

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	Community	9am	10/2/22	60 seconds	9am Morning News	The Greater Springfield Campaign for Nonviolence is taking action to build a long-term movement for active non-violence in the city and beyond. Today the campaign will hold their walk for nonviolence in the blessed sacrament church parking lot. The event includes a walk through the neighborhood with stops to pray, followed by a rally with speakers. The campaign hopes to bring awareness and remembrance to those who have died through violence in Springfield and acknowledge the different forms of violence and causes in the community, as well as bring the community together by beginning a community conversation expelling the ways to bring peace.

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22.1	Environment	5am	10/7/22	90 seconds	6am Morning News	Since 2018, high levels of disinfection byproducts have been found in Springfield water. Recently, eight samples taken from Springfield water supply still produced high levels of these byproducts referred to as H-A-A-5. The high levels of these byproducts are not considered a health hazard to anyone at this time. Consuming and using the water is still safe. Upgrades are needed to fix the issue at the West Parish Filters Facility. The first phase of these upgrades is underway and are expected to be completed in 20-23. Phase two is in design, which includes construction for the new drinking water treatment plant expected to start in 20-24 and be completed in 20-27.

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22.1	Business	5am	10/12/22	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The U.S.'s third largest railroad union rejected a deal with employers now renewing the possibility of a strike that could cripple the economy. Over half of track maintenance workers represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division who voted opposed the five-year contract despite 24 percent raises and \$5,000 in bonuses. Union President Tony Cardwell said the railroads didn't do enough to address the lack of paid time off and working conditions after the major railroads eliminated nearly one-third of their jobs over the past six years. Four other railroad unions did approve their agreements with freight railroads including CSX. However, all 12 unions representing 115-thousand workers must ratify their contracts to prevent a strike. Many businesses have been urging Congress to be ready to intervene in the dispute and block a strike. The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way union said it agreed to delay any strike until five days after Congress reconvenes in mid-November to allow time for additional negotiations.</p>

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22.1	Housing	4:30am	10/17/22	90 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>Home buyers around the county have begun turning to riskier loans as interest rates soar. Loans being promoted to home buyers include adjustable-rate mortgages which borrowers pay a lower monthly payment by only paying the loan's interest. Rates for a standard 30-year fixed-rate mortgage have doubled since the start of the year, meaning a monthly payment on a \$400,000 mortgage now costs \$865 more a month than it did in January. Although interest rates are rising, home prices have begun to decline, and the trend is expected to continue. Industry experts say they don't expect the U.S. to see a repeat of the last mortgage crisis because of regulations put in place and higher standards as to who qualifies for a mortgage.</p>

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22.1	Politics	6pm	10/21/22	120 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Early voting starts this Saturday, and the state's top office is up for grabs. Democratic candidate Maura Healey and Republican Geoff Diehl are facing off tonight in the final gubernatorial debate before voting begins. Tonight from 8 to 9 pm, on WCVB Channel 5, Healey and Diehl will be making their final case for who you should elect as the next governor of Massachusetts. Former state representative and Trump-backed conservative Geoff Diehl is the underdog in the race to the corner office. In a recent Suffolk University/Boston Globe/NBC10 Boston and Telemundo poll, Healey leads at 56% with Diehl trailing behind at 33% percent. If Healey comes out victorious on November 8th, she will be the first elected female and first openly gay Governor of Massachusetts.</p>

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22.1	Education	5pm	10/27/22	120 seconds	5pm Evening News	<p>National education assessments were released earlier this week, and it shows where Massachusetts students stand. It's no surprise that COVID-19 has affected student performance, and a national assessment released Monday showed a national decline in both math and reading. The National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP exams, are administered every two years to a sample of fourth and eighth grade students across the country. The results that were released on Monday showed lower scores across all ages and subject areas when compared to test results from 2019 and earlier, pre-pandemic years. Massachusetts students received the highest score in fourth grade reading and eighth grade math, and the second highest in eighth grade reading and fourth grade math. But even though Massachusetts students scored high, their results show a decline in average scores when compared to 2019, notably in 8th grade math. The NAEP exam affirms the MCAS results which were released last month, which is that students saw mixed results.</p>

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22.1	Consumer Issues	11pm	11/1/22	90 seconds	11pm Late News	Eversource's CEO is calling on President Joe Biden to address concerns about electric reliability in New England this winter. Eversource told our sister station WTNH, that a potential 40 percent bill increase is out of their control as the supply of oil gets tighter. According to Eversource's CEO, ISO-New England, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has acknowledged that New England will not have sufficient natural gas to meet power supply needs for the region in the event of a severe cold spell this winter. He's calling on President Biden to make sure there are enough fuel resources available this winter. Eversource officials have not heard back from the White House yet.
22.1	Elderly	Noon	11/8/22	60 seconds	Noon News	Medicare enrollment continues through December 7 <sup>th</sup> but the Federal Trade Commission is putting out a warning that you need to be on the lookout for scams. The best thing you can do to avoid being scammed is going right to the source and sign up through Medicare dot gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE directly. Medicare will never call you, text you, or ask you to pay to enroll.

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22.1	Government	5am	11/14/22	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>A federal judge in Texas on Thursday ruled that President Joe Biden's plan to cancel hundreds of billions of dollars in student loan debt was unlawful and must be vacated. The debt relief plan had already been temporarily blocked but the loans application was open until now. Already about 26 million people have applied, and 16 million applications have been approved. However, because of court rulings, none of the relief has gone out. The average amount of student loan debt is around 30 thousand and this program would have forgiven 10 thousand dollars - 20 thousand if you're a Pell Grant recipient. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that for those who have already applied, they will hold onto their information so it can quickly process their relief once they prevail in court.</p>



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22.1	Youth	6pm	11/20/22	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Girls on the Run of Western Massachusetts hosted it's annual 5k event this morning in Westfield. The 5k kicked off with two start times- one at 9:30 am and the other at noon with activities, a group warm up and more one-half hour before each wave. This fall season Girls on the Run had 770 participants in 52 sites around Western Massachusetts, with 225 volunteer coaches that bring the curriculum to life. This event was the culmination of a 10-week season where girls from 3rd to 8th grade took part in a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that uses fun running games and dynamic discussions that teach life skills. Over 2500 people in total took part in the event and more than 25 thousand dollars were raised- all of which is going to benefit Girls on the Run of Western Massachusetts.</p>

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22.2	Health	7am	11/27/22	90 Seconds	7am Morning News	With the start of the holiday season comes an increase in larger gatherings and therefore, an increase in possible Covid-19 spread. Health experts are urging people to stay up to date on vaccinations. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry in Chicopee is where a free Covid-19 vaccine clinic was held from 10-2 on Saturday. Those who stopped by to get a booster shot were able to snag \$75 gift cards to places like Walmart, Stop & Shop or Cumberland Farms. This comes as part of a larger state-wide effort to get more people vaccinated. The Commonwealth has reached out to communities that have been hit-hard by the pandemic to coordinate free clinics like these all the way through the month of December. Although much of Western Massachusetts remains at low-risk for Covid-19 spread, experts say it's important to stay up to date on vaccination, especially during the holiday season.

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22.1	Government (National)	Noon	12/1/22	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>The Senate passed the Respect for Marriage Act this week, that will require the federal government to recognize the validity of same-sex and interracial marriages. The bill would protect legal same sex marriage under federal law. However, it would not require a state to give a marriage license that's in conflict with state law. It also features an amendment that would not require religious institutions to hold same sex weddings. The bill comes as attitudes towards gay marriage have changed. According to Gallup, support of gay marriage was at 27 percent in 1996, now it's up to a record 71 percent as of June.</p>

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22.1	Education	6am	12/6/22	60 seconds	6am Morning News	Phase 2 of the Holyoke elementary and middle schools rezoning project is out for review. Decisions were sent to families, staff, and community partners last WEEK. The rezoning efforts will separate elementary and middle schools and will redraw school boundary lines for fall 2023. More than half of all students in grades Pre-K through Grade 8 will be attending a new school next year. All families will receive a letter in January or sooner with the school their children will be assigned to. Families can also search online to see what school their children will attend.
22.1	Crime	9am	12/11/22	90 seconds	9am Morning News	Massachusetts State Police are warning residents of a scheme spoofing their phone numbers. When you receive a spoofing call, the caller ID may show up as the "State Police Barracks" or "Headquarters" but schemers are using this fake ID to hide the real source of the call. The callers allegedly ask for personal information such as Social Security, bank information, and payments. State Police are reminding residents that they will never call and ask for personal information over the phone.

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22.1	Technology	11pm	12/15/22	120 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Security concerns are driving a growing backlash against Tik Tok tonight in congress and state governments. Among the most-visited sites in the world, used by 100 million Americans every month, massively popular except, maybe in Washington. The senate, now passing a new GOP-led bill that would stop government devices from accessing TikTok - an app owned by a parent company based in China. A separate bipartisan proposal introduced this week, would ban TikTok altogether in the U.S. citing security concerns. Neither bill is likely to become law this session, but it all highlights the growing push in government: a dozen states, including two more today alone, now forbid TikTok on some or all employee devices. And Indiana just announced it's suing TikTok. Top administration officials have said some of the fears are legitimate. TikTok has said it does not store U.S. user data in China and does not share info with the Chinese government. It's negotiating a deal with the justice department to address security concerns.</p>

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22.1	Economy	6am	12/20/22	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>The latest report from the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation found some worrying trends when it comes to the population of the state. Data shows after COVID-19, the high costs of housing and commuting - combined with the ability of remote work - are just a few reasons why people are moving out of the state. In 2021 around 46-thousand residents moved out of the state, that's the highest rate since 2005. International migration to Massachusetts also fell drastically due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Workforce shortage is also increasing. Massachusetts has over 2 jobs for every unemployed person in the state, which is double from just five years ago.</p>

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22.1	Cultural	11pm	12/26/22	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Today is the first day of Kwanzaa-The African-American celebration of the Seven principals of Living. It's been more than half a century since Kwanzaa first captured the spirit of the African American community based on the traditional values from their forebearers in Africa. The Springfield Boys and Girls Family Center on Acorn Street hosted the Annual Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration. This is the first day of Kwanzaa-a celebration to continue through the first day of the new year. Each passing day during the celebration of tradition and family values brings new emphasis. We learn that businesses in the heart of the community can support the principals of life.</p>

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22.1	Health	5am	12/30/22	60 seconds	5am Morning News	Massachusetts is offering free Telehealth consultations for any resident interested in taking the Paxlovid treatment pill for Covid 19. Paxlovid is taken after you test positive for Covid and helps treat some of the symptoms of infection. While the pill is approved for anyone 12 and older, you must be at least 18 for a consultation. The state asks you have list of medications you are taking on hand and the Telehealth consultations are available from 8 in the morning to 10 at night, every day.



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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/Healthcare	:30	Out of the Darkness Walk
Community	:30	Greater Springfield CROP Walk
Community	:30	Stuffing the Pantry Run/Walk
Children/Youth	:30	WWLP Toys for Tots Drive
Cultural	:30	215 <sup>th</sup> Army Band Concert
Community	:30	Springfield Rotary Service Above Self Lunch
Law Enforcement	1:30	Chicopee Police Safe Driving
Community	:30	Bright Nights at Forest Park
Health/Healthcare	:30	Pink Angels Breast Cancer Awareness
Women's Issues	1:00	Empowering Women Vets
Children/Youth	:30	Get Involved YMCA
Health/Healthcare	:30	Bone Marrow Transplant