

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	Crime	6am	1/4/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	The man who was arrested on attempted arson charges to MLK Junior Community Presbyterian Church in Springfield, is being arraigned in court today. The Pittsfield Police department arrested Dushko Vulchev of Maine. He is charged with several counts of malicious damage and three counts of attempted arson related to the church fire at MLK Junior Community Presbyterian Church. Vulchev is currently in custody and being held on an undisclosed bail amount until his arraignment this morning. According to the department of fire services, there were previous attempts to burn the church down including one on December 13th, 2020 and two on December 15th. All three counts of arson are for separate attempts to burn the church over the last month. The investigation into the fire, which Springfield fire officials considered "highly suspicious" and even a potential hate crime, is ongoing.

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22.1	Government	9am	1/9/21	60 seconds	9am Morning News	<p>A document laying out a timeline for a potential impeachment trial was circulated to Senate Republicans late Friday evening. NBC News obtained the memo, entitled "impeachment procedure summary." It was circulated to the Republicans from outgoing majority leader Mitch McConnell. The document lays out how the Senate will move forward if the House decides to impeach President Donald Trump. The Senate is currently in recess until January 19th. Impeachment trial proceedings cannot begin before then, unless all 100 senators consent to an early return. More than 200 members of Congress are calling for Trump to leave office after a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol earlier this week.</p>

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22.1	Community	5am	1/13/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Plans are in the works for a short-term homeless shelter to be set up at Holyoke's Dean Tech High School. The city is partnering with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to fight the growing need for an emergency shelter in the area, a direct result of the pandemic. This location was chosen because of the facilities it offers, such as showers. The shelter will be in the gym, which is separated by a bridge from the other school buildings. There will be 24-hour security monitoring the site, and only a limited number of faculty and students will be in the vicinity because of remote learning. Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse said he appreciates the public's concern for safety, but the need is increasing and the city is ready to help. Once the shelter is in place, the city expects it will be used until March or April.</p>

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22.1	Minority Issues	6pm	1/20/20	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Kamala Harris also made history today as she officially became Vice President. Vice President Harris is the first woman - the first Black American - and the first person of South Asian descent, elected to the country's second highest office. She also belongs to the oldest black sorority in America, Alpha Kappa Alpha. They declared January 20th, Kamala Harris Day for the sorority. The sorority started at Harris' alma matter, historically black Howard university. We spoke with Lisa Johnson, the President of the local A-K-A chapter in western Massachusetts who said, not only AKA, but multiple historically black organizations contributed to help get Kamala to this position today, and they will enjoy and talk about this historic day for many years to come.</p>

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22.1	Technology	6am	1/26/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Local city councilors are coming together to oppose a new internet data cap and fees to be introduced in Massachusetts by Comcast. The new cap will charge residential customers extra if they exceed one-point-two terabytes of data per month. Additional data will cost 10-dollars per 50-gigabytes - up to a maximum of 100 dollars. One-point-two terabytes equals about 500 hours of streaming H-D video or about 12-hundred hours of distance learning videos on Seesaw or Google Classroom. City councilors from Springfield, West Springfield and Holyoke oppose the plan, calling it a "money grab" during a time of unprecedented reliance on internet access.</p>

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22.1	Healthcare	6am	2/1/21	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>The Eastfield Mall vaccine clinic opens to the first part of Phase 2 vaccinations today - everyone ages 75 and up is now eligible to receive their vaccine at the site. The vaccine clinic is OPEN today despite the weather. This site is appointment-only for those in phase one and phase two part one, which is people 75 and older. Even after adding 15-thousand appointments last week, the vaccine schedule has been full for days at Eastfield as Phase 2 begins. Governor Baker says thousands of appointments will be added every Thursday. The facility received an initial shipment of 52-thousand doses. They set a goal of 610 vaccinations on their first day open with plans to vaccinate five thousand per day down the road. If you have an appointment, you can park on the North Side of the mall and enter and exit through the old Macy's doors. The clinic is set up inside the old Macy's. Due to the weather the TESTING CENTER at the Eastfield Mall is closed today and tomorrow.</p>

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22.1	Elderly	11pm	2/8/21	120 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>22News is following up on several viewer complaints about waiting in long lines outside of the mass vaccination site at the Eastfield Mall. 22News reporter Kristina D'Amours joins us live from Springfield. Kristina: People I spoke with said they just want better communication, and organization. Frustration is running high for some people as a long line formed outside the Eastfield Mall's Curative mass vaccination site with people waiting in the cold to get a COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 vaccinations in Massachusetts have expanded to people over the age of 75. Anne Welch of Longmeadow was waiting with her 83-year-old mother. She said they were told by workers at the door to wait in their cars until it was time for their appointment and that they wouldn't lose their spot. In a statement, representatives for Curative said in part: Curative is aware of the patient lines at the Eastfield Mall vaccine site and is working diligently to resolve the issue. They are also asking patients arriving early to remain in their cars until 15 minutes prior to their appointment to help assist</p>

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						enforcing social distancing and patient safety.
22.1	Crime	9am	2/13/21	60 seconds	9am Morning News	The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is asking customers to be vigilant to protect themselves from utility scams. Customers have reported that someone posing as a commission employee, has been trying to get inside homes, claiming that residents' water needs to be tested. New customers may be targeted by criminals. The commission says they almost never show up unannounced. You can ask anyone who claims to be a commission employee for their ID. There's a number for the commission listed on the back that you can call to verify the appointment.

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22.1	Government	6am	2/20/21	90 seconds	6am Morning News	Westfield was one of multiple cities and towns that received a letter from the state saying as of March 1st, it will not provide vaccine doses for locally run clinics. The state instead, is focusing the distribution on mass vaccination sites and pharmacies. Mayor Don Humason said the majority of Westfield residents have had to get vaccinated at The Eastfield Mall in Springfield. However, he believes the city has both the location and infrastructure to hold a clinic in their own backyard that could also help surrounding towns. Mayor Humason spoke with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito about these concerns. She said she pledges to make vaccines available at the city's local pharmacies. Polito did not specify as to where or when this shipment will be made to Westfield.

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22.2	Employment	10pm	2/28/21	90 seconds	10pm Late News	<p>The region's largest seasonal employer is preparing its workforce for a likely reopening this spring with a rapid hiring event that's being done all online. Six Flags New England is looking to hire three-thousand employees for all their departments, including food service, admission, and rides. You must be 16 years old to apply and we have a link on our website. To keep staff and applicants safe, they chose to forego their annual in-person job fair this year. Under the state's reopening plan, Theme parks can return to business in Phase 4, which the state plans to start on March 22nd.</p>

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22.1	Crime	Noon	3/5/21	90 Seconds	Noon News	<p>We're hearing from the Hampden County D.A. following a major heroin bust in West Springfield this week. On Tuesday, state police detectives found 500 grams of heroin, a 9mm pistol, and about 20-thousand dollars. Police arrested Enrique Alicea, Jose Alicea, Joshua Vazquez, and Todd Cruzado. They were all charged with trafficking more than 200 grams of heroin. Hampden D.A. Anthony Gulluni hopes to see these alleged dealers punished to the full extent of the law, something that has not been a guarantee during this pandemic. Gulluni said it's been even more disheartening to see the courts allow dangerous drug dealers go back into the community, knowing that overdoses are skyrocketing during the pandemic. He added that regardless of the judicial system, it should be a fundamental responsibility of the courts to protect communities from dangerous criminals.</p>

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22.1	Healthcare	6am	3/11/21	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Governor Baker has announced a new system for signing up for COVID-19 vaccinations to make the process easier for residents. The state is launching a new pre-registration system for COVID-19 vaccinations at MassVax sites tomorrow. Under the new system, eligible residents will fill out a form on mass.gov/COVID vaccine to pre-register for an appointment. Once they are registered, they will be notified when it's their time to sign up. They'll then have 24 hours to sign up for a spot or be placed back into the queue. Pre-registration is only for the MassVax sites, but more sites will be added to the pre-registration system in April. Residents who have trouble accessing the internet can still use 2-1-1 to pre-register and eventually book. So today is the last day that residents will see this signup screen for mass vaccination appointment scheduling. 40 thousand appointments are still being released today.</p>

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22.1	Government	Noon	3/16/21	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse will resign from his office next week leaving the post for a leadership position of a different Massachusetts town. Morse broke the news on Facebook late Monday evening. He says he has submitted his letter of resignation to the City Clerk's office. It will become official on March 26th at 4:30 in the afternoon. Morse served as the Mayor of Holyoke for 10 years and was the youngest person to be elected to the position. He will begin a new role as Town Manager of Provincetown on Cape Cod on April fifth.</p>

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22.1	Community	5am	3/23/21	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Town officials from Agawam and West Springfield hosted a forum Monday night on the ongoing traffic issues caused by the C-S-X railroad crossing on the town line. This intersection at Bridge and Front Streets is routinely blocked by halted CSX cargo trains. The State recently documented a train blocking the crossing for 38 minutes. Massachusetts general laws prohibit any train to block a public way for more than just five minutes. That carries a fine of just 500-dollars. West Springfield Mayor William Reichelt participated in Monday's forum, outlining the danger these trains can pose. Mayor Reichelt said both communities rely on that crossing for mutual aid - ambulance and fire from each other - so the unscheduled blockage is part of the problem. If you missed the forum, you can still submit written comments to the Agawam and West Springfield councils.</p>

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22.2	Education	10pm	3/29/20	60 seconds	10pm Late News	West Springfield Public Schools grades 6 through 12 will return to the classroom full-time April 12th. This is in addition to grades kindergarten through 5th returning to in-person learning full-time on April 5th. West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt, told 22News that the school district tried to bring all students back on the same day, but the high school's classrooms and cafeteria had to be reworked to meet state distancing guidelines. Plus, other safety features were added to the school. Parents of children in any grade still have the option to keep their child remote if they do not want them returning to the classroom full-time.

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

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Education	30 Seconds	MBA Scholarship
Health	30 Seconds	Feed Our Neighbors in Need
Education	30 Seconds	Celebrating Black History
Community	30 Seconds	413 Cares
Cultural	15 Seconds	The “Little” Big Broadcast
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	American Heart Month
Women’s Issues	30 Seconds	Girls Inc – Her Place at the Table
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Autism Connections Virtual Conference
Community	30 Seconds	Red Cross Hometown Heroes Nominations
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Cancer Survivorship 101 Virtual Series
Elderly	30 Seconds	DA on Elder Scams
Community	30 Seconds	Gov. Thank You Human Services Workers