

WSBK-TV
Boston, MA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

4th 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 4th 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	10/2/23	8:35p	2:07	Paul Burton reports on a new state bill that would ensure more equity when distributing liquor licenses to restaurants. With how limited liquor licenses are and the costs and waiting lists to obtain one, many minority business owners are saying they aren't getting a fair shot which is hurting their business.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/7/23	8:14p	1:48	Ken MacLeod reports on Sullivan's Tire becoming one of the biggest employee-owned firms in New England with its 1,500 workers. The Sullivan brothers who run the tire and auto repair shop have turned the company over to its employees with an employee stock ownership plan. Loyal employees are excited to become co-owners.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/13/23	8:25p	1:10	Courtney Cole reports on how to score a deal on last minute holiday flights this holiday season. Cashing out on rewards and miles and being flexible on dates and connections could help you save some cash.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/28/23	8:24p	1:47	Mike Sullivan reports on vacant spaces left by Bed Bath & Beyond and the Christmas Tree Shops and what will be taking their places. It is anticipated that pop-ups and experiential or entrepreneurial businesses will fill the empty storefronts. Mayor Michelle Wu is offering a \$9 million grant to entrepreneurs who are willing to open businesses in these spaces.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	12/18/23	8:34p	3:43	Cheryl Fiandaca reports on a lack of improvement from Mass Save, a program processing rebates for environmental upgrades to heat pumps—part of an incentive to reach Massachusetts' goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Citizens are asking for a revamp of the program.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	12/19/23	8:18p	1:48	Christina Hager reports on the impact of rain and warm temperatures on local ski resorts this season. Some resorts are being forced to shut down to allow the mountains to drown and make more snow.

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	10/4/23	8:16p	1:47	Tiffany Chan reports on a new salary transparency bill gaining traction at the Massachusetts Statehouse which will require businesses with more than 25 employees to include a salary range in job openings. Many businesses are backing the bill believing it will help close the pay gap.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/5/23	8:31p	1:45	Laura Haefeli reports on a new bill being proposed that will ensure freedom of libraries to acquire materials without limitation. With the rise of book bans across the country, Massachusetts Rep. Jim Hawkins, who authored the bill, believes children should have the freedom to access public materials and learn about different ideas.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/16/23	8:10p	1:54	Christina Hager reports on state emergency shelters filling up to capacity as influxes of immigrants arrive to Massachusetts. With a total of more than 23,000 people using shelters all over the state, Gov. Maura Healey says Massachusetts is running out of space, service providers, and funds to safely house more immigrants. Healey is calling on the federal government to expedite authorizations and provide additional funds.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/31/23	8:38p	3:31	David Wade reports on the poor infrastructure of hundreds of bridges in the state causing potential hazards for the millions of cars passing through daily. MassDOT plans to spend more than \$3 billion on bridges in the next few years with infrastructure money from the federal government.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/8/23	8:16p	1:45	Laura Haefeli reports on a dog whose had several close calls with ingesting drugs at South End, an area housing Boston's Mass and Cass. State Sen. Nick Collins (D-Boston) is calling on local legislature to protect community resources and increase police patrols in the area.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/16/23	8:01p	1:22	Brandon Truitt reports on the MBTA needing \$24.5 billion to fix the public transit system in Massachusetts. The high costs are due to inflation and years of underinvestment in the system. It's a number that the state cannot afford at this time at the already struggling agency.

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	10/2/23	8:02p	1:33	Brandon Truitt reports on the Esperanza Academy Middle School in Lawrence moving to remote learning due to the rise of COVID cases. As cases continue to go up, health officials are urging people to take normal precautions and get their updated booster shot.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/23/23	8:34p	2:35	Kristina Rex reports on tips to help patients stay safe during doctor's visits after more than 150 women have come forward with sexual assault allegations against former Brigham and Women's rheumatologist Dr. Derrick Todd. Having a chaperone, asking questions, and leaving if you feel uncomfortable may help you stay safe and advocate for yourself.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/2/23	8:17p	1:40	Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on new advancements in treatment for breast cancer that are helping patients live longer and healthier lives. In the past decade, several different therapies have become available to combat breast cancer alongside chemotherapy or replacing it altogether.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/2/23	8:37p	2:35	Cheryl Fiandaca reports on the “miracle drug” that helped save a local six-year-old boy with glaucoma. Tate Decker benefited from Phospholine Iodide but in 2021, Pfizer announced they were discontinuing the eyedrops. A few months later, Pfizer obtained approval from the FDA to extend the shelf life of the drops helping kids like Tate delay the need for surgery.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/16/23	8:08p	2:43	Tiffany Chan reports on endoscopy patients at Salem Hospital being unknowingly exposed to hepatitis and HIV. The exposure lasted two years before it was corrected and now patients are being warned to be cautious when signing forms for testing that will release the hospital from any liability to those infected by the disease.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	12/5/23	8:38p	2:08	Liam Martin reports on how AI is being used to develop medicines. Dotmatics is an AI software that connects science data and decision-making which can help speed up the process of discovering and developing new medicines.

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

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/5/23	8:05p	2:04p	Beth Germano reports on the police hunt for a couple who are responsible for a spree of carjackings and attempted carjackings in several communities in New Hampshire. One of the suspects has been identified as Nathan Saben of Haverhill who is armed and traveling with his girlfriend.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/14/23	8:36p	2:05	Jon Keller reports on rising retail theft in Massachusetts and how the problem could partly be due to a 2018 criminal justice reform raising the felony threshold for theft from \$250 to \$1,200. State Rep. David Muradian has filed a bill to combine multiple offenses within a six-month period to be counted towards the felony threshold in hopes of punishing repeat offenders.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/15/23	8:03p	1:51	Beth Germano reports on an ongoing police investigation after skimming devices were found in supermarkets in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and what you can do to keep your credit card information safe.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/28/23	8:45p	1:55	Jon Keller reports on how the state is cutting down on underage sports betting after a recent NCAA survey found 58% of 18 to 22-year-olds have bet on sports.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	12/13/23	8:06p	2:12	Kristina Rex reports on Boston doctor and one of the founders of Boston IVF Dr. Merle Berger being accused of secretly impregnating a patient with his own sperm more than 40 years ago. Through DNA tests, Maine resident Sarah Depoian was able to determine that her daughter, Carolyn Bester, was related to Berger and is now suing.

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

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WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/3/23	8:48p	1:56	Paul Burton reports on Home Base, a non-profit organization partnered with the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Red Sox Foundation, who provide care and support for active duty and veteran service members.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/17/23	8:48p	2:14	Paul Burton reports on Survivor Rowing Network a team of breast cancer survivors taking on The Head of The Charles Regatta this weekend. Being a part of the team has provided a whole new perspective on life, teaching the team members about perseverance, teamwork, and hope.

WBZ News at 8 on TV38	10/24/23	8:14p	1:37	Mike Sullivan reports on Brides Across America, a North Andover non-profit that provides free wedding dresses to military members and first responders. The organization's warehouse recently suffered a flood from heavy rains causing them to lose 80 percent of their donations. After two months of renovations, Brides Across America is ready to move back into the warehouse and is getting ready for their next dress giveaway in November.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/8/23	8:46p	1:55	Mike Sullivan reports on an Attleboro food pantry that lost \$5,000 worth of food in a power outage before Thanksgiving. The community has stepped up to help the Hebron Food Pantry replenish its inventory before the holiday.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/17/23	8:14p	1:54	Paul Burton reports on families in Brockton coming together to celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday. It was an important day for over 100 children throughout the state who were adopted on this day.
WBZ News at 8 on TV38	11/17/23	8:43p	3:08	Dan Roche reports on the Boston College Eagles football team's spirit on and off the field. Wide receiver Taji Johnson participates in dozens of campus and community activities such as Eagles for Equality and the Boston College Black Male Initiative, a diversity and inclusion group for black males on campus.