

**WWLP**

**3Q 2021**

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

Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Business	11pm	7/5/21	120 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>The Southwick Planning Board will resume the hearing and vote on the Carvana project - extended to July 20<sup>th</sup> after a hearing was held last week but no decision was made. A large group of residents were at the hearing, many in opposition to the building of the Carvana center on College Highway. 'Save Southwick' coalition members say among their concerns are pollution, heavy traffic, and water usage by the facility, especially as the town continues to restrict the water supply. According to the coalition, Carvana wants to build a 137-acre facility on farmland across from Southwick's DPW on Route 202 which runs through downtown Southwick. It will be a vehicle processing facility in which vehicles will be repaired and cleaned before being sent to other locations. A traffic study for the site expects more than 26-hundred vehicle trips during weekdays, a traffic and infrastructure concern for many Southwick residents. 22News reached out to town government for comment but have not yet heard from them. Again, this hearing will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Law Enforcement	9am	7/10/21	60 seconds	9am Morning News	<p>The Springfield Police department has announced a number of reform measures. That includes a new use of force policy that emphasizes de-escalating situations. This comes as the department continues to address the issue of accountability. Although officers are not trained to use them, chokeholds going forward will be strictly regulated. They also are increasing the reporting standard for any injuries to a suspect. Even though overall crime is down, gun assaults are up. That's prompted the police department to replace their narcotics bureau with a gun unit. Springfield Police officers must continue to wear body-worn cameras on duty. The department has an internal audit unit that reviews this footage.</p>

Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Technology	4:30am	7/16/21	90 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>Holyoke residents have one week left to participate in the city's feasibility study on bringing high-speed fiber internet service to town. Holyoke Gas and Electric is surveying residential customers on their interest in the new service. The last day to express interest is a week from today, July 23rd. The Fiber to Home service would offer a massive boost to internet speeds but the utility company says there has to be enough interest and demand for the service for it to not have an adverse impact on rates. Building the fiber network city-wide would cost upwards of 30-million dollars. You can find the survey at Holyoke Gas and Electric's website.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Health	5am	7/23/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The State Department of Public Health reported 477 new cases of Covid-19 on Thursday. Forty-two of those were confirmed in Hampden County along with 6 in Berkshire, 3 in Hampshire and one in Franklin County. Six new deaths were attributed to the virus. One hundred-eighteen people are hospitalized and our seven-day positive test rate increased to one-point-39-percent. Covid-19 case numbers have been climbing steadily over the course of July as the Delta variant takes over as the dominant strain in the state. That has people thinking about protection measures like masks. Health officials say if you are vaccinated, you don't need to worry about the Delta variant. Despite that, people are still concerned with large portions of the population still unprotected. The symptoms of the delta variant are similar to COVID-19, except that the delta variant is more contagious.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Government	Noon	7/28/21	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>Governor Baker wants to extend the state's sales tax holiday for two full months but so far, his proposal has been met with nothing but resistance from many here on Beacon Hill. Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano met with the Governor on Monday to discuss his proposal. If Baker's plan passes the state's 6.25% sales tax would be removed for the months of August and September. However, statehouse leaders will need to sign off on it before the beginning of next month and right now, they still aren't sold on the plan. Baker hoped the tax break would reinvest in the economy, putting money back into the pockets of families and small businesses across the state. As of right now the tax-free holiday will only be a weekend affair. It is scheduled to take place August 14th and 15th.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Minority Issues	5am	8/2/21	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>A program designed to encourage people to support local black owned restaurants and food providers is back again. "Dine Black" has returned for the month of August. The program began last year as an effort to help the many black owned restaurants in western Massachusetts that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown. Participating restaurants are on your screen right now. For more information and to see this list of participating restaurants again, you can head to our website <a href="http://wwlp.com">wwlp.com</a>.</p>
22.1	Housing	9am	8/8/21	60 seconds	9am Morning News	<p>If you're in the market to purchase a home now might be the right time. A new report by real estate brokerage company Redfin, shows median home prices were flat for the first time since early March. That data covers the four weeks ending August 1st. In addition, Redfin reports mortgage rates are back below 2.8-percent, a level that hasn't been seen since the winter. If these trends continue, Redfin predicts homebuyers will have more options and less competition.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Consumer Issues	6am	8/13/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	The sales tax holiday for 2021 will happen this weekend. Retail items of up to \$25-hundred dollars, will be exempt from sales tax. But not all retail items are exempt from taxes. The following do not qualify: meals, cars, alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana products, any item that has a price of more than 25-hundred dollars. Lay-away sales are also not eligible for the sales tax holiday exemption. But items purchased online qualify for the sales tax holiday exemption.
22.1	Education	6am	8/18/21	90 seconds	6am Morning News	The Springfield Public School Committee held a special meeting tonight to discuss back to school plans amid a surge in Covid cases statewide. During the meeting, education officials laid out plans for vaccinating students, maintaining social distancing, and continuing the pool testing system. Many Covid protocols from last spring will be carried over into this new year. Fall sports will make a comeback including state tournaments and playoffs. And announced tonight, there will be no singing or wind instruments allowed indoors as Covid cases continue to rise.



### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Crime	5am	8/23/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Two suspects were arraigned in connection with a shooting at the Hadley Walmart. 26-year-old Wilmer Alvarez of Chicopee was ordered held without bail after pleading not guilty to charges of armed assault with intent to murder.</p> <p>The Northwestern District Attorney's office said Alvarez shot the two victims inside the bathroom of the Hadley Walmart around 10 o'clock last night. The victims, ages 18 and 19, were seriously wounded. Alvarez and a second suspect, 32-year-old Keyla Fernandez of Holyoke, were detained shortly after the shooting. The D.A.'s office said police recovered a loaded gun, as well as heroin and cocaine, at the time of their arrest. Fernandez was ordered held on 5 thousand dollars bail after being charged as an accessory.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.2	Health	5am	8/31/21	60 Seconds	5am Morning News	<p>New research from the Mayo Clinic finds infusion of monoclonal antibodies reduces the risk of hospitalization among high-risk patients with covid-19. The Mayo Clinic Study involved 14-hundred patients and found treatment lowered the risk of hospitalization by 60 to 70-percent. Timing is critical for the treatment; the antibodies are the most effective within the first four or five days of symptoms. If you test positive and are unvaccinated or at high risk for hospitalization contact your doctor immediately and ask about monoclonal antibody treatment.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Employment	Noon	9/7/21	60 seconds	Noon News	<p>A report from the state Attorney General's office is showing some staggering numbers when it comes to wage theft in the workplace. This is something that can happen in many industries and mostly affects hourly paid workers. It's something that affects millions of people in the US annually according to a study by the Economic Policy Institute. The typical worker victimized by minimum wage violations is underpaid by \$64 per week. In Massachusetts, the AG Maura Healy's office is cracking down on wage theft. A report from the Attorney General's Office says they've assessed over 8.1 million dollars in restitution and penalties against employers here in the state this year. In one case the AG's office cited an asbestos company in Lowell for nearly \$600-thousand for failing to pay wages and overtime, failing to maintain an earned sick time policy, and payroll record violations. Experts say keep track of your hours worked and be on the lookout for any inconsistencies.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Government	5am	9/10/21	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>A hearing on how to spend more than 2 billion dollars from the American Rescue Plan took place on Beacon Hill on Thursday. For months now, the Governor and the legislature have gone back and forth over 2.9 billion dollars from the federal government. Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealey highlighted 5 key areas that need investments as soon as possible. They are, housing production, Downtown development, workforce training, tourism and broadband access. The Governor has been putting pressure on the legislature to get some of the ARPA funds out the door - so they can be used to protect the Commonwealth from severe storms. The legislature says they will continue to hold public hearings on the funding to make sure it's distributed equitably.</p>

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Community	5pm	9/15/21	180 seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>Continuing coverage now on the mold situation inside the Hampden County Courthouse. People who work there gathered today to demand safer conditions while Trial Court leaders toured the building. Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey and Court Administrator John Bello were in Springfield today giving Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance Michael Heffernan, a tour of the Hampden County Courthouse. Outside the building people who work there gathered to demand safer and healthier conditions inside. The Courthouse reopened last Thursday after being closed for 2 weeks because of the mold. Testing found mold levels to be safe for people after cleaning and sanitation but the air ducts were never tested. Justice Carey, Administrator Bello and Secretary Heffernan also met with Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi and District Attorney Anthony Gulluni. He told 22News there needs to be both a short and a long-term solution to the mold. The Trial Court has said that the building is safe after testing.</p>

Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Crime	5am	9/20/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	The Springfield Police Department and Hampden county sheriff's office joined forces to get guns off the streets Saturday. Their gun buy-back program was held at the Sullivan Safety Complex. In just the first hour of the event, more than 3 dozen firearms were collected, as residents dropped them off. No questions were asked, and residents who participated were rewarded for their effort. Those who dropped off firearms were rewarded with Big Y gift cards: a 50 dollar one for each gun. All of the guns turned over will be destroyed by the Gunbusters of New England.

### Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Minority Issues	5am	9/24/21	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Holyoke Public Schools has the most dual-language learning programs in western Massachusetts. The programs give students the opportunity to learn in both English and Spanish. Students are taught all grade level subjects in both languages every day. The goal of the program is to reach high levels of academic achievement, bilingualism, and biliteracy in an environment that values multiculturalism. As of the 2010 census, Holyoke had the largest Puerto Rican population, per capita, in the U-S outside of Puerto Rico itself. The dual-language programs start in preschool and kindergarten and children don't need to be Spanish speakers when they enter. E-N White and Kelly Schools currently offer dual-language as programs. The Metcalf School is the only school that is fully dual-language in the district.</p>

Quarterly Issues and Program List

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Government (National)	5am	9/30/21	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The standoff on capitol hill continues today. If Congress doesn't come to an agreement on a funding bill before midnight tonight the government will shut down. While a shutdown wouldn't be catastrophic, most Americans would notice a disruption in one way or another. National parks will likely shut down and there could be delays in mortgages and loan applications. But essential services like medical care, air traffic control, and law enforcement will continue running. A shutdown will cause federal employees to go without a paycheck until the government re-opens. Not only is a shutdown deadline looming, but a debt default is too. If Congress can't agree on a funding package the U.S. will be unable to pay its debts for the first time in history. A government shutdown does not usually have widespread impacts on the economy but there could be some uncertainty in the stock market.</p>



## Quarterly Issues and Program List

## Quarterly Issues and Program List

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

<b>Type of Issue</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Title or Narrative</b>
Health	30 Seconds	Crop Walk
Cultural	30 Seconds	East Longmeadow Rotary Concert Series
Community	30 Seconds	Star Spangled Springfield
Community	30 Seconds	The World's Largest Pancake Breakfast
Health	30 Seconds	Gandara Center Frozen Yogurt 5K
Health	30 Seconds	Will Bike 4 Food
Health	15 & 30 Sec	Rays of Hope
Health	30 Seconds	Feeding America
Health	30 Seconds	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Health	30 Seconds	Cancer Survivorship 101
Health	30 Seconds	JDRF One Walk