



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 3rd Quarter of 2021:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

9-30-2021

MBTA Problems Rally – There will be a rally to get the MBTA increase safety precautions and funding, what with the incidents like the escalator, red line derailment and so on.

9-21-2021

Boston financial help immigrants - The city of Boston will announce today the use One million dollars ARPA funds to provide financial support “Cash assistance” for undocumented families that have been excluded from federal relief.

9-20-2021

MA Education Comm/Mcas Tests: Education Committee holds a virtual hearing on 25 bills related to accountability and assessment, including Massachusetts Teachers Association-backed legislation (S 293, H 612) that would eliminate the requirement that students pass the MCAS exam in order to graduate.

9-20-2021

Lawrence Elections - City voters on Tuesday will trim the mayor's race down from five to two final candidates for the November election. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Lawrence's roughly 40,000 registered voters. Turnout is expected to be between 20 and 25%, according to election officials.

9-15-2021

RI Schools Chronic absenteeism - New “Community Specialists” aim to boost attendance in Providence Public Schools.

9-15-2021

Foxboro Visits officials from FIFA - FIFA will launch the first venue visits to the FIFA World Cup 2026 candidate host cities.

9-10-2021

School bus delays in East Boston - A mother from East Boston is very upset that her son arrived yesterday at 7PM.

9-14-2021

Carla Rojo – MMJ – RI 800 help boxes for needy families -Today the Elisha Project will be handing out over 800 boxes to Pawtucket, Central Falls and Providence area residents. Each one will receive a 25-pound box of food; a 15-pound box of essentials, including shampoo, conditioner, lotion and personal care items; a 5-pound box of AVON, and additional shelf-stable items provided by Price Rite Marketplace.

9-14-2021

Lawrence Marine Funeral- A Public Wake for Sgt Johanny Rosario Pichardo will be held on Tuesday, September 14th from 11am-2pm at Veterans Memorial Stadium, adjacent to Lawrence High School, where Rosario Pichardo attended.

9-14-2021

Chelsea National Guard Assisting Bussing - The Massachusetts National Guard to provide service in multiple school districts across the state.

9-2-2021

Boston Back to School Shortage- Boston Public Schools are experiencing a significant shortage of bus drivers that will result in delays and uncovered routes on the first day of school next week, and hundreds of other positions - including teachers, cafeteria workers, and bus monitors - remain unfilled.

9-1-2021

End of PUA Benefit -Changes to be expected after September 4, the \$300-a-week unemployment boost will end. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) will end. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) will end.

8-19-2021

Lynn Latino Festival- This weekend Lynn will celebrate a Latino Festival with a lot of activities for the family.

8-2-2021

Lawrence School Phone Line – Lawrence Public Schools create a helpline for families. They can reach out by phone or email with your back-to-school questions.

7-30-2021

PVD Teachers Contract - The Providence Teachers Union is scheduled to vote Friday on a state-brokered tentative contract. The deal has been a sore spot between Gov. Dan McKee and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, who accuses the governor of making too many concessions to the union.

7-30-2021

MA Eviction Moratorium Expiration - With federal COVID-19 eviction and foreclosure moratoriums expiring this Saturday, Homes for All Massachusetts, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and allies are gathering at the State House on Friday morning to call for action to protect tenants and homeowners

from displacement. In Chelsea, the city is asking all the residents to participate in a panel about ARPA funds.

7-27-2021

Driver Licenses for All – Today mark one year when Cosecha built 11th encampment for driver licenses for all in Massachusetts.

7-27-2021

PVD Street Ordinance - Mayor Jorge O. Elorza today will join Council President John J. Iglizzi, Councilman David Salvatore (Ward 14), Providence Police Chief Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr., Providence Streets Coalition Organizer Liza Burkin and community members to sign the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance, making safe, clean, healthy, inclusive, and vibrant streets the default in road design rather than the exception.

7-26-2021

Fauci Mask Mandate – Residents of Salem, Massachusetts reacts to Dr Fanucci’s Comments about US is “going in the wrong direction” as the number of Covid-19 cases continues to rise, particularly among unvaccinated Americans.

7-19-2021

Chelsea Senior Shuttle - the City of Chelsea is now offering a Senior Shuttle PILOT Program for its residents. This program will enable senior residents to utilize a shuttle service to visit the Senior Center, run weekly errands, conduct City Hall business and complete other tasks.

7-17-2021

Lawrence Road to Vaxmillions- The City of Lawrence will provide a fun opportunity for community members to get vaccinated. Three Mobile Units from the State, Lawrence General Hospital and Greater Lawrence Family Health Center will be stationed along the route in key areas to be accessible to residents while offering exciting prizes.

7-15-2021

Lawrence Rental Announcement- Governor Charlie Baker participate in a 2021 Rental Rounds announcement in Lawrence.

7-13-2021

Revere Beach 125 Anniv - To commemorate 125 years since it became the first public beach in America, Revere, the Revere Beach Partnership and DCR host a fireworks celebration on Revere Beach with live music and games on the sand.

7-5-2021

Lawrence Fireworks – Lawrence will celebrate tonight 4 of July with music, fireworks, etc.

7-2-2021

Revision Deportation Order - Immigrants who received a deportation order in absentia and have a way to justify why they did not appear in court, have a second chance in the United States. But they must show that it was due to "exceptional circumstances." Telemundo en tu Comunidad – Salem El Punto – History with immigrants from the French Canadian to Dominicans today.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9-30-2021

Lawrence High School Fight – There will be a constant police presence at the high school in order to ensure a safe learning environment.

9-28-2021

CT Mothers United Against Violence Vigil - In 2020, Homicides Were Up 30% In Connecticut. Mothers United Against Violence Will Lead A Prayer Vigil, Tuesday, September 28th, At 5:00 Pm, Across the Street from Fred D. Wish School.

9-28-2021

East Boston Spa Robbery Video - Exclusive Story Of A Spa Robbery In East Boston. Everything Was Captured on Camera And The Owner Will Talk To Me. The Police Already Received the Complaint And They Are Looking For The Suspect With Latino Appearance

9-23-2021

Worcester Nurses Staffing COVID- Doctors appeal to striking nurses to return to work. Recently, UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester has cited bed closures, along with the resurgence of COVID cases, as factors putting a strain on its resources.

9-10-2021

Providence Police Department change - Henry Remolina promoted to the rank of major. History of overcoming, what does this mean for him and Latinos

9-2-2021

Portsmouth RI Damage- Part of Fairview Lane in Portsmouth collapsed following the rainstorm on Thursday morning.

9-1-2021

RI State Police Body Cams- Rhode Island's attorney general and the superintendent of the state police said Tuesday that they are asking for the public's input on creating a statewide policy for police body-worn cameras.

9-1-2021

Immigrant Mom and Baby- Huyendo de la violencia en Centroamérica una madre hispana llegó esta semana a Massachusetts después de haber vivido miles de contratiempos. Ella huyó con su bebé de un año de su país natal, luego de sufrir violencia doméstica por parte de su marido quien era parte de una pandilla.

8-19-2021

Hartford Flooding- Heavy downpours, remnants of Fred, are causing flooding in parts of the state and issues on the roads. There are flash flood warnings for Windham, Hartford, and Tolland counties.

8-2-2021

New Haven Violence Preventions - New Haven Mayor Elicker, Chief Dominguez and mental health officials, will hold a press conference in City Hall to announce the proposed formation of a new city department.

7-26-2021

Salem Dirt Bikes problem – Salem, Massachusetts is experimenting a growing problem with illegal motorcycle activity on its streets. The police say that many of these vehicles, not only do not have permits to circulate, but also, they would be being driven in reckless. It is estimated that there would be 3 groups of motorcyclists that travel between Lynn, Salem, Peabody and Beverly

7-22-2021

STOUGHTON DOUBLE FATAL - Arrest made in connection with a double fatal crash that killed a husband and wife. Victims are Alfredo and Aldina Pedro

7-15-2021

SOMERVILLE FATAL SHOOTING: Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Somerville Chief of Police Charles Femino have confirmed that Edson Moreno, 26 of Somerville, is under arrest in connection with a fatal shooting that occurred last night in Somerville.

7-5-2021

Worcester Lifeguard Stabbing - A teenage lifeguard was doing his job at a pond in Worcester, Massachusetts, when he was stabbed on the Fourth of July.

7-2-2021

Swimming Restrictions Drownings - With safety first and foremost on our minds, the Brockton Police are ensuring that our men and women have additional rescue supplies that could help save a life. At the same time, Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker filed legislation that would increase fines for swimming outside of designated waterfronts in the state.

7-1-2021

Fourth of July Holiday Travel - Boston metro area will see the second-highest projected spike in traffic among metro areas in the country during the holiday period, following the San Francisco area.

7-1-2021

CONSUMER REPORTS: Water Safety - An investigation by Consumer Reports and the organization "The Guardian" finds alarming levels of multiple pollutants such as arsenic, lead and toxic chemicals in tap water in several samples taken nationwide.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

9-28-2021

Pfizer Kids- Pfizer Has Announced They Are Officially Seeking FDA Approval For The Vaccine For Children Between The Ages Of 5-11 Years.

9-23-2021

RI Mental health schools - The RI Dept of Education. Receive \$ 9 million in federal funds to expand mental health programs. The funds will specifically go to the districts of Cranston, West Warwick and Westerly.

9-14-2021

Vaccines for Kids - Vaccines for children ages 5 to 11 could potentially come as soon as October under a “best case scenario,” Dr. Scott Gottlieb, the former Food and Drug Administration (FDA) chief who serves on Pfizer’s board, said Sunday—faster than an earlier timeline Gottlieb gave two weeks ago that projected the shots would likely roll out closer to early winter.

9-1-2021

Red Sox Covid- 10 Red Sox Players, Coaches Out Due to COVID- To date, eight Red Sox players and coaches have tested positive for coronavirus and two others have been identified as close contacts.

8-2-2021

Lynn Mask Mandate- The Lynn Public Schools Superintendent will recommend a universal mask mandate to the school committee for the start of school.

7-30-2021

Worcester Covid Ward - UMass Memorial Creating COVID Unit: UMass Memorial (Memorial Campus) told staff this week that it is creating an all-COVID unit as the number of patients quadrupled over the course of the week.

7-27-2021

Worcester School Mask – Health Leaders in Worcester al having conversation about possible mask return and Worcester Public Schools leaders are waiting for more state guidance

7-26-2021

MA Vaccines in Kids - Joint Committee on Public Health and Joint Committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management hold an oversight hearing on COVID-19 vaccinations for children

7-23-2021

PEABODY VACCINE AMBASSADORS: Only about 65% of eligible Peabody residents are fully vaccinated, but the Peabody Health Department wants to do whatever it can to encourage more members of the community to get the shot.

7-19-2021

Covid Resurge – Doctor Fanucci warned that some unvaccinated adults have been exposed to false information, are often skeptical of objective Covid-19 data and frequently justify their decision not to get vaccinated with “things that are really just not true.

7-17-2021

RI Rise on Sexual Transmitted Infections- Sexually transmitted infections are at an all-time high for the sixth year in a row. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 2.6 million new cases in 2019, compared to 1.9 million new cases in 2014.

7-1-2021

Marihuana in CT - As of Thursday, it is now legal for adults in Connecticut to possess and even consume small amounts of marijuana.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

9-23-2021

Work Permit Processing Delays - Processing times continue to remain lengthy to process many USCIS applications, including work permits. According to attorneys, wait times range anywhere from five to 12 months.

9-20-2021

Telemundo Responde: Cancelled Business Insurance Case – For many new entrepreneurs opening a new business, the inspection and licensing process can be really stressful... but for the Bravo brothers, the worst part was getting it insured.

9-13-2021

Columbia Gas settlement checks – Today marks three years since the gas explosions in the Merrimack Valley killed one teenager, injured 25 people and set more than 100 homes on fire, displacing thousands. A class action lawsuit filed against Columbia Gas resulted in a \$143 million-dollar settlement. While 11,000 residents received their settlement funds.

9-14-2021

Consumer Reports: Better pizza at home with outdoor oven - Can you get that great wood fired pizza taste at home without spending thousands on a high-end pizza oven? With so many new portable tabletop pizza ovens on the market,

9-1-2021

Consumer Alert: TRAVEL AND NEW COVID SURGE- The delta variant is causing consumers to cancel their travel plans and some airlines have canceled flights due to a lack of staff. We will tell you what to consider if you have plans to travel by plane soon.

8-2-2021

Telemundo Responde Carshield Warranty – Viewer has been paying monthly for a car warranty that was supposed to cover up to \$5,000 in car issues with the transmission or engine. His car is now in the shop with an engine problem and Car Shield was not honoring his warranty, so he called Responde. We were able to get him covered for most of the expenses.

7-27-2021

Consumer Reports – Ventiladores de techo - Si durante el verano tu factura de electricidad sube igual que las altas temperaturas, Consumer Reports te ofrece consejos sobre cómo un abanico de techo podría aliviar el calor y tu bolsillo

7-26-2021

Responde MERCEDES BENZ CAR TITLE - When Edgar Nieto decided to refinance his Mercedes Benz, valued around \$40,000, he found out that the car dealer had never sent his car title to the bank. Mr. Nieto spent months trying to recover the car title without success, so he decided to reach out to Telemundo Responde

7-19-2021

Telemundo Responde - COLOMBIA FLIGHT -A viewer reached out to Betsy when the flight she booked and paid for to Columbia changed multiple times since she booked it. It got to the point where she now had 5 difference stops. Betsy was able to help get it straightened out.

7-13-2021

Child Tax Credit Custody - Child tax credit and shared child custody: Could each parent get a payment for the same kid? Can each parent who shares custody receive child tax credit payments for the same kid? We'll explain the payment rules and requirements with the IRS.

7-2-2021

CONSUMER ALERT: BBB WARNS OF HOTEL SCAMS - According to the Better Business Bureau or BBB, 23% of consumers reported having been misled while looking for good hotel deals online. In order save your dream vacation from turning into a nightmare, the BBB offers a few tips to avoid falling for these scams.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/PARTNERSHIPS

Boston Globe: “The Last Best Shot”: August 18, 2021

One-Day broadcast and media partnership with The Boston Globe for spreading the word about the importance of getting the vaccine for bilingual communities.

Clear The Shelters: August 23-September 19th 2021

The NBCUniversal month-long adopt and donate campaign returned from **August 23-September 19th**. Across the country, Clear The Shelters is a unifying initiative that brings together the power of our stations and local shelters, who lead the way in pet care, for what is traditionally the largest single day adoption event in the country. Over 40 New England shelters participated with 10,000 local pets adopted locally.

Supporting Our Schools: September 2021

The NBCUniversal month-long school donation and supply drive returned from **September 6 – October 10** 2021. The annual campaign has delivered hundreds of thousands of dollars and supplies to underprivileged schools, teachers and students throughout New England including laptops and remote learning tools. The 2021 campaign has raised \$200,000 and nearly \$500,000 since 2017.

Mayoral Debate: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

[NBC10 Boston](#), [Telemundo Boston](#) and [NECN](#) in partnership with the Dorchester Reporter and the Bay State Banner, will host, broadcast and livestream a 1-hour long LIVE preliminary Mayoral Debate inside the NBCUniversal Boston Media Center tomorrow, Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The debate with **Mayor Kim Janey** and challengers John Barros, Andrea Campbell, Annissa Essaibi-George and Michelle Wu is a one hour long LIVE debate from inside a secure and closed studio inside the [NBCUniversal Boston Media Center](#) - located at 189B Street, Needham, MA. The NBC10 Boston and NECN broadcast airs from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Telemundo Boston will air the debate in Spanish on Saturday, September 11, at 11:30 p.m.

Milagros para Niños – Saturday, September 18

The “**Milagros para Niños**” 1/2hr special fundraiser with community partner Boston Children’s Hospital to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month hosted by Melody Mendez and Grace Gomez sharing heartwarming tales and lifesaving stories bringing the best pediatric care to Latinos in their home countries, raised \$500,000 through sponsorship & donations! Milagros para Niños (Miracles for Kids)—led by the Latino Advisory Council at Boston Children’s Hospital Trust— strives to improve the health and well-being of Latino children in New England and around the world. The initiative raises funds, builds awareness of the hospital in the Latino community and advocates for the care of children from local communities and all Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries. Since 2009, Milagros para Niños has raised more than \$10 million benefiting community and global health programs, groundbreaking research and lifesaving care at Boston Children’s—the one place that’s cured more childhood disease than any other hospital.