minutes before the agents realized their mistake and apologized. The incident has sparked controversy over training protocol for the FBI. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/10/23 | 8:12p | :59 | Ken Macleod reports on the death of 19-year-old freshman at UMass Dartmouth Frankie Petillo Jr. who was killed in a car crash on campus less than a month ago. The university is now implementing new safety precautions to prevent future accidents. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/3/23 | 8:34p | 1:53 | Mike Sullivan reports on the lack of detail staff at the Boston Police Department and how it is noticeably affecting areas with high traffic. The Jamaican Plain Public Service Committee is pushing to have civilian flaggers in Boston to help bridge the staffing gap as well as provide more jobs for the city. |

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| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 5/10/23 | 10:15p | 3:30 | Looking into the data of what makes someone a mass shooter. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/18/23 | 8:00p | 1:00 | David Wade reports on a Mass General Hospital employee facing charges after police say he tried to bring a high-powered rifle into the hospital on Wednesday night saying God told him to do it. The police are describing the incident as a mental health emergency. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 6/8/23 | 10:10p | 3:00 | Wildfire smoke from Canada creates air quality concerns for the east coast. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 6/14/23 | 8:02p | 1:55 | Kristina Rex reports on Harvard Medical School's morgue director Cedric Lodge accused of selling body parts as part of a "stolen human remains" criminal network. |

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

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/28/23 | 8:24p | 2:06 | Tiffany Chan reports on Team Impact, a non-profit organization that pairs chronically ill children with college sports teams like nine-year-old hockey player, Simon Valencia-Devin, who received a kidney transplant from his father 8 years ago. Simon has been paired with Northeastern University's hockey team, the Huskies, who have been inspired by his positivity and perseverance. Every year, Simon and his family release balloons in April during Donate Life Month to encourage others to register as organ donors. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 4/28/23 | 8:08p | 1:42 | Tammy Mutasa reports on a traveling memorial service Old Glory honoring members killed in the War on Terror. The tribute, an American flag made of up over 7,000 dog tags identifying fallen soldiers, has made it Johnny Ro Memorial Park in Leominster. The memorial will be at the park until Saturday, April 29, then it will head to Stamford, CT. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 5/3/23 | 10:55p | 3:03 | A Texas non-profit is teaching young people that it's possible to break the cycle of incarceration and violence. |
| CBS News Boston Now on TV38 | 5/8/23 | 10:55p | 1:15 | Cancer patient graduates college to become a nurse. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 5/29/23 | 8:14p | 1:46 | Brandon Truitt reports on the Memorial Day display in Boston Common consisting of 37,000 flags representing the servicemen and women from Massachusetts who have died defending the country since the Revolutionary War. |