



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 2nd Quarter of 2021:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

6-30-2021

New Citizens - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services present 10 citizenship candidates. The citizenship candidates originate from the following 10 countries: Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Ireland, Jamaica, Mauritius, Portugal, Philippines, Uganda and Venezuela.

6-30-2021

RI Back-to-School COVID-19 Guidance - Governor McKee, RIDOH, RIDE to Announce Back-to-School COVID-19 Guidance. This will include recommendations for municipalities as well as guidance for teachers, parents, and students to ensure a safe in-person return in the fall.

6-29-2021

Cape Cod Shark Preview – The Atlantic White Shark Conservancy will host a Media Day on Tuesday, June 29 to preview the 2021 summer/fall white shark season.

6-24-2021

RI Drivers License for all – Today more than 35 community organizations will rally in front of the Rhode Island State House, asking legislators to pass HB5305, the proposal that if approved, would grant driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants.

6-23-2021

MA Drivers License Bill Hearing – MA Driver's License Bill Hearing / Work and Family Mobility Act would permit state residents to apply for a regular Massachusetts Driver's License regardless of their immigration status.

6-21-2021

MASSNOTIFY APP TOO LATE - Globe has an article about the app launch that many say took too long. MA is the 29th state to roll out this technology and many are confused at the timing since the state has a high vaccination rate and covid case #s are down. In comparison, Virginia was the first station to launch an app to track exposure in August.

6-17-2021

Andover School Start Times - Parents will weigh in on a controversial proposal to change school start times in Andover, Massachusetts Thursday. The Andover School Committee is proposing to push the middle and high school start time to 8:15 a.m. and the elementary school from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m

6-16-2021

Central Falls Voices with Power - As school districts determine where COVID-19 relief funding will go, the Central Falls School District is putting that decision in the hands of its students and their families.

6-15-2021

Chelsea Pandemic Rent - The City of Chelsea is extending its "Homeowner Stabilization Program" available to homeowners of single to four-family homes who are struggling to receive rental income or pay their mortgages and utilities, due to the impacts of COVID-19.

6-15-2021

Baker Increasing Vaccine Rates - Today, Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito will join Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg to announce a new initiative to increase vaccination rates in the Commonwealth.

6-14-2021

MA State of Emergency Ends – After 462 days, the state of emergency that Gov. Baker declared on March 10 in response to the coronavirus will end on Tuesday, June 15.

6-10-2021

MA Back to Church - Catholics in eastern Massachusetts will be expected to attend Mass in person again, beginning Father's Day weekend. Boston Archdiocese leader Cardinal Sean O'Malley has announced the reinstatement of the Sunday Mass obligation.

6-9-2021

Ct Barber Shop Covid Vaccine - Javier Cruz from New Britain is the owner of Corte Fino Barbershop but for the next few days starting tomorrow until Friday Cruz will offer more than just a haircut. Corte Fino will become the first barbershop in his city to offer its premises to become a Covid 19 vaccine pop clinic.

6-8-2021

Children and the Border - The report states that 3,913 children separated from their families between July 2017 and January have been identified. The ACLU has said more than 5,400 children were separated at the border. The discrepancy, the DHS official said, is due to thousands of yet-to-be-reviewed files by the task force.

6-3-2021

Water Safety Drownings – Officials are urging people to be cautious around the water in the ongoing heat wave after a series of recent drownings across Massachusetts. Over the weekend alone, two minors were hospitalized, and two people died.

5-25-2021

Chelsea Food Distribution – It's had been one year since the long lines of people looking for food in the middle of the pandemic in Chelsea. A community heavy impacted by the Covid-19. We take a look how the situation is today?

5-19-2021

RI Minimum Wage - Governor McKee will host a bill-signing ceremony for legislation which will raise the minimum wage in Rhode Island from \$11.50 to \$15 over the next four years.

5-17-2021

Telemundo en tu Comunidad – Salem El Punto – History with immigrants from the French Canadian to Dominicans today.

5-12-2021

Telemundo en Tu Comunidad –Lawrence Elevated Thought – Elevated Thought is a social justice organization that uses art to address issues and get youth involved. The youth is only the start, they want to reach the rest of the community

5-11-2021

Telemundo en tu Comunidad – Lawrence – Youth Success Against All Odds – There is a high chance that kids growing up in this community end up on the wrong path in life. Grace profiles two kids who beat the odds while growing up in Lawrence and are now giving back to youth in the community. Wilkins Victor runs his own Basketball Clinic and Zuleidy Perez is now attending St John's University.

5-5-2021

Telemundo en Tu Comunidad Lowell - -Restaurants - Delicias Paisas is a Colombian restaurant that's been a staple for over 30 years in the city. Unfortunately, a few years ago their building burned down, something that has impacted not just the owners but the local community. Now they're trying to rebuild amid a pandemic. On the other side there is "Panels" a new Colombian restaurant opened by a single mother who at one point was undocumented. The restaurant has been featured in local and regional cooking shows.

5-4-2021

Telemundo en tu Comunidad Lowell -It's not called "Mill City" for nothing. A lot of people don't know that Lowell has a big Colombian community primarily because during the 1970s and 80s the city brought over Colombian immigrants to work at the textiles and factories throughout the city. Most of these workers came from the second biggest city called Medellin where they had similar factories, not knowing the language, the culture, etc. They had to make Lowell their home for better opportunities. Recently the National Historic Park had an exhibition dedicated to the impact they had on the city. A local Colombian organization just had a monument approved by the city to honor these textile workers. We will be speaking to two of them, a local community leader, and a historian dedicated to this point in time.

5-4-2021

IMMIGRANTS DAY - Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition hosts a virtual version of its annual Immigrants' Day at the State House. Participants include Boston Mayor Janey, Sen. Brownsberger, Rep. Balser, MIRA President Eva Milliona, Gabriel Camacho of United Food and Commercial Workers Union 1445, and Dalida Rocha of Service Employees International Union 615.

5-3-2021

Worcester Back to School – Retrack - Elementary and middle schools' students in Worcester, Massachusetts returned to the classroom Monday for full-time in-person learning.

4-16-2021

RI Biz Grant Program- Rhode Island announces grant program for businesses impacted by the pandemic. How much can businesses get? When is the application open? Will this really make a difference to local businesses?

4-15-2021

Lawrence Walk Out- Students and Staff of Oliver Partnership School in Lawrence will do a walk out of the school and around the Campagnone Common, asking for the construction of a new building.

PUBLIC SAFETY

6-30-2021

Prolific Drug trafficking organization - The United States Attorney's Office host a press conference to announce the arrest of leaders and members of a prolific drug trafficking organization. This group allegedly supplied counterfeit prescription pills that actually contained fentanyl to suppliers on the North Shore of Massachusetts.

6-30-2021

Danvers Dog Shot - Suspect Anthony Sirois was arraigned for animal cruelty, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, improper storage of a firearm, possession of a firearm in a felony. He was ordered held without bail until a dangerousness hearing on Wednesday. it is alleged he shot and killed his own dog multiple times

6-30-2021

Six Flags New England storm cleanup- Six Flags New England in Agawam will be closed Wednesday for storm cleanup. According to Six Flags New England Spokesperson Jennifer McGrath, the team will be cleaning the park from Tuesday night's storm.

6-29-2021

Chelsea Car AX - A car slammed into the side of a building around 1 a.m. Tuesday in Chelsea after two people fled from Massachusetts State Police. The two suspects were stopped by a Massachusetts State Police Trooper, then fled and ultimately crashed with another car, sending one into the side of a liquor store on the corner of Williams and Chestnut Street.

6-28-2021

Winthrop Shooting - Investigators have found the gunman who killed two people Saturday in Winthrop, Massachusetts. He had engaged in "some troubling white supremacist rhetoric" that targeted Black and Jewish people, and both his victims were Black, officials said Sunday.

6-28-2021

CT Gun Control - Governor Ned Lamont today will discuss gun violence and crime prevention in Connecticut. Just last week, President Joe Biden released a federal strategy to address spikes in violence using funding from the American Rescue Plan. So far this year, the City of Hartford has seen a spike of violence, there have been at least 20 homicides in 2021. That's compared to 12 at the same time last year in the Capital City.

6-28-2021

Heat Wave— Heat advisories are in effect for most of New England. The temperatures in the lower 90s, along with high humidity, generates a heat index in the mid 90s to 104. The heat index measures the impact on the body. There may be the possibility of an excessive heat warning to be issued for some if the heat index values reach 105.

6-25-2021

MA Water Safety - The 19-year-old who drowned in Hyde Park's Turtle Pond Thursday has been identified as Jason Peri Bonilla, of Roxbury. He is from Honduras. At the same time, Top Massachusetts officials talk one more time about water safety after multiple drowning incidents.

6-23-2021

CT Marijuana and Drivers - AAA is raising concerns about Connecticut legalizing recreational marijuana and driving safety. A recent AAA study found crash rates jumped in states that have legalized recreational cannabis.

6-21-2021

Legal Marijuana in CT – Marijuana possession becomes legal in Connecticut on July 1. What people need to know about the new rule? How many ounces they can carry? Etc.

6-17-2021

Lawrence Woman Killed in PHL – Christine Lugo a Dunking Donuts Store Manager in Philadelphia was Killed while she was working. Her Allegedly Killer is in custody. Lugo was buried yesterday in Lawrence. We will try to talk with the family today.

6-17-2021

Salem Arrow Shootings - Over the past week, the Salem Police Department has responded to several incidents or arrows having been shot at the exterior of dwellings. The incidents have occurred in both South Salem and in North Salem and are believed to have occurred during the nighttime hours.

6-15-2021

New Haven Crime Task Force - The shooting taskforce is an interagency, multi-jurisdictional project that focuses exclusively on firearms related crimes. Local governments participating include: New Haven, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, and Madison. Yale University, ATF, FBI, and the State's Attorney are also partnering in the taskforce.

6-14-2021

Lynn Mother Murdered - A Lynn man has been arrested in connection with the death of his mother at their Massachusetts home, authorities said Sunday. Investigators say they found 80-year-old Katherine Paratore dead inside the Jenness Street home she shared with her son around 8 p.m. Friday night.

6-10-2021

MA Lifeguard Shortage - In Revere Beach there are ads everywhere about the need for lifeguards. As temperatures rise, people are going to the beach and there is no one to save them in case of an emergency.

6-7-2021

Worcester Officer DX - The Worcester Police Department on Sunday announced calling hours and funeral details for Officer Emmanuel "Manny" Familia, who died Friday while trying to rescue a drowning teen. We talk to some families, friends and relatives.

6-3-2021

Lowell Shooting - A man pulled into the XtraMart on Gorham Street in Lowell, Massachusetts Wednesday night to report he was shot while driving on the Lowell Connector.

6-3-2021

Worcester Dirtbike Shooting – Worcester police are asking for help identifying someone in a photo after a 77-year-old was shot and a 70-year-old was struck with a rock during a confrontation Wednesday evening.

5-19-2021

PVD Serial Raptist - Providence police arrest convicted felon Juan Martinez, 55, and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual assault. They say in at least 3 instances he lured victims requesting cleaning services. They also believe he targeted undocumented immigrants. Police are looking for more victims.

5-18-2021

RI Remove Mask Rule - Rhode Islanders who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus no longer have to wear face coverings in most situations starting today, but there is a local business called "Bandidos Mexican Restaurant" who is not following suit. They say that their team will not be able to check everyone's vaccine card, so they're asking customers to keep their masks on while in the building.

5-14-2021

Providence Mass Shooting – Nine people were wounded Thursday in Rhode Island's capital in what police believe to be the largest shooting in city history. Multiple guns were used in a shootout around 7 p.m. Thursday involving an "ongoing feud" between two groups known to authorities, according to Providence Police Chief Col. Hugh T. Clements.

5-14-2021

Yale Murder Arrest - A Massachusetts man suspected of killing a Yale graduate student in February has been arrested in Alabama, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. They said the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, the U.S. Marshals Middle District of Alabama and the Montgomery Police Department arrested Qinxuan Pan.

5-14-2021

Boston Police Leadership - Mayor Kim Janey said she plans to hold a press conference on Friday to provide an update on the leadership of the Boston Police Department "and our shared commitment to fostering greater trust with the communities we serve.

5-14-2021

Lawrence Homicide - Police are investigating a fatal shooting in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Around 8:30 a.m. Friday, Lawrence police responded to a Haverhill Street address for a report of a body in the backyard, the Essex District Attorney's Office said.

5-12-2021

New Haven Firefighter Dead - One firefighter has died; another is in critical condition and two others are injured after responding to fight a fire at a home on Valley Street in New Haven early Wednesday morning.

5-7-2021

MA Parents Letter to Gov- Thousands of parents are calling on Gov. Charlie Baker to relax the mask mandate for children in Massachusetts. In a letter Thursday to the governor, a grassroots group of approximately 5,000 parents said children should be allowed to ditch the masks for outdoor sports, summer camps and recess, even if they can't stay six feet apart.

5-3-2021

Dorchester Doble Stabbing - A Dorchester man is due in court Monday to face murder charges for the death of two women stabbed at a home in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

4-16-2021

New Haven Gun Buyback- State officials and New Haven Mayor will urge community members to participate in the city's gun buyback taking place tomorrow on Saturday, April 17. The event looks to reduce the risk of suicide, accidental discharge, domestic violence, and from weapons being stolen and used in crimes.

4-15-2021

New Haven ATV Regulation- The New Haven Mayor will join members of the New Haven PD to announce the enforcement of the newly ratified ordinance that would strengthen fines for individuals who ride illegal vehicles in New Haven, and those that sell those vehicles gasoline in the city. Vehicles in violation include pocket bikes, minibikes, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

6-29-2021

Rat Problem in Cranston – The Cranston City Council was scheduled to take up a rat ordinance on Monday. This comes after police charged a woman who lives on Caporal Street, for feeding rats.

6-23-2021

Revere Vaccine Incentive – Today the city of Revere will announce a similar campaign made by Governor Charlie Baker, to get more people vaccinated. They will announce a student scholarship as an incentive for more people from Revere to get vaccinated.

6-16-2021

MBTA Vaccine Express – The MBTA’s “Vax Express” will stop in Mattapan Wednesday as the agency begins offering COVID-19 vaccines to passengers aboard its commuter rail trains. MBTA has partnered with a private health startup CIC Health to implement the program from June 16 to 20, the agency announced Friday.

6-14-2021

Recreational Marijuana in CT - This week, state lawmakers will return to the Capitol in Hartford for a special session on legalizing recreational marijuana for anyone over the age of 21 in CT. But members of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference are afraid this could be detrimental to youth, especially in urban areas.

6-8-2021

Can your pet make you sick? - During the pandemic, many families welcomed a new four-legged member. But with a new pet comes new responsibilities, Consumer Reports has some tips for keeping your family and pets safe and healthy.

6-8-2021

Hot WX and Workers – How workers protect themselves from the heat when they are working. What experts says about what is the best way to do it.

6-7-2021

Water Safety Drownings – Officials are urging people to be cautious around the water in the ongoing heat wave after a series of recent drownings across Massachusetts. Over the weekend alone, two minors were hospitalized, and two people died.

6-7-2021

Dealing with Heat Wave - Dozens of school districts have announced early dismissals for this afternoon as high temperatures continue with a heat index value between 95 and 100 degrees.

5-25-2021

CT Covid Vaccine and Heart - At Least 18 Cases of Apparent Heart Problems in Young People in CT After COVID-19 Vaccine.

5-10-2021

Indoor Mask Ending- The U.S. will likely ease up on indoor mask guidelines "in real time" as COVID-19 vaccinations continue to increase, Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Sunday.

5-4-2021

Pfizer Vaccine Kids 12 to 15 - The Food and Drug Administration is preparing to authorize use of the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine in adolescents 12 to 15 years old by early next week, according to federal officials familiar with the agency's plans, opening up the U.S. vaccination campaign to millions more people.

4-15-2021

RI Housing discrimination- Rhode Island Governor will be signing legislation to prohibit housing discrimination. What does this new law entail? How will it protect BIPOC? People with disabilities, etc?

4-15-2021

Lawrence Singer Vaccination Campaign- Four-time Latin Grammy winner "Queen of Merengue" Dominican artist Milly Quezada will be coming to Lawrence to promote vaccination efforts.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

6-28-2021

RESPONDE TICKETMASTER LOST TICKETS: Una televidente de Meriden, Connecticut, compro entradas para el concierto de Alejandro Fernandez en Nueva York, pero se llevó una desagradable sorpresa al recibir un sobre vacío, sin sus boletos y Ticketmaster no respondía a sus llamadas de ayuda. Entérese como Telemundo Responde pudo ayudar.

6-25-2021

Consumer Alert – Child Credit Tool - People still have questions about how the new Child Credit tool works.

6-24-2021

CONSUMER REPORTS: Tips to Reap the Benefits of Intermittent Fasting - Intermittent fasting has become one of the most popular health and fitness trends in recent years. People do it for a variety of reasons, including to lose weight, improve their health, and simplify their life.

6-21-2021

TELEMUNDO CONSUMER ALERT: TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH COSTS - A new patient advocacy law gives us access to the prices negotiated between hospitals and insurance companies. With that information it will be easier to compare prices and choose what's best for you as the patient. We'll show you how.

6-17-2021

CONSUMER ALERT: WARRANTY CALLS - The phone rings ... and the person on the other end of the line indicates that your warranty is about to expire ...Calls like these really test the patience of many, but are they scams or publicity tactics? ... Betsy Badell explains.

6-15-2021

CONSUMER REPORTS: Cordless garden tools - Outdoor power tools have come a long way from the old plug-in electric lawn mowers and trimmers. Many of today's battery-powered tools are as powerful as gasoline-powered tools, but with less contamination and maintenance. Consumer Reports reveals the best tools that are great for your garden and the environment.

6-14-2021

TELEMUNDO RESPONDE: ACURA CAR TITLE CASE - Ana Ramirez bought an Acura vehicle that gave her problems in a matter of months, but the dealership did not honor the warranty. Find out how we were able to help.

6-9-2021

TELEMUNDO RESPONDE/ ALERTA: EMPLOYMENT SCAMS - While many unemployed seek to return to the workforce, scammers try to fish their victims with false job offers that instead of generating income, can generate a great loss of money. A viewer who was about to fall into one of those traps called Telemundo Responde with the intention of alerting others. Betsy Badell tells us her story.

6-7-2021

CONSUMER ALERT - CRUISE TRIPS THIS SUMMER - In the tourism industry, cruises have been hit the hardest by not being able to sail from many of the ports in the United States, but that will change soon

6-3-2021

FTC Money Gram - Some people who were scammed using a well-known money transfer service can now apply to get some of that money refunded. MoneyGram reached a deal with the federal government to refund \$125 million to consumers who used their service to send money to scammers.

5-25-2021

CONSUMER REPORTS: Vaccination Card - It's the little white card that's beginning to bring a sense of normalcy to millions of us: The COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. Now that you have one, or will likely get one soon, Consumer Reports explains what to do with the card to protect your personal health information

5-17-2021

IRS Child Tax Credit - The first monthly payment of the expanded child tax credit from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill will arrive on July 15, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Treasury Department said Monday

5-12-2021

Telemundo Responde – BRAZIL TRIP REFUND CASE - A Boston family nearly lost thousands of dollars on a trip to Brazil that they had to cancel due to the pandemic. Find out how we were able to help.

5-11-2021

Grocery Prices – Prices in essentials are on the rise. How residents or local community like Lawrence, Massachusetts, highly impacted with the pandemic are dealing with this.

5-3-2021

Telemundo Responde- A viewer went months without getting her Christmas gift which was a prepaid card with hundreds of dollars.

Community Outreach and Partnerships:

Project Innovation 2021:

NBC10 Boston/WBTS, Telemundo Boston/WNEU, NBC Sports Boston, NECN and the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation announced six local nonprofits received a total of \$315,000 in *Project Innovation* grants. The winning organizations feature programs that are addressing local community issues through innovative solutions in the areas of community engagement, culture of inclusion, next generation storytelling and youth education and empowerment. This is the fourth consecutive year the Boston NBC and Telemundo station group along with the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation will recognize local nonprofits through *Project Innovation* grants. *Project Innovation* is presented by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation and NBC and Telemundo owned stations located in 11 markets, including Boston. The stations held a 3-month long application process and subsequent review panel to select the final grant recipients. This year, the program funding increased in each participating market to \$315,000 and to \$3.475 million across the 11 markets. The grantees will use the funds to help move their communities forward through programs that are helping to shape the next generation of storytellers, fostering a culture of equity and inclusion, empowering youth with the tools they need to succeed, and inspiring individuals to participate and volunteer in community engagement initiatives.

Local *Project Innovation* 2021 grant recipients include:

[Boston Scores New England](#) \$10,000

[Change is Simple](#): \$50,000

[Doc Wayne](#): \$100,000

[Chica Project](#): \$80,000

[Silver Lining Mentoring](#): \$50,000

[National Braille Press Inc.](#): \$25,000

Boston PRIDE 2021:

The Boston stations of NBC and Telemundo celebrate Boston Pride the month of June.

As the multi-media and community partner for pride, we showcased all the virtual events and activities the organization has created to achieve inclusivity, equality, respect, and justice in Boston and beyond.

This year more than ever, Boston Pride hopes to strengthen community connections by fostering diversity, unity, equity, and dignity through education, and communication.