

WWLP

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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Crime, Education, Environment, Government, Health/Smoking, Jobs

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Business	6am	4/2/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	Mercy Medical Center nurses lined up outside the hospital as they battle Trinity Health, the corporate owner of Mercy Medical Center, during contract negotiations. It's been ongoing for some time; their last contract expired in December 2020. The nurses, represented by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, are asking for a few key things to be included: more staff to ensure high-quality care - they are fighting back against Trinity Health's proposal to penalize nurses for using sick time and cutting overtime and holidays, and they are asking for improved health insurance costs, and fair wage increase.

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22.1	Government	6am	4/7/21	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Governor Baker and Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont are making a promise to lower prescription drug prices. Massachusetts residents spent more than 10-billion dollars on prescription drugs in 20-19. Both governors say that's too much - after hearing from people in their states suffering from chronic illness and the financial issues those can cause. Many patients say they must choose between paying rent, buying groceries, or getting the drugs they need to survive or live pain and symptom-free. Governor Baker plans to file the prescription drug language in the budget so that drug companies could face penalties for overcharging customers. In Connecticut, Governor Lamont plans to take similar action by capping the price of prescription drugs, especially commonly used medications like insulin. Both plans have been filed and will now have to be approved by their respective state legislatures.</p>

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22.1	Religion	6am	4/12/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>After a year of being closed because of the pandemic, Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield has opened its doors once more. Dean Tom Callard said the church's congregation is happy that they can return to having in person worship. The church is reopening slowly with limited capacity of 50 people - that includes the congregation and worship leaders. While capacity is limited indoors, Dean Callard said that they are feeling a strong sense of community and faith. For COVID safety protocols, pews are roped off to maintain social distancing. People are required to wear masks for the whole service and are asked to hum rather than sing hymns to minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread. Christ Church Cathedral is also planning to hold services outside without reserved seating as the weather gets better.</p>

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22.1	Health	5pm	4/19/21	90 seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>On Monday more than 1.7 million people in Massachusetts became eligible to sign-up for the COVID-19 vaccine as appointments opened to the general public. The same situation took place in every state as it was also the deadline that President Biden gave states to make the vaccine eligible to everyone 16 and older. If you're now eligible and looking to sign up, there are a few options for getting an appointment. You can use the state's website to sign-up at a mass vaccination or regional collaborative site, make an appointment at a local pharmacy with doses, or look for a community clinic event in your area. More than two million state residents are fully vaccinated. A breakdown by county shows, 30 percent of adults in Franklin and Berkshire county are fully vaccinated, 25 percent in Hampshire, and 21 percent of Hampden. The CDC says half of all U-S adults have received at least one dose. The vaccine is free and available to anyone, regardless of your immigration status or whether you have health insurance.</p>

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22.1	Government	5am	4/27/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>State leaders announced the preliminary results of the 2020 census on Monday. Despite seeing a major shift in population Massachusetts will keep all 9 of its congressional seats. According to Census data the first congressional district which covers most of western Massachusetts lost roughly 5 thousand residents between 2010 and 2020. The 2nd congressional district which covers part of Franklin county also saw loss in population. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin said lawmakers will now have to decide how to re-draw the congressional district lines to even out population rates across the state. In the last census Massachusetts lost a seat in congress, so Galvin is hoping the legislature will work to protect the leadership roles that we currently hold in the U.S. House, like Chair of the Ways and Means committee held by Richard Neal, and assistant Speaker held by Katherine Clark. This information shines a light on the population disparities across the state. Galvin is hoping to see the congressional districts evened out by sometime this fall.</p>

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22.1	Economy	5am	5/4/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>About a fifth of all restaurants in the state have closed for good during the pandemic. And those that survived missed out on millions in revenue. Now, there's a new program that will give it all back. The Restaurant Revitalization Fund launched Monday with 29-billion dollars ready to be distributed to struggling businesses. Restaurant owners can apply for relief equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss with a maximum payout of 10-million dollars per business and no more than five-million per physical location. This time, unlike the P-P-P loans, these don't have to be repaid as long as the money is spent by March 2023. You can register at restaurants-dot-SBA-dot-gov. Congressman Richard Neal was in Springfield to discuss the new funds. He said lawmakers in Washington are also pushing for a fourth stimulus check. 4 in 10 Americans say their income remains below pre-pandemic levels.</p>

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22.1	Crime	9am	5/9/21	60 seconds	9am Morning News	A cyber-attack has forced a major pipeline that transports fuel across the east coast to shut down. Colonial pipeline supplies nearly half of the east coast's fuel supply. And is the largest fuel pipeline in the country. The company says a ransomware attack has forced them to stop all pipeline operations to deal with the threat. Experts say the attack shouldn't cause gas prices to rise unless this turns into a prolonged shutdown. Colonial pipeline isn't saying what the attackers are demanding.
22.1	Consumer Issues	430am	5/14/21	60 seconds	430am Morning News	Gas prices continue to soar due to the national gas shortage. Here in western Massachusetts prices are reaching close to \$3 a gallon. We are still just below the national average, which is about 3-dollars and 3-cents. Prices at the pump have jumped 8 cents in the last week after the Colonial Pipeline shutdown. A lot of gas stations across the country are completely out of gas. Luckily that isn't the case for us but it's still leaving drivers frustrated.

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22.1	Employment	11pm	5/20/21	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Governor Charlie Baker is reinstating the work search requirement for those receiving unemployment to get people back to work. Starting June 15th, the work search requirement will be reinstated. So each week people on unemployment will have to show that they're actively searching for a job. For example, they'll need to prove that they're filling out job applications, registering for work with a Mass Hire Career Center, or reviewing job listings. All sectors need workers, but the restaurant industry has been hit especially hard. Lattitude Restaurant in West Springfield said they're so short staffed, they still can't open for lunch. Daigneau added that Lattitude is hiring all positions from hosts to waiters and cooks. People on unemployment are encouraged to contact their local Mass Hire Career Center where over 200,000 jobs are posted. There are local offices in Springfield, Holyoke and Greenfield.</p>

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22.2	Crime	Noon	5/26/21	60 seconds	Noon News	<p>The Springfield Catholic Diocese responded to calls for further transparency on abuse by former Priest Richard Lavigne. Dr. Robert Hoatson, President and Co-founder of Road to Recovery, a non-profit that assists victims of sexual abuse, demanded the Diocese release what he calls secret documents related to Lavigne and the murder case of Danny Croteau. The case was officially closed this week after Lavigne's death. The Diocese responded to the request of the alleged secret documents indicating all relevant information had been passed to authorities, including 10-thousand pages of documents and testimony. Lavigne served as assistant pastor at the time of Croteau's death and was the last person to see the 13-year-old boy alive before his body was found in the Chicopee river. Investigators were preparing to seek an arrest warrant the day he died. The diocese said that they cooperated with that investigation and all requests or subpoenas and will continue to do so.</p>

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22.2	Law Enforcement	5pm	6/3/21	90 Seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>A Springfield City Councilor is standing with a group of seniors, in calling on police commissioner Cheryl Clapprood to resign. The Massachusetts Senior Action Council doesn't believe Commissioner Clapprood was really listening to their concerns about police and systemic racism. The Massachusetts Senior Action Council is calling on Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood to resign, after a Zoom conversation on police reform. They claim she was not receptive to their ideas, and concerns about the department. Springfield City Councilor Justin Hurst, who had called for the commissioner's resignation in the past, is standing in solidarity with this group of seniors. Commisisoner Clapprood says she continues to be an advocate for diversity and police reforms. Clapprood added that she has always put the citizens of Springfield first, during her 42-year career on the force. On Wednesday June 9th, the Senior Action Council will hold a rally at City Hall calling on the mayor to initiate Clapprood's resignation.</p>

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22.1	Government	6am	6/10/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>State Representatives will vote today on a bill related to redistricting efforts. The bill would allow the legislature to redraw state and federal districts before cities and towns adjust local precincts. Typical procedure requires cities and towns to redraw local boundaries using census data by June 15th. But local census data isn't expected to be released for another three months. If the bill is passed, the state will take care of its redistricting, then cities and towns would have 30 days to finish their precincts. The entire process must be completed by December 15th. Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin has urged Governor Baker to veto the bill if it passes.</p>

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Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Community	6pm	6/19/21	180 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>A Juneteenth Block party took place in downtown Springfield just days after President Joe Biden signed into law America's newest official holiday. The daylong celebration at the Marketplace courtyard in the heart of downtown is noted for its salute to the dozens of Black and Brown business owners throughout Western Massachusetts. It was billed as a block party to bring the community together. The celebration was put together by the Black business owners - their group called Black and Brown Wall Street, a community-based organization formed in Springfield. Tiffany Allecia founded the business group. The 45 business owners comprising the Black and Brown Wall Street intend to be at the forefront on other community events in the months and years ahead.</p>

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22.1	Consumer Issues	6pm	6/25/21	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Some pandemic protections are coming to an end including the utility shut off ban, which ends July 1st. If you're at risk of your utilities being shut off, Attorney General Maura Healey advises you call your gas, electric, and water companies and ask them about payment plans. Healey says as long as you are on a plan, your service won't be shut off. Utility companies will continue to offer payment plans for residential customers for 90 days following the end of the moratorium. You are still responsible for paying for the utility services that you use, even during a moratorium on shut-offs. Making no payments during shut-off protection means a larger utility bill and the possibility of disconnection once that protection ends. You're encouraged to pay what you can.</p>

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22.1	Employment	6am	6/30/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>During the pandemic Massachusetts had one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and we're learning more about the future of the state's workforce. For the very first time a new commission studying the Future of Work held a virtual hearing. Lawmakers like Senator Eric Lesser of Longmeadow questioned business leaders about where the gaps currently are in their employment process and what can be done to promote growth in different parts of the economy. The committee, which is made up of lawmakers, business owners and members of the governor's cabinet, continue to hold regular meetings about the future of work here in Massachusetts. The goal of the committee is to write a report about their findings and file a bill that will help to promote additional economic activity.</p>

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Autism Connections Conference
Cultural	30 Seconds	East Longmeadow Rotary Concert Series
Community	30 Seconds	Star Spangled Springfield
Children/Youth	30 Seconds	Girls Inc-Celebrating Her Place at the Table
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	NAMI Virtual Walkathon
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	March for Babies
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Cancer Survivorship 101
Community	30 Seconds	Red Cross Hometown Heroes
Community	30 Seconds	Fresh Paint Springfield
Education	30 Seconds	MBA Scholarship
Public Service	30 Seconds	413 Cares
Elderly	30 Seconds	Gulluni Scammers Prey