

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	6am	7/5/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	East Longmeadow wrapped up its Independence Day celebrations Tuesday afternoon with the conclusion of the town carnival and an enthusiastic turnout for the morning's parade and road race. More than 15-hundred marchers marshalled at East Longmeadow high school, braving less-than-ideal weather for a time-honored tradition. A little rain didn't dampen spirits in East Longmeadow - the town turning up with enthusiasm for the parade at 10 in the morning. Many, rising even earlier to catch the second annual East Longmeadow Fourth-of-July Road Race.

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22.1	Business	6pm	7/9/23	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>A strike is looming among UPS workers nationwide unless a deal can be struck with the union before the end of the month. Time is ticking for UPS and labor Union "Teamsters" to reach a deal as workers demand changes to wages and workforce structure. Teamsters is representing over 340,000 UPS employees, who have threatened to strike if changes aren't made to their contract which expires at the end of the month. The latest talks of negotiations came after the July fourth holiday with both sides saying they agreed on most terms but accusing one another of walking away from the table. Now negotiations hang in the balance as UPS workers all over the country host "practice pickets" like this one here in West Springfield. Several local workers came together to picket for about two hours Sunday morning. If a deal isn't met before the end of the month and workers strike, delivery disruptions are likely to increase demand on other package carriers.</p>

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22.1	Business & Industry	Noon	7/14/23	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>State officials are touring farms in Western Massachusetts, gauging the damage and the needs that these local businesses have after being ravaged by storms. According to Lt Gov Kim Driscoll, who was touring Natural Roots in Conway - declaring a state of disaster for some areas remains a possibility. On July 10th, the South River turned into a torrent, swallowing the neat rows of vegetables that were ready to pick as well more than 10 percent of a flock of chickens at Natural Roots. Farmer David Fisher is hoping the state is able to provide financial support to help keep his business going now that all the hard work and money they have put into creating a success business is now gone. Natural Roots is estimating a loss of 85 thousand dollars in produce and farm stand sales alone.</p>

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22.1	Government	11pm	7/19/23	60 seconds	11pm Late News	The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has created a new online resource for victims of the recent historic flooding that has battered our region. MEMA has a centralized hub of resources, from debris removal to mental health services. There are also links to financial assistance programs aimed at helping rural communities recover with separate detailed guidance for farmers. The site also has connections to state agencies for cities and towns to help with municipal-wide cleanup projects.

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22.1	Environment	5am	7/24/23	90 seconds	5am Morning News	Friday's heavy rains also causing headaches over in Deerfield. Several road closures throughout the town due to flooding - debris or partial roadway collapses with some people struggling to even make it down their own driveways. It's going to take several days for damage assessments to be done and for repairs to take place. Portions of Franklin County were soaked with over 8 inches of rain in some areas, in just a few short hours. In Deerfield, heavy flooding and washed-out roadways led to at least five road closures. Here on Lower Road, a complete road collapse with the amount of rain that came down in such a short period of time. Crews were out working throughout the day Saturday, filling in some of those washed-out areas. The impact of this rainfall, though expected to linger. Tens of thousands of dollars of repairs, and a lot of time. A spokesperson for MEMA said damage assessments will be taking place over the next several days and then repairs can be made to the most severely impacted areas.

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22.1	Health	Noon	7/28/23	60 seconds	Noon News	Ground beef contaminated with salmonella has sickened at least 16 people, sending six to the hospital across four Northeastern states, including Massachusetts. The CDC has reported illnesses in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The only thing in common so far, is those who fell ill reported eating 80-percent lean ground beef purchased from Shop Rite stores. No recall has been issued and an investigation has been opened.
22.1	Elderly	6am	8/1/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	A new study from Bankrate has ranked Massachusetts as one of the worst states to retire in. The study ranked all fifty states based on affordability, overall well-being, healthcare quality and cost, weather, and crime. Iowa was found to be the best state to retire in, and Massachusetts was all the way down in 46th. The only states below Massachusetts were, in order, Washington, California, New York, and Alaska.

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22.1	Community	6pm	8/6/23	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	Residents gathered at the Samuel Bolden Park in Springfield for day 2 of the 2023 Hickory Street Harambee Festival. The annual Hickory Street Harambee festival in Springfield brought the community together for a day full of fun. People were able to go on amusement rides, participate in a basketball tournament and speak with local vendors — all celebrating the African American culture. President of the Hickory Street Harambee Festival, Veronica McNair, says it's important to have events that allow everyone to come together, network and have a good time.

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22.1	Education	4:30am	8/11/23	120 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>Governor Maura Healey signed the budget into law this week, and it includes significant investments in education. From elementary school to higher education, the state’s fiscal year 2024 budget is taking on a host of spending and policy measures designed to advance students of all ages. This budget was the first to include money from the Fair Share Amendment, better known as the millionaires’ tax. \$524 million dollars of that money will be spent in education. The budget is dedicating \$172 million dollars to universal free school meals, \$69 million of that is coming out of the Fair Share amendment. The Senate was able to get one of their priorities into the final budget as well, in-state tuition to public colleges and universities for undocumented immigrants. Also dealing with higher education, Healey's promise of making community college free for those over 25 was made final yesterday. Along with making higher education more attainable for those over 25, the budget also includes a measure to make community college free for all nursing students.</p>

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22.1	Crime	11pm	8/15/23	90 seconds	11pm Late News	A double homicide Monday continues to shake the Springfield community as the city sees record breaking numbers in violent incidents. We are learning more details about the deadly Berkshire Avenue shooting. We now know there were children inside that residence when the shooting happened. The 12-year-old child involved is now in stable condition, while the 10-year-old remains in critical condition at Boston Children's Hospital. The gunman has been identified as 34-year-old Victor Nieves of Springfield who forced himself into the first floor of the multi-family residence he lived in and began shooting at the family inside. The attack killed 52-year-old Kim Fairbanks. Over the weekend, Springfield police investigated two separate deadly shootings. One happening in the area of Boston Road, the other on State and Dresden Street. Between June 1st to August 14th there have been 21 shooting incidents. Springfield Police and the Hampden District Attorney's office are still investigating Monday's incident.

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22.1	Cultural	5am	8/21/23	60 Seconds	5am Morning News	On Sunday, families were able to explore the exhibits at Amelia Park Children's Museum for free. This is courtesy of the Highland Street Foundation's August Adventures Calendar- that has 31 events and free admission at museums all over Massachusetts. Organizers say these free experiences will show visitors the geographical and cultural diversity of the Massachusetts arts and culture community. Over the past few days, people were able to go to Samuel Slater Experience in Webster, Childrens museum at Holyoke, and Fruitlands Museum in Harvard.

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22.1	Law Enforcement	6pm	8/25/23	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Springfield police are working to rectify a list of complaints released this week by the state's new Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, also known as POST. Springfield Police are saying that 80 of the officers that are listed -and named- in this public database have, in fact, never been disciplined. Springfield police are saying that 223 of the more than 400 complaints against the department are falsely listed as disciplinary. Many of those officers listed have "retraining" as the course of discipline. However according to Springfield Police spokesperson Ryan Walsh, retraining is not a disciplinary action and should not be listed as such. Springfield Police are not disciplined for minor policy infractions, rather they are retrained, adding it was not accurate for POST to publish the names of the officers who had retraining. Springfield Police said they are in talks with POST to have the names of the "retrained" officers removed as they should not be considered complaints.</p>

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22.1	Minority Issues	6am	8/31/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll was Stockbridge to announce the state is giving a \$2.2 million grant to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans so they can reclaim some of their homeland on Monument Mountain. The group is also acquiring 351 acres of the northern tip of Monument Mountain called Fenn Farm. According to Driscoll, this is the first time state money has been used to reclaim ancestral property.
22.1	Consumer Issues	5:30pm	9/6/23	90 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	New research shows that patients could save millions of dollars through online pharmacy programs rather than traditional insurance plans. Online pharmacies have gained popularity in recent years and a study looking at 20 commonly prescribed generic drugs found that 1 out of 5 prescriptions were cheaper online compared to out of pocket. The total savings topped 1 billion dollars in some cases, mostly because these online pharmacies can offer discount codes for certain medications.

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22.1	Community	6pm	9/10/23	120 seconds	6pm Evening News	Today was opening day for the Miracle League, a baseball league created back in 2015 and open to young athletes of all abilities. The Miracle League and baseball lovers piled onto the Aschermann Family Field ready to play the game. While baseball is an exciting game for many, it can be difficult for children and young adults facing serious physical and mental disabilities. According to the Miracle League, baseball fields were not designed to accommodate wheelchairs and other devices. Now Miracle League teams have a field they can safely play on. And for the games, the athletes were paired with volunteer players who were there to provide help as needed and make it a fun experience for the children. The Miracle league fall season will continue through October.

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22.1	Health	11pm	9/18/23	120 seconds	11pm Late News	A boil water order is in place for residents of Bondsville and Belchertown customers served by the Bondsville Water district. This, coming after E.-Coli bacteria were found in water samples on September 15th. To prevent the risk of illness brought by the bacteria, those impacted should not drink tap water without boiling it first or opt for bottled water. Boil that water for at least one minute and then let it cool. Discard all ice and formula made with tap water collected on or after 9/14. Use boiled water for drinking, food prep, dish washing and brushing teeth. Since the implementation of that boil water order, the water department has continued to monitor, flush, and test the water daily. According to the Belchertown Police Department, customers located in the areas around River Street, lower Franklin Street, Depot Street, and Keys Street are affected.

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22.1	Transportation	5am	9/22/23	90 seconds	5am Morning News	Congressman Richard Neal and Governor Healey will be at Union Station in Springfield this morning to announce 108 million dollars in federal funding to improve rail service in western Massachusetts. This money will be spent on two Amtrak inland route daily round trips, adding service between Springfield, Worcester, and Boston. It will also improve travel times for existing Amtrak Lake Shore Limited routes, which will speed up travel from eastern Massachusetts to Pittsfield, Albany, and other upstate New York communities.
22.1	Government	6pm	9/30/23	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	With just hours to spare, house republicans and democrats struck a surprise deal to fund the government and avert a shutdown. The bill passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in a 335-91 vote. The bill would keep the government open for 45 days with a continuing resolution deal, but it does not include new money for Ukraine. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy says he's not concerned that some Republicans opposed the measure. The White House says it expects McCarthy to pass a separate Ukraine bill soon.

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

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Cultural	:30	East Longmeadow Rotary Concert Series
Community	:30	Star Spangled Springfield
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Health/Healthcare	:30	Gandara Center Frozen Yogurt 5K
Health/Healthcare	:30	Feeding America
Health/Healthcare	:30	Food Bank of WMass - Will Bike 4 Food
Health/Healthcare	:30	Rays of Hope Walk
Health/Healthcare	:30	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Health/Healthcare	:30	AFSP Suicide Prevention Month
Health/Healthcare	:30	Crop Hunger Walk
Minority Issues	:30	Hispanic Heritage
Children/Youth	:30	Back to School Safety