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On page 2 is a list of some of the community issues covered during the Third Quarter, 2022, July 1 through September 30, 2022.

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### **Issue No. 1: Private and Public Assistance Issues**

Program Title:	Special Assignment
Source/Type:	Local/Public Affairs
Duration:	5 Minutes 3 Seconds
Date:	9/17/22
Time(s):	7:07am 12:07pm

Guest: Dani Ruhf, Executive Director and Founder of Child Hunger Outreach Partners

Topics: Dani shared the history of CHOP and discussed her organization's efforts to distribute food to tens of thousands of children in Pennsylvania and Maryland. She said their mission is to "create an entire generation that doesn't know hunger through innovative and collaborative outreach partnerships." CHOP's services include pop-up pantries, a backpack program in which students are given bags of food to take home, in-school pantries, and summer feeding programs.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	55 Seconds
Date:	7/15/22
Time(s):	5 & 6 pm Newscasts

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for July. All households participating in SNAP - including those already at the maximum level of benefits - will receive a supplemental allotment this month, resulting in a roughly \$234 million infusion of federal funding into the New York State economy.

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**Issue No. 1: Private and Public Assistance Issues (continued)**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 45 Seconds  
Date: 7/25/22  
Time(s): 5pm Newscast

Pennsylvania's First Lady would like to see more action to address hunger affecting college students. Frances Wolf, wife of PA Gov. Tom Wolf, says Pennsylvania has programs aimed at fighting hunger among financially eligible students, but there's a limit. Mrs. Wolf says she launched an effort to see what types of programs exist to help college students whose hunger issues don't end just because they're no longer in high school.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 30 Seconds  
Date: 8/11/22  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm Newscasts

New York State will distribute \$44.4 million in federal pandemic funding to help state residents with children to cover back-to-school and early life nutritional expenses. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund will provide New Yorkers on Public Assistance with one-time payments of \$214 for each child ages 3 to 17 and \$150 for each child younger than 3 in their household.

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## **Issue No. 2: Agriculture and Environmental Issues**

Program Title: Special Assignment  
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 4 Minutes 40 Seconds  
Date: 9/3/22  
Time(s): 7:07am 12:07pm

Guest: Candace Huber, Grant Coordinator with NE SARE

Topics: Huber talked about her organization, Northeast SARE, which stands for Sustainable Agricultural Resources and Education, and what she does as a grant coordinator. The focus was primarily on the grant process using a couple actual grants as examples of the kinds of things NE SARE will support through its programs. This is part 1 of a 2 part series.

Program Title: Special Assignment  
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 5 Minutes 32 Seconds  
Date: 9/10/22  
Time(s): 7:07am 12:07pm

Guest: Candace Huber, Grant Coordinator with NE SARE

Topics: Huber talked more about her organization, Northeast SARE, which stands for Sustainable Agricultural Resources and Education, and what she does as a grant coordinator. This is part 2 of a 2 part series.

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**Issue No. 2: Agriculture and Environmental Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	Special Assignment
Source/Type:	Local/Public Affairs
Duration:	5 Minutes 15 Seconds
Date:	8/27/22
Time(s):	7:07am 12:07pm

Guests: NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, US Senator for NY, Chuck Schumer

Topics: Hochul and Schumer held a joint news conference to discuss recent legislation that has been passed supporting the development and expansion of semiconductor chip manufacturing in New York.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	35 Seconds
Date:	7/7/22
Time(s):	5 & 6 pm Newscasts

State officials appeared in Western Pennsylvania this week to remind residents about threats the Spotted Lanternfly poses. Pennsylvania's quarantine zone for the Lanternfly was extended to 45 counties in March. Ag Secretary Russell Redding and officials from Penn State Extension were in Washington County to discuss ways to keep the Spotted Lanternfly from spreading.

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## **Issue No. 2: Agriculture and Environmental Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	25 Seconds
Date:	7/12/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

Citing the need to fight climate change, Pennsylvania's Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf has vetoed Republican-penned legislation that would have stopped municipalities from adopting building codes that prohibit natural gas hookups. Wolf, in a Monday veto message to lawmakers, said the legislation takes away "local decision-making" from municipalities looking to address climate change. Republican lawmakers had cast the legislation as protecting consumer energy choice, but also to protect the state's natural gas industry.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	1 Minute 10 Seconds
Date:	7/18/22
Time(s):	5 & 6 pm Newscasts

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched a statewide listening tour on the future of farming in New York State. She called farming an important part of the New York's economy. Governor Hochul wants to address the needs of affordable housing in the farming industry. The second session is scheduled for Binghamton next Monday....July 25 at 1:00 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension Broome County.

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## **Issue No. 2: Agriculture and Environmental Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	55 Seconds
Date:	7/28/22
Time(s):	5 & 6 pm Newscasts

Poultry farmers whose flocks were wiped out by avian influenza are being made whole, thanks to the Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding says 25 million dollars is being allocated to poultry farmers in Lancaster and Berks counties whose flocks were wiped out because of avian influenza. He says thanks to intentional planning and years of developing good management practices the outbreak did not spread beyond the two counties.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	55 Seconds
Date:	8/10/22
Time(s):	5 pm Newscast

This year's observance of Ag Progress Days included a town hall meeting examining the state of agriculture in Pennsylvania. PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding expressed his gratitude to Rick Roush, Dean of the Penn State College of Agriculture Sciences, for hosting this event. Sec. Redding says one example of the value of this partnership is the recent bout with avian influenza. Sec. Redding says another critical partnership involves the ongoing battle with the spotted lanternfly. Redding told those gathered that the partnership between his agency and Penn State is the key to agricultural success in Pennsylvania.



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**Issue No. 2: Agriculture and Environmental Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	9/22/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

NY Governor Kathy Hochul announced yesterday that more than 100 Empire State communities are now certified as Climate Smart Communities thanks to their work supporting local efforts to meet the economic, social, and environmental challenges posed by climate change. Chemung County is among the eleven newly certified Climate Smart communities, bringing the statewide total to 105.

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### **Issue No. 3: Voting Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 30 Seconds  
Date: 8/12/22  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm Newscasts

The judge in a case brought by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's administration against three counties that aren't reporting mail-in ballots lacking handwritten dates on their return envelopes says she'll rule as quickly as possible. Commonwealth Court Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer presided over an online conference Friday in the litigation brought by the Department of State. The agency is suing three Republican-majority counties over about 800 mail-in ballots from the May primary

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 55 Seconds  
Date: 8/17/22  
Time(s): 7am Newscast

Legislation which would allow unaffiliated voters to cast ballots in Democratic and Republican party primaries was the focus of a hearing by the House State Government Committee. Rep. Chris Quinn says his bill would allow unaffiliated voters to cast ballots in Democratic and Republican party primary elections. about the need for this bill. Rep. Paul Schemel says this bill is not appropriate. Pennsylvania is among a handful of states with fully closed primaries.

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### **Issue No. 3: Voting Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	WPEL News
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Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	9/20/22
Time(s):	6pm Newscast

As Election Day approaches, the fight over mail-in ballots is back. Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are crucial swing states that allow mail-in ballots but give local election offices very little if any time before Election Day to process them. Election workers' inability to check signatures, addresses and get the mailed ballots ready for counting ahead of time means many of those ballots may not be counted by election night.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	55 Seconds
Date:	9/21/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa used National Voter Registration Day Tuesday to call for more voting reforms in Pennsylvania. Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa says the state has made strides in improving the election system. Sen. Costa says lawmakers need to pass legislation to allow for more time for the pre-canvassing of ballots cast by mail. The Allegheny County senator also urged passage of legislation providing for same day voter registration, automatic registration, and pre-registering PA teenagers.

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### **Issue No. 3: Voting Issues (continued)**

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Duration:	35 Seconds
Date:	9/26/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

The Department of State is reminding eligible Pennsylvanians who have not done so already that they have until October 24th to register to vote in the November 8th election. Leigh Chapman, Acting Secretary of State, says she's been visiting colleges lately, encouraging students to register to vote. People can sign up to vote at [votespa.com](https://votespa.com).

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	60 Seconds
Date:	9/26/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf is taking another shot at a lawsuit that argues Republican lawmakers improperly bundled together five proposed state constitutional amendments to get them approved by the Pennsylvania Legislature. Wolf's new lawsuit filed late last week in Commonwealth Court is similar to the litigation he previously tried to get the state Supreme Court to take up directly, and comes less than two weeks after the justices said no but that the governor was free to sue in the lower Commonwealth Court. Wolf, whose first version was brought in July, argues that combining the five proposed amendments runs afoul of state constitutional rules that prevent bundling changes with multiple, unrelated topics.

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#### **Issue No. 4: Gun Control Issues**

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Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	7/1/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

New York lawmakers want to require people applying for a handgun license to turn over a list of their social media accounts so officials can verify their "character and conduct." That's under a bill being considered Friday by the state Legislature. The provision was part of a proposed redesign of the state's firearms licensing laws after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down rules limiting who could get a permit to carry a handgun outside their home.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	45 Seconds
Date:	8/5/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced today that State Police are reporting a 104 percent increase in gun seizures this year. Overall, 3,166 gun seizures have been reported by all law enforcement agencies in the state compared to 2,181 during the same period last year, an increase of 45 percent.

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#### **Issue No. 4: Gun Control Issues (continued)**

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Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	8/29/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

In less than a week, New York State's new minimum requirements for concealed carry will take effect. Back in late June, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 split that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public for self-defense. The vote struck down a 109-year-old law requiring New Yorkers who applied for a concealed carry permit to show to a judge "proper cause," which meant they had to distinguish themselves from other members of the community in a need for self-protection. This past week, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York State Police released new guidelines for residents looking to obtain a concealed carry permit.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	55 Seconds
Date:	2 Minutes 10 Seconds
Time(s):	5 & 6 pm Newscasts

Several new firearms laws take effect today in New York State. Governor Kathy Hochul says chief among the changes are new requirements for those seeking concealed-carry permits. Complete details can be found at [gunsafety.ny.gov](https://gunsafety.ny.gov). Gov Hochul says it's part of Albany's commitment to responsible firearms management, which includes a recent expansion of New York's red flag law.

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### **Issue No. 5: Transportation Issues**

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	50 Seconds
Date:	7/1/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

A state court is permanently blocking Gov. Tom Wolf's plan to toll as many as nine major bridges on interstates in Pennsylvania, siding with three Pittsburgh-area municipalities that argued that his administration had violated procedures in getting to the advanced stage of considering the idea. A panel of Commonwealth Court judges on Thursday granted the municipalities' request to effectively declare the plan dead because Wolf's Department of Transportation hadn't followed the law.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	7/8/22
Time(s):	5pm Newscast

The state Senate has passed a measure that would ban new tolls on Pennsylvania bridges. Senate Bill 382 is designed to prevent the state Department of Transportation from imposing new tolls for nine bridges on Interstates 78, 79, 80, 81, 83 and 95, as a means to pay for their repair and maintenance. The measure would also make reforms to the Public-Private Transportation Partnership, or P3 statute, and calls for more transparency from PennDOT.

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**Issue No. 5: Transportation Issues (continued)**

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Duration:	50 Seconds
Date:	8/3/22
Time(s):	7am Newscast

Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls will be increasing next year, the 15th consecutive year. Carl DeFebo, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission spokesperson, says Act 44 of 2007 required the Turnpike Commission to transfer up to \$450 million annually to the state to support transportation projects statewide. The most common toll will go from 1.70 to 1.80 EZ, 4.10 to 4.40 TbP.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	40 Seconds
Date:	9/15/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

Six bridge replacement projects, including one on Interstate 81 in Susquehanna County, are moving forward. PennDOT announced Thursday that it has resumed planning work and federal environmental reviews for the projects proposed as part of the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership. Alternative forms of funding are being considered after the General Assembly passed legislation in July preventing tolling from being used to pay for the projects as originally planned.



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### **Issue No. 6: Education Issues**

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Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	35 Seconds
Date:	9/13/22
Time(s):	7, 8, & 9am Newscasts

New York is poised to strengthen its oversight of private and religious schools. Education officials are taking action following years of complaints that thousands of children are graduating from ultra-Orthodox Jewish schools lacking basic academic skills. A Board of Regents committee unanimously approved guidelines Monday to make sure instruction at nonpublic schools is equivalent to that of public schools, as required under New York law.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	30 Seconds
Date:	9/14/22
Time(s):	7am & 8am Newscasts

Private and religious schools in New York face greater scrutiny after state education leaders approved rules Tuesday requiring them to prove their academic programs line up with those of public schools. The unanimous vote by the Board of Regents Tuesday follows several years of debate that began with complaints of children graduating from some ultra-Orthodox Jewish schools lacking basic academic skills. The rules apply to all of New York's 1,800 nonpublic schools. State law requires that instruction given in a religious or other private school "be at least substantially equivalent to the instruction" at public schools.

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**Issue No. 6: Education Issues (continued)**

Program Title:	WPEL News
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Duration:	50 Seconds
Date:	9/15/22
Time(s):	5pm Newscast

New York Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation to expand and simplify access to the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. Hochul says the program is for those who have made 120 student loan payments and work in full time public service. The federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program expires on October 31st.

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### **Issue No. 7: Substance Abuse Issues**

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	45 Seconds
Date:	7/26/22
Time(s):	5pm Newscast

More medical professionals in Pennsylvania have begun to utilize the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, or PDMP. Ashley Bolton, Director of the PA Health Department's office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention...says the PDMP is designed to prevent someone addicted to opioids from obtaining prescriptions from numerous providers. Bolton says another campaign is geared toward people addicted to opioids, focusing on availability of the anti-overdose drug Naloxone on hand.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	25 Seconds
Date:	8/9/22
Time(s):	5pm Newscast

Changes are being considered to state laws concerning drug deaths. Two proposals in the General Assembly could affect the large numbers of drug overdose deaths in Pennsylvania. One would increase penalties while the other would emphasize unintended consequences of drug laws and treating addictions as a health crisis.

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**Issue No. 7: Substance Abuse Issues (continued)**

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Duration:	1 Minute 15 Seconds
Date:	8/18/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

A program aimed at keeping someone addicted to drugs out of the law enforcement system continues to grow....with seventeen Pennsylvania counties, the newest being Wyoming County. They are now a part of a program known as LETI, the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative. PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro says under LETI someone battling drug addiction can turn to police officers, sheriffs, probation officers, and similar officials who can steer them away from the legal system and toward the treatment they need.

Program Title:	WPEL News
Source/Type:	Local/News
Duration:	50 Seconds
Date:	9/9/22
Time(s):	5pm & 6pm Newscasts

The fight against substance abuse and addiction continues as Pennsylvania joins in the observance of National Recovery Month. Jen Smith, Secretary of the PA Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Programs, says hope is the hallmark for those struggling to recover from addiction and their supporters. National Recovery Month is observed every September to recognize the gains made in the lives of individuals in recovery from substance abuse and to show that, despite the obstacles, people can and do recover.

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