

WSBK-TV
Boston, MA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

3rd 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 3rd 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 | 7/6/23 | 8:35p | 2:02 | Courtney Cole reports on a mother-daughter duo who have teamed up to create a chic vodka brand "Velo." Created two years ago, Colleen and Riley Eyges were inspired to make a new, cleaner, better-tasting vodka after a dining experience where their waitress was visibly hungover. "Velo" vodka short for "velocity" focuses on sustainability, clean health, and wellness. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/12/23 | 8:15p | 1:38 | Brandon Truitt reports on local theaters cashing in on "Barbenheimer"—the phenomenon of buying back-to-back feature tickets to see "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" on the same day. The Coolidge Corner Theatre in Brookline says this will be their busiest weekend in 16 years. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/13/23 | 8:13p | 1:34 | Brandon Truitt reports on the SAG-AFTRA union going on strike and its effects on the entertainment industry. For the first time since the 1960s, both writers' and actors' unions will be on strike at the same time demanding better pay, stronger residuals, and protection for actors against AI. While the strike continues, production will be halted causing ripple effects into new programming going into the fall and following year. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/19/23 | 8:32p | 1:45 | Mike Sullivan reports on a Mass & Cass business' strategy to ward off people using drugs on their property. Business owner Mario Signore manages a large building in the area and has installed an irrigation system which can be triggered to sprinkle water onto the dock to stop people congregating there to get high. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/2/23 | 8:33p | 1:49 | Mike Sullivan reports on a new MBTA labor deal that secures raises and sign on bonuses in hopes of keeping current employees happy and securing new ones. The contract will prioritize accessibility and safety for riders and employees as well as better wages and benefits. |
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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 | 7/14/23 | 8:37p | 1:34 | Brandon Truitt reports on a new federal loan repayment plan that will eliminate student loan debt for disabled people, veterans, and public service workers who have been on income-driven repayment plans and have made payments for 20 consecutive years. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/25/23 | 8:15p | 1:53 | Brandon Truitt reports on the backlog of passport applications and processing times. The demand for international travel is at an all-time high in 2023 pushing processing times to 10-13 weeks for a routine renewal and 7-9 weeks for an expedited passport. People are now contacting their local congressperson for help with an underfunded and overworked State Department. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/28/23 | 8:31p | 2:02 | Tiffany Chan reports on Gloucester city councilor Jamie O'Hara being accused of not spending enough time in the city he represents. O'Hara has served as a part-time councilor in the city for four terms and plans to run for two more years but concerns of his constant travels to Florida and Virginia for his construction job has been raised by constituents. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/1/23 | 8:01p | 1:55 | Ken Macleod reports on the third indictment of Donald Trump with four counts of election interference during the 2020 election. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/26/23 | 8:03p | 1:00 | Brandon Truitt reports on a possible tax break to millions of Massachusetts taxpayers being proposed by state lawmakers. The tax relief bill aims to make Massachusetts more affordable to live in. |

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 | 7/25/23 | 8:45p | 2:15 | Louisa Moller reports on a local Boston man Ucal McKenzie who suffered cardiac arrest during a soccer game in 2009, inspiring his wife Suzanne to start a charity to distribute AEDs to sports facilities all over the city in her husband's honor. Suzanne's charity Ucal McKenzie Breakaway Foundation is pairing up with other local organizations to distribute AEDs across Boston starting in Moakley Field where her husband passed away. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/17/23 | 8:16p | 1:57 | Tiffany Chan reports on local doctors concerned about the use of popular weight loss drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy before surgery. Usage of these drugs the day of surgery can lead to the risk of inhaling food and gastric secretions while patients are asleep. Doctors are advising to stop using the drugs at least a week before surgery to eliminate this deadly risk. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/22/23 | 8:15p | 2:00 | Paul Burton reports on Belmont teen Daniel Slatkavitz who used CPR to save the life of an opponent when he collapsed on the court in the middle of a basketball game. Daniel received CPR training during biology class and was able to put his skills to the test to save a life. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/23/23 | 8:34p | 1:59 | Beth Germano reports on the city of Boston's plan to rebuild and reopen the public health campus and rehabilitation centers on Long Island to aid with the substance abuse crisis known as Mass and Cass. The city just received a key permit to rebuild the bridge from Boston to Long Island and is hoping to have it finished in four years. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/6/23 | 8:35p | 1:49 | Laura Haefli reports on an influx of people from all over the country traveling to Massachusetts for abortion care after Roe v. Wade was overturned. The state is working to make abortion more accessible for everyone with \$20 million spent in 2022 for funding for reproductive health and family planning. |
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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 | 7/5/23 | 8:07p | 1:50 | Mike Sullivan reports on a Stoughton woman Emma Tetewsky who went missing for a week and was found stuck at Borderland State Park. Tetewsky had been stuck for three days when she was found by hikers who heard her cries for help and called 911. Easton police officers were able to rescue Tetewsky and she is now in the hospital recovering. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/6/23 | 8:01p | 1:25 | Kristina Rex reports on a wave of home break-ins in Somerville where the perpetrators are taking advantage of the heat wave and people leaving their first-floor windows open. Residents report seeing a man canvassing cars and doors in the neighborhood weeks leading up the break-ins. Police have doorbell camera video of the intruder and are working to find him. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 7/14/23 | 8:00p | 1:04 | Laura Haefli reports on a stolen truck with a baby inside in Dorchester. The parents of the infant got out of the truck to tend to another child when a man jumped into the driver's seat and drove off. The driver circled back around and left the baby in its car seat carrier on the sidewalk then took off again eventually abandoning the car on Columbia Rd. Police are now looking for the suspect: a heavy-set, light skinned Hispanic man. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/3/23 | 8:15p | 2:41 | Cheryl Fiandaca reports on a cellphone video capturing workers from the Medical Examiner's office not following protocol while transporting a deceased person from a home. The body was not strapped into the stretcher and toppled over while coming down the stairs. A nearby car belonging to resident Victoria Scott also got hit by the stretcher and was not reported. With the help of the video, Scott was able to file a police report for the car damage. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/22/23 | 8:37p | 2:52 | Louisa Moller reports on a bill moving through Massachusetts legislature that will allow drivers with autism to carry a blue envelope informing police officers of their diagnosis, triggers, and emergency contact. This will allow officers to know how to best deal with the situation and make the road safer for autistic drivers. |

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

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 8/21/23 | 8:46p | 2:10 | Paul Burton reports on Tim Duffy, a man who is walking 155 miles from Cape Cod to Maine to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. Duffy's wife Kate passed away from pancreatic cancer last year and he has made it his life mission to raise awareness and funds to find a cure. Duffy has raised \$30,000 so far. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/22/23 | 8:40p | 3:00 | Paul Ebben reports on a shopkeeper for a consignment shop in downtown Boston who's celebrating her 100th birthday. Patricia "Pat" Barteveian is the friendly face of the shop and has been running her family's consignment shop Barteveian Inc. for decades. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/28/23 | 8:26p | 2:08 | Tiffany Chan reports on history being made in Foxboro as singer Karol G becomes the first Latina artist to headline at Gillette Stadium, inspiring many Spanish-speaking fans who listen to her music. |

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| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/28/23 | 8:38p | 3:56 | Lisa Hughes reports on Runway for Recovery (R4R) a non-profit organization that throws fashion shows with breast cancer models to raise money for families affected by the disease. Founder Olivia Boger started the organization in 2007 after her mother died from breast cancer when she was 8 years old. To date, R4R has donated over \$3 million to help families. |
| WBZ News at 8 on TV38 | 9/29/23 | 8:44p | 2:02 | Paul Burton reports on The Children's Services of Roxbury's Young Adult Access Center celebrating its one-year anniversary. The organization is a center providing services like housing, job placement, education, and mental health mentorship to young adults in need. In their year of service, the organization has welcomed over 170 young adults. |