



Quarterly Report of Community Issues and Programs

Station: WNEU

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Below is a list of some of the significant local issues, community events, and subsequent programs on WNEU for the 4th Quarter of 2022:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

12-30-22

Boston weekend events- Winter Classic Fan Festival at City Hall Plaza opens to the public today at 2p. There will be live ice sculpting starting at 3p. First Night set up continues today. Fenway prepping for Winter Classic on Monday.

12-29-22

Baby Safe Haven laws- Press avail on Baby Safe Haven laws after a newborn was left in the woods in New Hampshire. One organization says regardless of the recent incident – New England leads the nation is lowering all newborn abandonments. They are now trying to engage Gen Z influencers to reach the next group of people who will use the laws in the next 15 years.

12-22-22

Chelsea Christmas Giveaway- Today La Colaborativa in Chelsea will be giving toys and vaccinating the population. As every year, hundreds of families are expected to take advantage of it.

12-21-22

Massport Holiday Travel Avail: The holiday season is in full swing and Massport will be hosting a media event to provide the traveling public with travel tips and recommendations to make their airport experience less stressful.

12-20-22

Hartford Teachers Recruitment- Hartford Public Schools discusses the latest teacher recruitment strategies. The district is looking to expand recruitment efforts throughout the Caribbean in a new program called 'Caribbean Connection'.

12-20-22

Norwood Fatal Ammonia Leak- Numerous agencies responded Monday to a commercial building in Norwood, Massachusetts, where an ammonia incident left one man dead and another hospitalized.

12-12-22

Boston immigrant voting rights- A hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status. There are an approx. 40,000 immigrants with legal status in Boston

12-08-22

Nahant Coyotes- Nahant is becoming the first town in the state to actively shoot and kill the coyotes. The town's board voted Wednesday night to bring in trained rifle experts so not just anyone can go around shooting them.

12-07-22

Fall River Shooting- A shooting in Fall River, Massachusetts overnight ended with two men being fatally wounded and two women getting injured. The shooter reportedly shot his fiancée, her mother, and her father, before taking his own life, according to state police.

12-02-22

RMV Migrant License Meeting- Registry of Motor Vehicles hosts a virtual public hearing about proposed amendments to driver's license regulations for a new law that will allow any eligible Massachusetts resident to acquire a license regardless of their immigration status. We will also touch base with driving schools, seeing as migrants are already showing interests in taking classes.

12-02-22

Somerville housing program- Launching with ARPA funds, the program will provide deep rental subsidies to Somerville residents that are housing instable with prioritizing families that are ineligible for federal housing programs due to immigration status.

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RI recreational marijuana- Recreational marijuana sales start in Rhode Island today.

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11-25-22

Merrimack Valley free bus rides- MeVa, the former MVRTA, is offering free rides in the entire Merrimack Valley during the holiday season, as an effort to promote public transit.

11-22-22

Chelsea thanksgiving donations- La Colaborativa will hand out 10,000 meals in Chelsea ahead of Thanksgiving.

11-18-22

Worcester food insecurity- To help address food insecurity in the Worcester area, tomorrow Amazon and Yes, We Care are hosting a Thanksgiving Food Grab Bag for the community. Each grab bag will contain a large turkey and items needed for a thanksgiving holiday meal for a family. The grab bags will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

11-14-22

Boston Renewable Energy Program- Your electric bill may increase drastically in the next few months. Boston Community Choice Electricity prices will remain the same until December 2023. You can opt-in today to secure 100% renewable energy and lock in the rate.

11-11-22

Boston Puerto Rican Veteran's Day- Governor Charlie Baker will attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument in Boston. Mayor Michelle Wu will give remarks at the Puerto Rican Veterans Day celebration.

11-10-22

MA food insecurity- Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced resources to support residents facing food insecurity during the holiday season and year-round. The City is launching Find Your Food Pantry, and additionally, starting November 15, residents will be able to apply and learn more about SNAP benefits using a kiosk located within Boston City Hall.

11-07-22

Boston pharmacy deserts- Walgreens stores in three Boston neighborhoods are set to close this week, leaving customers and community leaders worried residents will have to trek farther for prescriptions and other necessities. The three stores in Roxbury, Hyde Park and Mattapan — all overwhelmingly Black and brown communities — are transferring patient files to other Walgreen's locations, but each are at least a mile's walk away.

11-03-22

Chelsea migrants- The city of Chelsea is dealing with an influx of migrants. Just last week they received 75 more. It's unclear if they arrived from the border or if they've been in the country for a while. The department has lost a member of each of the last three classes of firefighter recruits.

11-01-22

Worcester free meal pilot program

The Worcester Housing Authority kicked off its pilot Food Matters program. It will deliver 12 free meals per month to over 1,000 residents. If successful, this program may become a national model to address food insecurity in the United States, according to U.S. Rep James McGovern.

10-31-22

Salem Halloween- Spooky Season is coming to an end today in Salem, Massachusetts, after weeks of record-setting crowds enjoying the Halloween festivities in the Witch City.

10-27-22

Migrants in MA- Over 100 migrants and homeless people have been relocated to a hotel next to Route 3 in Kingston, Massachusetts, and local leaders say they were caught off guard. This comes as the

Massachusetts Congressional delegation calls on the federal government to step in with more resources and information to help local organizations deal with a growing influx of migrants.

10-26-22

MBTA slow zones- Some speed restrictions on the Orange Line that have befuddled riders and slowed trips will stay in place into December, more than two months after the MBTA completed a 30-day end-to-end shutdown aimed at fixing those issues.

10-25-22

Storrowing concerns- A truck got stuck under an overpass — or "Storrowed" — overnight on Storrow Drive in Boston. "Storrowing" happens when large trucks drive down the major parkway through Boston and get caught under one of the low clearance bridges there - very common in the city.

10-24-22

Boston TPS Protest- Comité TPS Massachusetts will gather outside Government Center to demand action from the Biden Administration to protect the hundreds of thousands of TPS holders who are in limbo.

10-21-22

Salem Halloween preps- As a record number of tourists come to enjoy spooky season in the Witch City, though, traffic concerns are mounting. City officials held a news conference to address how people can travel to Salem, while also limiting disruptions to both visitors and locals.

10-20-22

Methuen migrants- Fifty-five migrant families, including 75 children, are being housed at a Days Inn after unexpectedly arriving in the city of Methuen, Massachusetts.

10-13-22

MBTA Recruitment Fair: The MBTA hosts an employment fair at Boston City Hall as it tries to address staffing shortages that are affecting operations and safety. They're working closely with local and state career centers and community partners to recruit new individuals to join its team.

10-13-22

Venezuelans Humanitarian Parole: Biden Administration to Offer Thousands of Venezuelan Migrants Legal Path into U.S. The humanitarian parole program would be available to up to 24,000 Venezuelans who have a U.S. sponsor. However, a pandemic-era rule will be extended to expel Venezuelans who enter the country illegally.

10-7-22

Migrant license study- A new law in the hands of voters would give undocumented immigrants "new legitimacy" in Massachusetts by allowing them to acquire driver's licenses, and it would also create at least a slight risk of producing government records that could be used to track those in the country without legal status, a new Tufts analysis concluded.

10-6-22

Salem Halloween preps- Salem is hosting its iconic Haunted Happenings Grand Parade tonight, kicking off the time of year where tourists from all over the world descend on the historic streets.

10-6-22

Lynn food pantry opening - Catholic Charities Boston will open a new regional modern food pantry in Lynn as food insecurity rises amid soaring grocery prices.

10-4-22

RI Child Tax Rebate: Rhode Island will start issuing child tax rebates to around 115,000 households this week, according to Gov. Dan McKee.

10-3-22

PVD Housing Investments: Crossroads Rhode Island plans to celebrate significant investments in housing for the homeless on Monday. Numerous state and federal leaders are set to attend the event that is being touted as a “celebration of housing” that will spotlight what an investment in low-income housing can build.

PUBLIC SAFETY

12-28-22

Dorchester Arson- Two men were rescued, and a woman is facing arson charges accused of setting a home in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood on fire.

12-21-22

Acton Ped Ax Hit & Run: A teen who was seriously injured in a hit-and-run crash in Acton, Massachusetts, last month is reportedly heading home on Wednesday, according to a family friend.

12-19-22

Cohasset Shelter in Place: A Massachusetts man accused of attempting to break into a local police station, sparking an hours long standoff in which he allegedly dangled his children from a window, faced a judge on Monday.

12-16-22

Medford HS Stabbing: Fight at Medford High School Sends Boy to Hospital, Police Say; Another in Custody. More than a dozen concerned parents gathered outside the school Monday morning but were not allowed in or permitted to take their children out while the school was placed on lockdown.

12-16-22

Roxbury Violence- Police arrested the person who stabbed a 68-year-old woman in her while she was taking out groceries from the trunk of her car. Activists want action now that this is the third case of an older person attacked in the Boston area.

12-14-22

Roxbury Highrise DX- The man who tried jumping out of a 12th-story window in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood to evade police amid a death investigation is due in court today. A prosecutor confirmed it's the same man seen on video in 2017 jumping out of a South Boston hotel window and onto an awning before being arrested by a SWAT team.

11-29-22

South Boston Fetuses Found- An investigation is ongoing after Boston police announced Monday that the remains of four infants were discovered in a South Boston apartment earlier this month.

11-27-22

MBTA Safety- Several safety incidents at MBTA stations in the last few weeks. 2 people found dead at the Forest Hills MBTA station over the weekend, and another person was stabbed at the station in Dorchester. This in addition to a kidnapping at a station in Quincy a few weeks ago. Tonight, there is a **community meeting pushing for the Quincy kidnapping to be prosecuted as a hate crime.**

11-23-22

Boston Downtown Assault- Boston police are searching for a man wanted in connection with an assault they say happened earlier this month. The victim needed emergency brain surgery.

11-23-22

Quincy/Brockton Abduction- A 64-year-old Asian woman was kidnapped from the Wollaston MBTA stop in Quincy, Massachusetts, then raped repeatedly and left in a Brockton parking lot earlier this month. The man accused of abducting her will be in court today.

11-21-22

Boston/RI NBA Trainer Rape Arrest- A Warwick, Rhode Island man faces charges for allegedly drugging and raping a woman in downtown Boston. He is expected to be arraigned on today. 43-year-old Rob McClanaghan is an NBA skills trainer who has worked with some of the NBA's biggest names.

11-18-22

Hingham Car vs. Business- A car crashed into an Apple Store in Hingham, Massachusetts. We've gotten word one person died, and several are injured. Our crew on scene saw police taking the driver away.

11-15-22

Boston violence concerns- The New Democracy Coalition is calling attention to its bounty on the murderer of a Dorchester great grandmother killed a year ago as she sat on her porch on Olney Street, which is a hotspot for violence in Boston.

11-14-22

Boston EMS Staffing- Boston EMS union says they only have enough staff to fill 26 ambulances (18 at night). The union says a city Boston's size should have around 50 ambulances at peak times. Last Sunday

night, the night of the 5 different shootings, there were zero ambulances FREE at the time of that first 9-1-1 call.

11-08-22

Lynn fire- One person is unaccounted for following a house fire Tuesday morning in Lynn, Massachusetts. Neighbors say a two-year-old little girl passed away.

11-04-22

Lawrence officer sex abuse sentencing- Sentencing today for a former Lawrence Police officer convicted on charges that he engaged in sexual acts with a 13-year-old boy he met on a dating app.

11-03-22

Brockton murder folo- A man suspected of stabbing a woman to death at an apartment building in Brockton, Massachusetts, has died. Joao Correia had been in critical condition at a local hospital, after allegedly stabbing Veronica Gonvales Rosa to death in a "savage, brutal" attack. Rosa's nephew said his aunt was attacked as she got home on Wednesday afternoon, with her 2-year-old granddaughter still in the backseat of her car.

10-27-22

Dorchester Barbershop Shooting- A search is ongoing Thursday morning for whoever pulled the trigger in a fatal shooting last night at a barber shop in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

10-26-22

Mass & Cass crisis- With dozens of people still congregating in what's known as the "Mass. and Cass" area of Boston, city officials say they are "exploring all options" — including a controversial plan to use a nearby jail — to house people who linger there

10-24-22

Medford HS student attack- Video of a violent incident at Medford High Schools shows two girls attacking another girl, grabbing her by the hair, throwing her to the ground and repeatedly punching her in the head

10-13-22

Bristol, CT Officers Killed: Two Bristol police officers are dead, and another has serious injuries after they responded to a possible domestic incident involving two siblings Wednesday night

10-12-22

Franklin Park stabbing- Boston police are searching for the person who stabbed a 91-year-old woman multiple times while she walked her dog in Franklin Park last night.

10-11-22

Boston youth violence- The search continues for the person responsible for shooting and killing at 14yo and injuring another teen. He's the third juvenile to die from gun violence in Boston this year.

Meanwhile, at today's City Council Committee they are set to consider a \$3M grant for reducing youth violence.

10-10-22

Brockton worker death- A man died over the weekend in an accident at a Brockton, Massachusetts, waste management business. The worker's family is upset because they want answers on how their loved one died on the job.

10-7-22

New Haven officer shot- A New Haven police officer was shot after responding to a car crash early Friday morning and residents and two schools are sheltering in place as police search for the shooter.

10-5-22

Worcester Apt Collapse Folo: Two tenants of collapsed Worcester apartment kicked out of hotel and are sleeping in church

10-5-22

PVD Man Looking into Windows: Providence police said Tuesday that they arrested a man accused of looking into the windows of two homes. The incidents were reported over the weekend in the Fox Point neighborhood.

10-4-22

Dorchester High School Shooting: Student Shot in Stomach Outside Boston High School. The shooting occurred on Washington Street in Dorchester, on the grounds of Jeremiah E. Burke High School.

10-3-22

Peabody Children Struck: The woman who was taken into custody of Friday afternoon after striking 2 children while driving on a suspended license is expected in court.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

12-15-22

Cold/Flu Medication Shortage- Local pharmacies experiencing flu and cold medicine shortages.

12-14-22

Lowell children overdoses- To date this year, EMS has responded to more than 1,000 overdose calls in Lowell, with almost 50 of the calls for school-aged children 17 and under, a statistic of 5 percent.

Their overdose report show a daily average of 2-4 monthly overdoses in Lowell, MA.

9-19-22

BPS monkeypox- The first monkeypox case was reported at Boston Public Schools. Officials didn't say what school the person works at, but did tell families that, if they haven't gotten a call or other communication from their student's school, it's not impacted.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

12-28-22

Recycling holiday items- Betsy Badell got a tour of a local recycling facility where experts explain how we should be recycling common holiday items such as trees, wreaths, decorations, and gift-wrapping paper.

12-27-22

CR Return policies- Consumer reports explain different stores' return policies after holiday shopping.

12-26-22

Driver's license test- A viewer from Boston passed her driving test but didn't get her driver's license. Find out how we helped her navigate this confusing situation. 12-22-22

Telemundo Responde- Merrimack gas explosions payments- MERRIMACK RESIDENTS IF YOU FILED A LATE CLAIM FOR THE COLUMBIA GAS MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR PART OF THE COMPENSATION, WE HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU...CHECKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

12-21-22

CR DOWNSIDE OF ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING: THIS WEEK THE STREETS OF ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY BY DELIVERY TRUCKS. BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT THOSE TRUCKS, IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING YOUR PURCHASES, ALSO RELEASE CARBON DIOXIDE GASES AND OTHER HARMFUL GASES.

12-20-22

Cheap flights- We will provide some guidance of when you can book cheap flight after the holidays.

12-16-22

CR payment apps- Consumer reports on how to protect your money transferred through apps like Venmo or Zelle.

12-12-22

Telemundo Responde luggage theft- A viewer reported somebody stole a pair of expensive headphones from their luggage.

12-09-22

Revere HS Substance Found- A powdery substance found in a Revere, Massachusetts school contained fentanyl, prompting a police investigation and action by district administration.

12-05-22

Holiday Post Office Warning- Post Office issuing early warnings for people looking to get packages delivered on time this holiday.

12-05-22

Betsy Badell: Holiday survival guide- Part 1 of our inflation holiday survival guide

11-28-22

Responde pool liner- Telemundo Responde helps a viewer get her \$5,600 after nearly three years of trying to get her money back for faulty a pool liner.

11-25-22

Consumer Alert; Holiday Shopping Tips- We give consumers some tips for the shopping season that started with the black Fridays deals.

11-18-22

Telemundo Responde \$19K electricity Bill- Telemundo Responde helped a viewer from Connecticut get her money back after she received a \$19K electricity bill from Eversource.

11-09-22

Snap benefits fraud- At a time when food prices have reached alarming highs, criminals are stealing SNAP food stamp benefits from the households that need them the most. The USDA, which oversees SNAP benefits, issued two warnings in October about food stamp scams. Some states are reporting hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen benefits.

11-01-22

MA energy price hikes- After a summer plagued by high gas prices, it doesn't appear that consumers will get relief for the winter as National Grid and Eversource raise energy prices.

10-31-22

Eversource electricity concerns- Eversource CEO Joe Nolan wrote a letter to President Joe Biden warning of the possibility of power outages this winter if steps aren't taken to expand the country's natural gas supply.

10-28-22

Royal prestige- Cookware company Royal Prestige to pay \$300,000 for misleading consumers. We're Responde stories on these complaints in the past.

10-27-22

Halloween costume car safety- How to keep your kids safe in cars and car seats while wearing bulky Halloween costumes.

10-26-22

IRS tax credit- How to claim tax credits.

10-25-22

CR Organic cleaning products- Consumer reports have tips on the best organic and eco-friendly cleaning products.

10-24-22

Responde TV refund- A viewer from East Boston received the wrong TV delivered from Walmart. Responde helped her get a refund.

10-20-22

CA social security benefits- Consumer alert tips on getting the most out of your social security benefits

10-19-22

Tech support scams: FBI Boston: According to our Internet Crime Complaint Center, consumers in our area reported \$7.5 million in losses due to tech support scams in '21. Most are in Massachusetts and 60% of victims over 60.

10-18-22

Consumer alert on financial tips for families.

10-17-22

Telemundo Responde: A ROUTINE AUTOMOBILE SERVICE BECAME A TRUE ORDER FOR A BOSTON VIEWER THAT WAS TRYING TO FIX THE BRAKES OF HIS CAR...

10-14-22

HMM Alzheimer's and Hispanic Adults: ACCORDING TO THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION... HISPANIC ADULTS OVER THE AGE OF 65 ARE THE SECOND MOST LIKELY TO DEVELOP ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, AFTER AFRICAN AMERICANS.

10-10-22

Responde dog sitter problem- A view hired a person through the Rover website to take care of their dog, but the dog returned with serious behavioral issues. Telemundo Responde helped the viewer get their money back.

10-3-22

Telemundo Responde Luggage Lost: We help a family that lost their luggage after coming back from vacations in Dominican Republic.

Station Initiatives:

Bundle Up New England: November 15th- into 2023

NBC and Cradles to Crayons are teaming up to make sure every kid has a coat to stay warm this winter! For the third year in a row, our **Bundle Up** program encourages you to donate new or gently-used winter coats from November 15 – January 31.