

4th QUARTER ISSUES REPORT
WGGB-TV, SPRINGFIELD MA
October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WGGB-TV, Springfield Massachusetts, along with the significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: CRIME

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: October-December

DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/5 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Local police on day to day dangers of fighting crime.

10/16 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Father shot, daughter hurt in Southwick home invasion.

10/17 (10,11) 1:30/3:00 Springfield officials promise more police in Forest Park.

NOVEMBER

11/1 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 West Springfield man suspect in prison murder of Whitey Bulger.

11/8 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 12 people killed in mass shooting in California nightclub.

11/14 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Officer involved shooting outside an Auburn convenience store.

DECEMBER

12/4 (4,5,6,10,11) 2:00/12:00 Home invasion in Chicopee leads to shooting with suspect.

12/5 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:00/5:00 Northampton man charged with murdering and burning another man.

12/17 (4,5,6,10,11) :45/3:45 New Hampshire man indicted in October shooting of a state trooper.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: ECONOMY

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: October-December

DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/4 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/6:00 State awards \$2.5m grant for rehab of Springfield's Paramount Theater.

10/5 (4,5,10,11) :30/2:00 US unemployment rate falls to 49 year low of 3.7%.

10/12 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Springfield businesses seeing slight downturn weeks after MGM opening.

NOVEMBER

11/2 (4,5) :30/1:00 Unemployment steady in October as US adds 250K jobs.

11/12 (4,5,6) :30/1:30 Dow plunges over 600 points, continuing slide that began in October.

11/20 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Northampton opens first recreational marijuana shop in Massachusetts.

DECEMBER

12/4 (4,5,6) :30/1:30 Dow drops 800 points on China tariff jitters.

12/17 (4,5,6,10,11) :30/2:30 Dow continues to drop losing 500 points on government shutdown threat.

12/17 (4,5,6,10,11) :30/2:30 Revenues dip at MGM Springfield for a 3rd straight month.

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DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: EDUCATION

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

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DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/4 (10,11) 1:30/3:00 Coalition working with inner city schools to close gap between whites and Hispanics.

10/7 (6,10,11) 1:30/4:30 Holyoke resident tell education commissioner that school system has failed them.

10/9 (4,5,10) 1:00/3:00 UMass to propose new language for campus wide harassment policy.

NOVEMBER

11/2 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Increased bus safety push following a number of accidents nationwide.

11/14 (10,11) 1:00/3:00 Longmeadow school committee looks to dismiss school superintendent.

11/20 (6,10,11) :30/1:30 Quabog Regional extends school year for middle and high school students.

DECEMBER

12/6 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Amherst elementary schools in dire need of renovations.

12/13 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/6:00 New study looks at benefits of later school start time.

12/15 (4,5) :30/1:00 Adulting day where high school seniors learn basic life skills.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: HEALTH

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: October-December

DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/4 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/6:00 Rays of Hope observing 25 years of fighting breast cancer.

10/7 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Polio like virus now in Massachusetts.

10/9 (5-6:30) 2:30/7:30 Rays of Hope breast cancer awareness call in.

NOVEMBER

11/2 (12n/4) 1:30/3:00 New less invasive surgery for bunions.

11/6 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Reaction to voter rejection of nurse to patient ratios in hospitals

11/13 (5,10,11) 2:00/6:00 Reaction to Leapfrog study rating WMass hospitals.

DECEMBER

12/4 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/6:00 Schools urging parents to keep sick children home.

12/14 (10,11) 1:30/3:00 Many residents at East Longmeadow care facility hit by Noro virus.

12/16 (4,5,6,10,11) :30/2:30 Mass residents face 12/23 health insurance deadline.

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DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: HOUSING

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DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/4 (4,5) 1:00/2:00 15 houses deemed unlivable in Merrimack Valley.

10/10 (4,5,6,10,11) :30/2:30 Home interest rates climb to highest level in 10 years.

10/17 (4,5,6) :30/1:30 Construction halted on Downtown Springfield housing project, owner cited.

NOVEMBER

11/15 (4,5) :30/1:30 Man extradited from Ireland to Boston pleads guilty to mortgage fraud.

11/17 (4,5,6,10,11) :30/2:00 Ct waits for legislature to release funding for victims of crumbling house foundations.

11/21(4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/6:00 Housing concerns for homeless as bitter cold moves in early.

DECEMBER

12/7 (4,5) 1:30/3:00 Insurer wins lawsuit in Connecticut over crumbling foundations.

12/8 (4,5,10,11) :30/2:00 More affordable housing one of Gov. Baker's 2019 goals.

12/16 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Agency put in place to oversee housing rebuilding in Merrimack Valley.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: WOMEN, MINORITIES & AGING

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: October-December

DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

OCTOBER

10/4 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Protests against the Kavanaugh SJC nomination.

10/4 (4,5,,10,11) 1:00/4:00 Black advisory commission recommendations on workforce training.

10/10 (6,10,11) :30/1:30 Northampton agency holds flu clinic warns of danger to elderly.

NOVEMBER

11/2 (4) 1:30 Elderly targeted in cat phishing scams.

11/16 (4,5,10) :30/1:30 Elder care worker arrested for exploiting 90 year old tenants.

11/17 (4,5) :30/1:00 Scammers posing as utility workers steal from elderly man.

DECEMBER

12/12 (4,5,10,11) 1:30/6:00 Elderly warned about gift card scam.

12/14 (5,6,10) 1:00/3:00 CBS grants \$20 million to women's rights groups.

12/17 (5,6,10,11) 1:30/6:00 Springfield gym for at risk young people in danger of closing.

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DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION

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DURATION: Varies from 1:30 to 2:30

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OCTOBER

10/4 (10,11) 1:30/3:00 Northampton City council opposes gas line expansion.

10/17(12n, 4,5) :45/2:15 Longmeadow bans plastic bags.

10/17 (4,5,10,11) :45/3:00 MassDot takes next step in east-west high speed rail.

NOVEMBER

11/2 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Springfield agency gets grant money to help with gas and oil costs.

11/2 (5,10,11) :30/1:30 Gas prices dropping in New England.

11/19 (5,10,11) :30/1:30 Supreme Court won't stop climate change lawsuit.

DECEMBER

12/1 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Mass DOT unveils 4 plans for permanent I-91 fix in Springfield.

12/11 (4,5,6,10,11) 1:30/7:30 Hearings to try and prevent another Merrimack Valley gas explosion.

12/17 (10,11) 1:30/3:00 Massachusetts shores prepare for potentially stormy winter.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: PET CONNECTION

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: Thursdays at Noon

DURATION: Segments run anywhere from 3 to 4 minutes

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

We showcase pets available for adoption through the TJ O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center in Springfield. We also have a link to the shelter on our website.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: SURPRISE SQUAD

PROGRAM/SEGMENT: NEWS

DATE/TIME: Wednesdays at 5

DURATION: Segments run anywhere from 3 to 4 minutes

NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT:

Every week, Western Mass News joined by Lia Auto Group, honors a person nominated by someone in the community, who has fallen on hard times or has done an outstanding job in the community. They're given either money or items to help make their lives or tasks easier.