

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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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

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22.1	Jobs	11pm	4/2/18	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>75 new jobs were just posted to MGM Springfield's employment page. The jobs range from food and beverage, to casino operations to security. You can apply online or in person at MGM's career center on East Columbus Avenue. MGM Springfield said they are committed to putting local people to work, hiring 35% of their workforce from the city of Springfield, and 90% from the region. In total, MGM is hiring for 2400 open positions. The South End resort casino is on track to open in the fall.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6am	4/4/18	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>For weeks, people in Westfield have expressed their concern over the status of the city's water supply, after the water was said to be allegedly contaminated by firefighting foam. Earlier this year, the city filed a lawsuit against the companies that manufactured that foam.</p> <p>Tuesday night, the Westfield City Council's Legislative and Ordinance Committee approved a recommendation for a \$13-million-dollar bond for a water filtration project. This bond will pay for a system to filter out contaminants that have forced the city to close several wells. It will also pay for repairs that need to be made to four water tanks in addition to creating an emergency connection to Springfield's Water Supply. The bond proposal will go before the full Westfield City Council for a "first reading" Thursday night.</p>

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22.1	Health	5am	4/6/18	90 seconds	5am Morning News	There has been a dramatic increase in HIV cases in Massachusetts, and now the state has asked the Center for Disease Control to help them figure out what's behind it after the HIV rate remained stagnant for years. HIV cases have spiked in Lowell and Lawrence over the past year. State health officials say there were more than 50 new HIV cases among drug users in Massachusetts last year, compared to 23 in 2016.

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22.1	Government	5am	4/10/18	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Monday night, the Springfield City Council unanimously approved an ordinance preventing city employees from interfering with a church providing sanctuary to a woman facing deportation. South Congregational Church in Springfield is providing Gisella Collazo with sanctuary. Gisella Collazo now faces deportation to Peru after entering the U.S. on a fraudulent passport in 2001. She and her two children have been staying at the church since March 26th. The ordinance argues it's within the church's right and religious mission not to face interference from the city. Mayor Domenic Sarno has argued that Springfield is not a sanctuary city. He responded to the order, saying the move would put millions of federal funding dollars at risk by making Springfield a sanctuary city. Earlier this month, Sarno issued an inspection for the church that Collazon is taking sanctuary in, which passed.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6am	4/13/18	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Efforts to clean up thousands of gallons of gasoline continue this morning, after a rollover accident in Enfield on Monday. The spill has blocked off all access to exit 49 on I-91. A Pride truck was responsible for the accident and cleanup will cost more than half a million dollars. An employee at Pride headquarters in Springfield said the truck involved in Monday's spill is owned and operated by a trucking company. They also said that company's insurance will cover the cost of the cleanup. Crews are hoping to reopen the exit sometime this weekend. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said crews are now re-filling the hole left by the removed soil that was contaminated and the soil had to be transferred to a facility that could burn off the fuel. Connecticut's D-E-E-P said five residential wells in the area of the spill are being tested to ensure the water isn't contaminated.</p>

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22.1	Crime	11pm	4/16/18	90 seconds	11pm Late News	Holyoke Police and the FBI's Gang Task Force seized thousands of bags of heroin and arrested three people in a suspected drug distribution operation. Holyoke Police said they arrested Abimael Rivera, Adiel Velez, and Justine Walter. Rivera's charged with trafficking heroin and cocaine, and possession of a stolen firearm. The task force raided an apt. South Summer Street, right across the street from Morgan Elementary School. Officers seized more than 28-hundred bags of heroin, 78 bags of cocaine, a stolen semi-automatic pistol and \$35-hundred dollars in cash.

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22.1	Government	11pm	4/19/18	60 seconds	11pm Late News	Families forced to flee Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria, could soon lose their emergency assistance benefits from FEMA and The Red Cross. Families staying in local hotels rallied outside the Springfield offices of Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren today. Many families face a final FEMA deadline Friday, and a Red Cross deadline for temporary housing of April 24th. There is no plan for permanent housing after their deadline dates. Massachusetts has seen the second highest influx of displaced people from Puerto Rico since the hurricane.

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22.1	Crime	5am	4/24/18	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>A person is in the hospital after being shot Monday night in Springfield. Springfield Police said the shooting occurred just after 10:30 Monday night on Worthington Street. This marks the third shooting in Springfield this week. Springfield Police are also investigating two shootings and a body that was found over the weekend. Just before 8pm Sunday night, a man was shot in the leg inside a home on Dawes Street. About an hour later, two people had been shot and wounded outside a home on Knox Street. The victims of these shootings were taken to the hospital, and are expected to be okay. Police also discovered a body at Emerson Wright Park on Saturday morning. The condition of the person who was shot Monday night is still unknown.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6am	4/25/18	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Sewage could be making its way into the Connecticut River from Springfield. People are worried that the river could be filled with diseases and parasites from the sewage. But major changes to the city's permit, could impact the cost of your water bill. The EPA and DEP held a meeting in Springfield to talk about the permit Tuesday night. The Springfield Water and Sewer department said they've spent more than \$100-million dollars over past decades to reduce levels of Nitrogen and untreated sewage. In Springfield, the same pipe that collects sewage also collects storm water. When there are periods of heavy rain, these pipes can become backed up. That back up is called a "combined sewage overflow" or "CSO". The EPA said, 50 times a year these CSO's create unsafe levels of bacteria like E-coli in the Connecticut river in Springfield. The EPA said it'll be several months before they decide on the permits.</p>

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22.2	Jobs	10pm	4/27/18	90 seconds	10pm Evening News	<p>Yesterday the Baker-Polito administration announced two new investments in Holyoke's Transformative Development Initiative District. The administration, in partnership with MassDevelopment, will invest more than \$200,000 dollars in an innovative urban farming and workforce training program. Holyoke Community College will partner with MassDevelopment to provide a new workforce training program that educates interns and apprentices on the basics of hydroponic food production. The administration will also award 1.6 million to improve walkability and pedestrian safety in Holyoke.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6pm	5/1/17	150 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Firefighting foam from Barnes Air National Guard base has contaminated Westfield wells. A Defense Department study found high levels of perflourinated compounds in water supplies on or around more than 100 military bases across the country. PFAS is a chemical formerly used in military firefighting foam. The compound has been linked to birth defects and cancer. Westfield needs a multi-million-dollar filtration system to purify the city's drinking water. Westfield filed a \$50,000,000-dollar lawsuit against three manufacturers of the foam. Three wells have been taken offline due to contamination concerns. Fewer operating wells can lead to reduced water pressure in the city's fire hydrants, making it harder to fight fires. On May 3rd, the Westfield City Council will vote on a \$13,000,000-dollar bond for a new water filtration system. While the city waits for a filtration system, residents have organized to have Westfield participate in a national PFAS health study. The EPA has not yet set maximum contaminant levels, which would create responsibility for a legally enforceable cleanup.</p>
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22.1	Government	11pm	5/3/18	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>State lawmakers are considering legislation to increase the state-wide minimum age to buy tobacco products to 21. The bill includes vaping products, like e-cigarettes. The proposed legislation would also make it illegal to vape in the workplace. Greenfield is one of more than 50 Massachusetts communities where you need to be 21 and not 18, to buy an e-cigarette or another tobacco product. Some teens who start with e-cigarettes, do go on to smoke cigarettes and many people who use e-cigarettes continue to use tobacco. McNeely also said most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is addictive. E-cigarettes are NOT FDA-approved as a method to quit smoking.</p>

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22.1	Health	11pm	5/7/18	180 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. Of the three million skin cancers that doctors treat every year, about 150,000 are melanoma, and approximately 9,000 of those patients will die from it. The biggest risk factors for melanoma: blistering sunburns, a close relative who had it, light-eyes and fair skin. Also, if you have more than 50 moles on your body, and any previous skin cancers. Melanoma is often curable if you find it early. Dermatologist, Dr. Stanley Glazer, urges you to follow the "A-B-C-D-E" rule of melanoma. Look for moles that are Asymmetric; Borders that are irregular; Color that varies and a Diameter greater than six millimeters, and E is "evolving", changing shape, size and color. In men, the most common area is on the back. And in women, the most common area is on the back of their calves. The most common cancer of all, in people between the ages of 25 and 29 is Melanoma. Dr. Glazer said you can minimize your risk by wearing a hat, applying sunblock if you're out in the sun, and by doing a skin self-exam once per month.</p>

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22.1	Education	Noon	5/10/18	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>Budget problems could force cuts to student programs and teachers' jobs in Granby. The Granby school committee passed a budget that meets their needs for the next fiscal year, but voters will have to approve hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for that to become a reality. With nearly half a million dollars needed to fully fund the next school year, the Granby school committee said JV sports programs could be cut, teaching positions lost, and funding could be diminished for clubs and departments. The school district's budget shortfall is just under half a million dollars. The select board and the finance committee said they'll support a \$200,000-dollar allocation to the school district. Residents will vote separately, on the remaining \$297,000 dollar needed to fully fund the school's budget. The final vote on the budget and additional school district funding will take place at the June 11th town meeting.</p>

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22.1	Crime	6am	5/14/18	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>One person was shot in Springfield's south end overnight. Around 1AM Springfield Police posted to Twitter that one person had been shot near Main Street, Sunday night. At around 11:40 Sunday night, police received reports of shots fired and a gunshot victim was found near Main and Adams Streets. The Springfield Police Department's Homicide Unit and Hampden County District Attorney's office are investigating. Police have not released the extent of that person's injuries. Springfield Police are also investigating a shooting that happened Saturday morning that sent one person to Baystate Medical Center. That gunshot victim is a female who is expected to be ok. Despite these recent shootings, police say crime is down by 5 percent this year and close to 50 percent in the past five years.</p>

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22.1	Crime	11pm	5/17/18	60 seconds	11pm Late News	It only took a few hours for Ludlow Police to identify and arrest a suspect in a hoax school threat that was posted on SnapChat today. Ludlow Police Lt. Michael Brennan, said Police arrested 24-year-old Philip Costa tonight. Police said he was responsible for a post threatening a mass shooting in Ludlow on Friday. Lt. Brennan said Costa fabricated the threat. Costa will be arraigned on a number of charges including obstruction of justice, threatening the use of deadly weapons, and disturbing a school. He'll be arraigned tomorrow in Palmer District Court.

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22.1	Jobs	11pm	5/21/18	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Today was the start of a series of MGM Career informational sessions and workshops. In preparation for the casino's August 24th opening, MGM Springfield is holding informational sessions to help interested job seekers connect with a job offer. MGM's Wanda Smith-Gispert told us these sessions can benefit interested job seekers. She said it is a great way to enter and having someone from MGM look at your resume, allows them to make great recommendations and offer some solutions. MGM's next informational session will be held tomorrow at the Kenefick Park Pool House in Springfield from 3:30 to 5pm.</p>

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22.1	Government	6pm	5/25/18	180 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>The Massachusetts House voted to let courts take guns from owners who are deemed a threat to themselves or to others. After another mass school shooting, this time in Texas, the House members in Boston passed the "red flag" gun bill on Wednesday night. The bill would allow a judge to suspend someone's license to carry a firearm and order them to give up their guns and ammunition if they are believed to be a danger to themselves or to others. The legislation was fiercely opposed by the Gun Owners Action League, the local affiliate of the National Rifle Association. State Representative Marjorie Decker, the bill's sponsor, said she welcomes any colleague who would like to work on expanding mental health services particularly when it's not in opposition to common sense gun legislation. As a legislator, Decker said, one of the deepest burdens they carry is making sure the decisions they make are in the interest of public safety. The bill now moves to the Senate where Senate President Harriette Chandler has said she supports the bill.</p>

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22.1	Education	6pm	5/29/18	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Getting in to UMass Amherst may be more difficult for in-state students than for those who live outside Massachusetts. Researchers from the Boston-based Pioneer Institute said from 2010 to 2016, the average high school GPA for out-of-state students was 3.67. It was 3.87 for Massachusetts residents. Average combined SAT scores for non-residents were also slightly lower. UMass spokesman Ed Blaguszewski, said increasing out-of-state enrollment is one way UMass-Amherst makes up for cuts in state funding.</p>

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22.1	Crime	11pm	6/4/18	120 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Investigators today identified the remains found at 1333 Page Boulevard in Springfield last week. District Attorney Anthony Gulluni, said the bodies of two women from Springfield and a third from Ludlow were found at the home of 40-year-old Stewart Weldon. The women were 47-year-old Ernestine Ryans and 34-year-old America Leyden of Springfield. Both had been reported missing to the Springfield police department months ago. The DA identified the third victim as 27-year-old Kayla Escalante of Ludlow. Stewart Weldon has not been charged in connection with the bodies discovered at his home at 1333 Page Boulevard. The DA said he's waiting for the medical examiner to release an autopsy report with the confirmed cause of death for the three victims. Weldon has been in custody since his arrest on kidnapping and sexual assault charges a week ago, Sunday. Those charges stem from accusations made by a woman passenger in his car after he was stopped for a broken tail light.</p>

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22.1	Education	5:30pm	6/6/18	60 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	<p>The Pioneer Valley Regional School District is asking the state to help them with their one-point-three-million dollar budget deficit. The school district laid off three teachers this week because of this budget shortfall. The school district has contacted several state departments for help in balancing their budget. PVR School Committee Chair, Patricia Shearer said she believes the state can give them some ideas of what is needed to make it work without devastating the district completely. Shearer said the deficit resulted from several years of overspending and has blamed the Superintendent for making poor decisions, and failing to communicate the budget situation. However, the Superintendent said she's always been honest about the budget and has the documentation that she gave to the school committee to prove it. The school committee will meet with state officials tomorrow night.</p>

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22.1	Health	6pm	6/10/18	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>For many, suicide is an uncomfortable subject to talk about, but the recent deaths of two celebrities has sparked conversation. Fashion designer Kate Spade and celebrity chef, Anthony Bourdain, lost their lives to apparent suicides. A new government study released the week of their deaths, reveals that suicide has been on the rise nationwide since 1999. Nearly 45,000 Americans took their own lives in 2016, alone. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that nearly 16 out of every 100,000 Americans will take their own life. Data also shows high-profile suicides lead to a rise in suicides across the country. When American actor, Robin Williams took his own life in 2014, the CDC reported suicides increased by 10 percent for the four months after his death. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US and as of 2018, only 10 states mandate suicide prevention training for health professionals. New Hampshire is the only state in New England with that mandate.</p>

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22.1	Government	11pm	6/13/18	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>With the death of long time State Representative Peter Kocot, and former State Senate president Stanley Rosenberg stepping down, western Massachusetts is in "representation deficit" at the State House. Until these vacant positions are filled, residents in Northampton and Hatfield have no representation at the state level. Tonight, Northampton High School students held a "candidates' night", bringing together the eight candidates running for two vacant seats. Stanley Rosenberg stepped down after the deadline to file paperwork to run against him. Because of that, all but one of the six people running for his senate seat will have to convince constituents to write them in on the ballot. The state primaries will take place this September, before the state elections in November.</p>

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22.1	Environment	5:30pm	6/18/18	60 seconds	5:50pm Evening News	Heat and storms aren't the only weather concern today, the air quality may also cause certain people problems. An air quality alert was issued for parts of our area today due to high ground ozone levels. Ozone is a gas known as O ₃ . Certain pollutants react with sunlight to form ozone and it's the main ingredient in smog. On days like today, hot humid days with a good amount of sunshine, ozone can reach its most unhealthy levels - and it's worse in urban areas. Not all of us are affected equally by high ozone. Those with breathing difficulties or those already sensitive to changes in air quality are most affected by high ozone days and may have trouble breathing.

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22.1	Jobs	5:30pm	6/19/18	60 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	Franklin County's largest employer held a job fair today. Yankee Candle in Deerfield said they are looking to hire people for more than 150 seasonal and part-time positions. Candidates filled out applications and then had "on the spot" interviews. Yankee Candle said they have been having a tough time filling all of their positions. Available positions include order processors, warehouse workers, gift assemblers, and customer service representatives. Yankee Candle has two more job fairs scheduled for this summer. Their next job fair is July 17th.
22.1	Jobs	6pm	6/24/18	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	Last call for those hoping to land a job at MGM Springfield. Today, the casino hosted its final hiring event to fill its remaining positions before opening this August. The event was open to the public. Hundreds of people lined up outside of the Mass Mutual center this morning hoping to be hired. Jobs include security, valet and food services. MGM Springfield representatives expected to fill up to 400 jobs at today's hiring event. MGM Springfield will open in exactly two months, on August 24th.

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22.1	Crime	Noon	6/27/18	60 seconds	Noon News	<p>New information on a major drug bust in Hampden County. D.A. Anthony Gulluni just announced that 11 people were arrested when police shut down an alleged heroin trafficking operation. According to Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni, Springfield police seized 67-hundred bags of heroin, 3 loaded firearms, and \$48-thousand dollars in cash throughout Springfield neighborhoods. The eleven people facing charges in connection with this major heroin bust - 3 women and 8 men - are all from Springfield. The defendants were arraigned Tuesday night by the Springfield district court Clerk's Office.</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
Feeding the Homeless	30 Seconds	UMass Dash & Dine 5K
Public Health	30 Seconds	Cory J. Garwacki Foundation Live to Give Gala
Public Health	30 Seconds	Springfield Pancake Breakfast
Public Health	30 Seconds	Walk for Epilepsy
Public Health	30 Seconds	March of Dimes March for Babies
Education	30 Seconds	Square One Derby
Public Health	30 Seconds	NAMI WMass Walk
Public Health	30 Seconds	Survivor Journeys Cancer Survivorship 101
Public Safety	30 Seconds	Founders Day Community Shredding Event
Arts	30 Seconds	East Longmeadow Concert Series
Supporting the Military	30 Seconds	USO Comedy Night
Education	30 Seconds	Symphony of Saints Golf Tournament