

WSBK-TV

Boston, MA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

1st Quarter 2024:

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 2024.

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	1/1/24	8:16p	1:57	Paul Burton reports on the lack of snow and its impact on local ski resorts. A snowless season has been challenging for ski resorts who are having to make their own snow to stay up and running.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/8/24	8:24p	1:45	Laura Haefeli reports on a program giving Nichols College Sports Management students the hands on experience and opportunity to go to the Super Bowl to learn about the sports entertainment business.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/9/24	8:15p	1:40	Tiffany Chan reports on rising retail theft at Paper Stores across New England. Retail theft has been up since the pandemic and businesses are calling for stricter penalties for thieves.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/21/24	8:46p	1:45	Laura Haefeli reports on what's behind the rising cost of food. In the past year, restaurants have gone up 5.1% and food costs have gone up 1.2%. Food and energy prices have risen rapidly while wages have not kept up leading to the most percentage of income spent on food in 30 years.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/23/24	8:15p	1:24	Juli McDonald reports on major airlines increasing their fees for checked bags. With so many extra fees being tacked onto air travel now, the carry-on crowd has some competition for overhead space.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/18/24	8:36p	2:03	Mike Sullivan reports on new real estate laws eliminating the standard broker fee when purchasing a home. This change may help home sellers who will not have to pay the 6% commission fee but will now be able to negotiate commissions with agents. Experts predict this may cause a disruption in the industry for a while but will cause realtors to train up.

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	1/4/24	8:34p	1:55	Tiffany Chan reports on the potential ban on miniature alcohol bottles in Plymouth. The issue has caused quite a debate in the coastal town with those in favor of the ban citing health and environmental concerns and those against it worrying it may hurt local businesses.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/16/24	8:31p	3:00	Cheryl Fiandaca reports on families going into debt after their loved ones residing in assisted living facilities have passed away. Many of these facilities have a landlord tenant agreement which requires families to give a 30-day notice to terminate the lease in the event of a death. Families are fighting for new legislation to ban this practice in Massachusetts.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/7/24	8:10p	1:32	Kristina Rex reports on Gov. Maura Healey nominating a former romantic partner and Massachusetts Appeals Court Associate, Gabrielle Wolojjan, to serve on the state's highest court. The Massachusetts Republican Party slammed Healey's pick citing it as "highly inappropriate" but Healey received unanimous support from the Judicial Nominating Commission for her nomination.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/15/24	8:35p	2:38	Cheryl Fiandaca reports on the amount of money being used on the migrant crisis in Massachusetts and how taxpayers will be footing the bill. Gov. Maura Healey has proposed a \$873 million supplemental budget in January to help pay for the current shelter shortfall and projected cost of emergency assistance in 2025.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/23/24	8:31p	2:16	Kristina Rex reports on reforms the community is calling for from the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) after the murder of five-year-old Harmony Montgomery. These reforms include increasing staff, lightening caseloads, and improving communication between states to prevent another tragedy from happening again.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/7/24	8:32p	1:50	Christina Hager reports on what topics Massachusetts voters want to hear about in Biden's State of the Union address. These topics include Gaza, what would make Biden's next administration different from the current one, and how mentally fit Biden is to serve another term.

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	1/10/24	8:35p	2:08	Tiffany Chan reports on Walgreens stores closing in predominately Black and Brown communities in Massachusetts. The recent closing of the Warren St. Walgreens in Roxbury has sparked concern and outrage from residents who will now have to travel a lot further to get their medicine. Walgreens says they are downsizing everywhere but residents feel Black and Brown communities are being targeted.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/16/24	8:16p	2:07	Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on Mass General Brigham's Teaching Kitchen, a program teaching patients how to cook healthy, nutritious meals at home, which may help treat and prevent the progression of diseases.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/1/24	8:39p	2:03	Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on a social media trend where children are using and promoting adult skincare products. While these products are harmless, they are often expensive and not necessary for kids.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/2/24	8:31p	3:49	Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on a new Massachusetts bill that will require 911 operators to have access to a list of locations of AEDs in case of emergencies.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/14/24	8:40p	1:38	Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on a new medical procedure called ultrasound renal denervation which may safely reduce high blood pressure. The procedure is quick, minimally invasive, and a good option for people whose condition is not affected by lifestyle changes and medication.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/26/24	8:35p	1:12	Katrina Kincade reports on new "Community Care Vans" being introduced by Mass General Brigham that will offer a range of medical services to several Massachusetts communities. The vans will be staffed by multilingual clinicians and support staff and will be able to provide screenings and treatment for hypertension, diabetes, substance abuse and more.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/14/24	8:17p	1:37	Tiffany Chan reports on Boston City Councilor's proposal to give pregnant women access to handicap parking during their third trimester. This proposal has sparked some controversy with other handicapped residents who argue that there aren't enough handicapped spots as it is.

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

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/8/24	8:32p	2:50	Christina Hager reports on hollow sidewalks in Boston and the dangers of residents falling through them. Signs are posted at various locations warning people about hollow sidewalks, but residents think Boston should be doing more to keep the walkways sealed and all sidewalks safe.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/12/24	8:12p	1:40	Mike Sullivan reports on new legislation blocking anyone age 20 and younger from being forced to face life in prison without parole. The argument is that at 20, brains have not fully developed causing someone to act more impulsively, but some victims' families do not agree with this new law saying some prisoners are a danger to society and should have to spend their lives behind bars.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/6/23	8:02p	1:47	Tammy Mutasa reports on illegal apartments discovered in Lawrence after a fire broke out which nearly killed a civilian and two firefighters. Fire Chief Brian Moriarty is warning the community about the potential safety hazards of illegal apartments only having one exit and no proper fire inspections or safety equipment.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/16/24	8:15p	1:49	Christina Hager reports on an all-night manhunt in Tewksbury for Brian Kobs a man who is facing attempted murder charges after stabbing someone he had been in a fight with at Tewksbury State Hospital. The incident has left neighbors on edge and the hospital is working on improving security, communication, and training to prevent future incidents.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/19/24	8:01p	1:34	Brandon Truitt reports on school committee members wanting to call on the National Guard to help with security issues at Brockton High School due to the recent high volume of fights and violence at the school. Brockton Mayor Robert Sullivan opposes the proposal and insists administrators need to be given the tools to keep the school in order including training and amending certain state rules and regulations.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/13/24	8:04p	1:49	Tiffany Chan reports on misdemeanor cannabis possessions being wiped from criminal records with the goal of wiping away criminal records that would not exist today due to the drug being legalized.

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

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	1/1/24	8:34p	2:06	Mike Sullivan reports on a decades old tradition in Milton called the First Day Hike where people kick off the New Year with a hike through local state parks. The walks are led by volunteers from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) whose job is to connect people with deeper stories and history of the areas they're hiking and to bring equity and inclusion to the outdoors.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	2/5/24	8:24p	2:10	Dan Roche reports on fourth-grader Josh Bello who joined the Boston College Hockey team through Team Impact. The goal of the organization is to impact sports teams with kids undergoing special circumstances in their life—in Josh's case, he has been battling a rare kidney disorder since he was 5 years old.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/6/24	8:33p	1:42	Tiffany Chan reports on Boston citizens suing to block the building of a professional soccer stadium in the city's Franklin Park. The park is currently being occupied by two Boston high school football and track and field teams and residents say the park belongs to the community and not a money-making enterprise.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/8/24	8:36p	4:15	Lisa Hughes reports on Victor "The Good Boss" Oliveria, a former inmate who is helping homeless people get jobs and off the streets. Victor has been able to grow his following on social media to raise awareness and hold fundraisers for his non-profit, The Good Project, which offers help and guidance for mental health, jobs and housing, and drug rehabilitation.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	3/27/24	8:46p	1:45	Tiffany Chan reports on a former gang member who is determined to stop violence in Dorchester. Danny Santana is the founder of the group Inspiring Today's Youth (ITY) who is working to stop youth violence in the community by listening, educating, and mentoring kids to empower them to go down a better path.
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