

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Business & Industry	6pm	7/3/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	A marijuana business wants to take over the former Macy's space in the Eastfield Mall in Springfield. It's been about 3 years since Macy's occupied this storefront at the Eastfield Mall. Now "CannaWorld" wants to take over this space and use it as a marijuana cultivation and retail site. Current plans would convert the Eastfield Mall into the "Eastfield Commons." And the marijuana business would help provide the revenue needed to proceed with the site's redevelopment. Eastfield Mall Property manager, David Thompson said the \$200 million Eastfield Commons LV would be a "mixed-used development", to include retail, housing, medical offices, and even day care. Thompson said the Springfield Planning Board would have to approve a zoning change in order to locate the marijuana business on the Mall property.

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22.1	Crime	11pm	7/8/19	120 seconds	11pm Evening News	<p>State Police arrested a Holyoke man for possession of drugs and illegal fireworks following a traffic stop. According to State Police, 28-year old Victor Pirela was stopped when Troopers discovered he was driving with a suspended license. Troopers then searched the car and found fireworks in the trunk, and a bag filled with 30-grams of cocaine, 108-grams of heroin, and packaging materials for sale and distribution. Pirela was arraigned in Holyoke District Court today, on charges including trafficking cocaine and heroin, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6pm	7/15/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Three western Massachusetts communities are working to generate revenue, save trees, and improve air quality. The Tri-City Public Carbon Sequestration Program is an agreement between West Springfield, Holyoke and Westfield to preserve more than 15-thousand acres of trees surrounding their water sheds. The cities are selling their tree stock, but the trees won't be cut down. Instead, they will be exchanged for what is called a "carbon credit." Former West Springfield Mayor Ed Sullivan said, "a carbon credit is a financial unit of measurement which represents removal of 1 ton of carbon dioxide equivalent from the atmosphere." Each carbon credit is \$10. He also said many large companies must buy carbon credits when building a new office or warehouse, to offset some of the environmental impacts of that construction. This program will collect more than \$2 million dollars for the 3 communities over the next 10 years. The money collected from the carbon credits will go back into conservation -type projects for the cities. The project was started with a \$100-thousand-dollar grant from the state.</p>
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22.1	Minority Issues	9am	7/20/19	60 seconds	9am Morning News	Protests in Puerto Rico have been going on for more than a week and now the cities of Holyoke and Springfield are standing in solidarity, demanding justice for people on the island. Dozens gathered outside the front of Holyoke and Springfield City Halls on Friday as the call for Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosello to step down, continue. This, after conversations between the governor and his administration which contained homophobic comments and mocking of Hurricane Maria victims was leaked. Holyoke is one of the largest cities with the highest population of Puerto Ricans outside the island. And more than 35 percent of Springfield residents identify as Puerto Rican. The protesters in Puerto Rico are calling for the governor to resign by Sunday.

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22.1	Education	6pm	7/24/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley is suing the state because it denied their requests to expand. The school's trustees filed the lawsuit Tuesday against the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in Hampshire Superior Court. The school is taking legal action after the board voted to deny the school's 2018 request to increase its maximum enrollment from 584 students to 952 students. The charter school opened in 2007 with a program that immerses children in Chinese language and culture beginning in kindergarten. This isn't the first time they have asked the state to allow them to increase enrollment. The school was first denied in 2016. Previously, in 2013, the board approved the school's request to expand their K- through-eighth grade program to high school.</p>

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22.1	Religion	11pm	7/26/19	90 seconds	11pm Late News	Springfield's Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church and Parish will now remain open. Friends of Our Lady of the Rosary- a group of parishioners from the church submitted an appeal to the Vatican to keep the church and parish open. This came after Springfield Bishop Mitchell Rozanski issued a decree for the closure of the church. One parishioner said, this victory shows others that they can fight to keep their churches open, too.
22.1	Immigration	Noon	7/31/19	60 seconds	Noon News	There is new push to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. Immigration advocates from western Massachusetts went to Boston on Tuesday, to urge lawmakers to pass the Work and Family Mobility Act. The bill would allow illegal immigrants to apply for a driver's license, by showing proof of identity, date of birth, and state residency. The Pioneer Valley Workers Center told 22News, it would also prevent federal agencies from using licenses, to prosecute immigrants. Governor Baker is against this bill, and believes residents should be legal citizens, before they can legally drive.

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22.1	National Security	11pm	8/4/19	60 seconds	11pm Late News	The federal government is treating the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas as a domestic terrorism case. 20 people are dead, another 26 were injured in the shooting at a Walmart Saturday morning. The shooter has been identified as 21-year-old Patrick Crusius of Allen, Texas. The U-S Attorney said the Justice Department is also preparing federal hate crimes and firearms charges against the suspect which would carry a death penalty. The 21-year-old is being held without bond. Police confirmed that the suspect left behind what is believed to be a manifesto in which he allegedly cites "the Hispanic invasion of Texas" as his reasoning behind Saturday's mass shooting.

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22.1	Law Enforcement	6pm	8/8/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>With recent mass shootings taking place across the country, security has become an important focus at local schools and businesses. According to the Gun Violence Archive there have been 253 mass shootings this year. An average of more than one mass shooting per day so far in 2019. The increase in shootings has come with an increase in the importance of safety at local schools and businesses. Springfield public schools' spokeswoman Azell Cavaan said millions of dollars have been invested into enhancing security at schools locally over the past 10 years. All doors at Springfield public schools remain locked. In order to get in you must use this buzzer system and show a valid form of ID. You're also required to wear a visitors' badge at all times in the building.</p> <p>Businesses are also preparing themselves for an active shooter situation. Chicopee Police Department is one of several police departments in our area that offer free services to help prepare for an active shooter at any businesses or workplace.</p>

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22.2	Health	Noon	8/12/19	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>The Mass. Department of Public Health announced on Saturday that the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was found in a man older than 60 from southern Plymouth County. This is the first human case in Massachusetts since 2013.</p> <p>Triple-E symptoms can range from a stiff neck and headache to more serious complications including swelling of the brain. Dr. Ira Helfand of Family Care Medical Center said there aren't anti-viral agents for these types of illnesses and treatment is primarily supportive treatment, so the symptoms don't cause more damage to the patient.</p> <p>There are several steps you can take to avoid being bitten by an infected mosquito. Those include using an insect repellent that contains DEET, wearing long sleeve shirts and pants, and limiting activity in mosquito-dense areas at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active. Mosquitos can also infect your pets and farm animals. The Triple- E virus was first recognized in Massachusetts in 1831 when the virus killed 75 horses. The DPH said the risk for EEE will remain until we see below freezing temperatures.</p>

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22.1	Transportation	5am	8/16/19	60 seconds	5am Morning News	In just 2 weeks, a new train service will connect Franklin County to Connecticut. The Valley Flyer will offer 4 trains every day that will travel from Greenfield to New Haven, and back. It will also make stops in Northampton, Springfield, and Hartford. There will be 2 trains in the morning that bring riders from Greenfield to New Haven. And the two evening trains will run from New Haven to Greenfield. There will also be connections to both Amtrak and Metro-North services. The trains will be up and running on Friday, August 30th.

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22.1	Business	6pm	8/20/19	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Less than a month before the Big E, the Lt. Governor was in western Massachusetts to get ready for New England's Great State Fair. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito visited Amy's All Natural - a company that makes soap out of products made in Massachusetts. The owner, Amy Mitchell, met Polito at the Big E a few years ago. Today, the Lt. Governor fulfilled a promise to Mitchell to go to Palmer to tour the facility and learn all about the process of making all-natural soap. Polito said Amy's All Natural could be an inspiration to other small businesses. She also said many Massachusetts small businesses make a lot of their money selling their products at the Big E. That begins September 13th.</p>

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22.1	Employment	7am	8/25/19	60 seconds	7am Morning News	Hundreds of new jobs are coming to Hampden County now that one of the world's largest retailers is opening a distribution center in the area. Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse announced that an Amazon distribution center will be opening in Holyoke this fall. Mayor Morse also said the city and Amazon are working together to make sure the company is hiring locally. Friday, an Amazon booth was set up at "Celebrate Holyoke" so local residents could learn about the distribution center and explore job opportunities. Amazon's new distribution center will be located at 161 Lower Westfield Road in Holyoke. Along with the booth at Celebrate Holyoke this weekend, a job fair will be held before the center opens.

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22.1	Education	5pm	8/29/19	60 seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>The Massachusetts school building authority approved 73.2-million-dollars for new middle schools in Holyoke. Holyoke hasn't had a new school building constructed since 1989, 30 years ago. Right now, there is no adequate space for 6th through 8th graders in Holyoke. But by building the 2 new proposed schools, it will allow for a proper middle school model and open up more space in elementary schools for more pre-k classes. A 550-student school would replace Peck School and a second 550-student school would be built at the corner of Cabot and Chestnut streets. The grant will only be given to the city if voters approve the grant. Taxpayers will have to pay the additional 56-million-dollars to fund the project. There will be a vote on the project November 5th.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6pm	9/3/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Shelburne residents discovered thousands of dead fish along the banks of the North River, Sunday. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection said a sulfuric acid leak killed the fish in the North River. But they want to assure residents that the water is safe now. According to MassDEP, a tank leaked sulfuric acid into the North River from the Barnhardt Cotton Manufacturing plant in Colrain, Sunday morning. Barnhardt told MassDEP that the tank leaked acid for less than 3 hours. There are concerns about the acid leak's impacts, and the river's future, as some residents said it's happened before. MassDEP tested the water and said the results showed normal P-H levels, so it's safe for swimming. They are working to determine what caused the tank to release the acid, and how much of it is in the river. MassDEP said the sulfuric acid leak did not impact the Shelburne Falls or the Griswoldville Water Districts' wells along the North River.</p>

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22.1	Environment	5:30pm	9/9/19	90 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	<p>Governor Baker is working with state and local officials to test and treat contaminated drinking water. Environmental protection workers have found high levels of the chemical "polyfluoroalkyl" or P-FAS in Westfield. According to the Department of Environmental Protection, 8 Massachusetts communities tested positive for high levels of contamination in their public water supplies. A supplemental spending bill filed on Friday would direct 8.4 million dollars to test drinking water for PFAS contamination. It also calls for another 20 million dollars to support PFAS removal projects. Most of the PFAS drinking water contamination was found near military bases, linked to chemicals found in firefighting foam. Westfield is the only western Massachusetts city to make the list. Westfield residents have been concerned about their water supply for years. Especially near Barnes Air National Guard base. If the funding's approved, Governor Baker and environmental officials plan to use it to improve the water quality in areas of the state that need it most.</p>

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22.1	Crime	6am	9/14/19	90 seconds	6am Morning News	A Holyoke kindergarten teacher has been arrested, amid allegations of possession of child pornography. Now, parents are angry, and trying to understand why someone like this could be allowed in a school. Gregory Lisby was arrested following an FBI raid on a rectory at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Worcester. Lisby worked as a rector at another Worcester church previously. Holyoke schools' spokeswoman, Judy Taylor, said Lisby resigned from his Holyoke teaching position on Thursday, the same day the district found out about the FBI's investigation. The school district sent letters to parents to alert them of the situation. Anyone who has any questions or information to share is asked to call the U.S. Attorney's "Project Safe Childhood" hotline.

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22.1	Government	5pm	9/18/19	60 seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>Social media giants testified on Capitol Hill today about their role in the spread of online hate that can lead to real-world violence. Representatives from Facebook, Twitter and Google faced questioning from the Senate Commerce Committee on how extremist content online can incite violence. The tech companies unveiled their policies and practices on how violent and hateful content is identified and removed from its sites. George Selim of the anti-defamation league also testified, recommending that lawmakers pass legislation to address the growing threats of domestic terrorism and white supremacy. The hearing also addressed the role of websites on the dark web to amplify those voices.</p>

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22.1	Economy	6pm	9/23/19	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	The first day of fall means the unofficial start to "leaf peeping" season in Franklin County. Tourists start coming to see the leaves changing color in the hills of Franklin County. The influx of "leaf peepers" often translates into more sales for seasonal businesses, especially hotels and restaurants. Everyone is hoping for "peak color" during the Columbus Day weekend, but it doesn't always time out that way. A local arborist said the summer rain and the warm weather will slow down changing colors.

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22.1	Government	5:30pm	9/26/19	120 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	<p>A bill before the legislature right now would reduce the number of addiction treatment beds in western Massachusetts. Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi testified in front of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery today, urging lawmakers to consider voting against Senate Bill 11- 45. The legislation Cocchi is opposing would eliminate all Section 35 addiction treatment beds in Western Massachusetts. Currently, the Hampden County Jail offers a rehabilitation program that inmates can take part in while they are incarcerated, something that Cocchi said has helped hundreds of western Mass. residents. The average stay around the Commonwealth for addiction treatment is 24 days, the program at Hampden County extends that to 48 days. Sheriff Cocchi urged committee members to check out the Hampden County facility before voting on this legislation.</p>

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2.1	Government	11pm	9/30/19	60 seconds	11pm Late News	The mayor of Holyoke is calling for a complete audit of the city's fire hydrants. This, after the two closest hydrants didn't work when a home caught fire over the weekend. Holyoke Fire Captain Kevin Cavagnac told 22News, that the 2 closest fire hydrants to the house, had low volume. This made them useless and forced the fire department to stretch hoses 15-hundred feet away to other hydrants that were working better. The house ended up collapsing, but 6 people were able to get out safely. The owner of the home said there's been water pressure issues on his street for years. Captain Cavagnac said Holyoke Water Works is in charge of maintaining and flushing the hydrants.

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

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Employment	30 Seconds	MBA Virtual Job Fair
Cultural	30 Seconds	East Longmeadow Rotary Concert Series
Community	30 Seconds	Star Spangled Springfield
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Six Flags Big E Blood Drive
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	March of Dimes Supportive Pregnancy Care
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Will Bike 4 Food
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Alzheimer's Walk
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Crohn's & Colitis Walk
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Survivor Journeys Nominations
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Out of the Darkness Walk
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Gandara Center Frozen Yogurt 5k
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	JDRF One Walk