

# Quarterly Report of Community Issues and Programs Station: WNEU Period: January 1, 2020-March 31, 2020

Below is a list of some of the significant local issues, community events, and subsequent programs on WNEU for the 1st quarter of 2020.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

January 6, 2020 Local Hispanics in Providence, RI shared with us how they try to keep the tradition of celebrating the Three Kings Days with their children that are growing up away from their native countries.

February 12, 2020

Uber announced the launch of Uber Pet in Boston. Uber pet is an in-app option letting riders pay a surcharge (\$6) to have peace of mind when they bring a non-service animal on an Uber trip.

March 23, 2020

We launched a PSA campaign for community organizations raising funds and services for those impacted by COVID 19.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

January 9, 2020

A Woonsocket man is charged with sexual assault, kidnapping after a woman said she was held as a sex slave in a Providence Street apartment.

January 15, 2020 A city public works employee was fatally shot Wednesday afternoon in Lawrence, Massachusetts, according to the Essex County District Attorney's office.

January 16, 2020

A Massachusetts man who was arrested after allegedly kidnapping an 11-year-old girl is now facing child rape charges.

February 4, 2020

ICE Boston announced that its new push to nab suspected illegal immigrants let loose by sanctuary citytype policies has led to the capture of two of the five people it was publicly searching for last week.

February 18, 2020

Two Lamborghinis stolen overnight from a dealership in Wayland were found after they crashed in Malden.

March 23, 2020

We produced a report on the study available in Boston to evaluate the treatment with Remdisivir, led by a Hispanic doctor.

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

### January 7, 2020

Consumer reports- Some food can be consumed even after the expiration date.

### January 13, 2020

The founder of Insys Therapeutics, John Kapoor, was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for orchestrating a scheme to bribe practitioners to prescribe Subsys, a fentanyl-based pain medication, often when medically unnecessary.

### January 21

The Springfield Fire Department is warning people to stay off the ice after firefighters were called to Venture Pond for a possible ice rescue on the day before.

### January 30

Rhode Island's governor is pitching an unconventional recreational marijuana legalization plan centered on state-owned stores operated by private contractors, which would offer modest business opportunities for cannabis entrepreneurs.

### February 3, 2020

We interviewed a Cambridge man who has collected thousands of masks and other medical supplies for China. He has family in Shanghai but went to college in Wuhan – the epicenter of the outbreak. He showed us messages from his friends there and then gave us a tour of all the suitcases he's packing with supplies.

#### March 2, 2020

The principal of the private Rhode Island high school tied to the state's first coronavirus cases is asking parents to allow their children to participate in a federal study to help researchers understand how and why the virus affects various populations differently.

#### March 17, 2020

We explain the importance of washing the hands with soap and water. We reveal myths about homemade disinfectants.

#### **VIEWER ADVOCACY**

January 6, 2020

Telemundo Responde- We helped a viewer that bought a pot set on credit, but some of the payments she made went missing.

#### January 15, 2020

Telemundo Responde- A family affected by the gas explosion on the Merrimack Valley, had problems with the installation of a new heat system for their home.

#### February 10, 2020

Telemundo Responde- A Boston viewer was unpleasantly surprised when he arrived at the hotel where he had booked online his dream vacation in the Dominican Republic.

### February 17, 2020

Telemundo Responde- An Uber Gift Card ended up being more expensive than expected for a Fall River Massachusetts viewer, because it was not activated correctly.

## March 2, 2020

Telemundo Responde- We helped a viewer to recover the payment of hundreds of dollars for a few hours of her salary that had not been paid.

March 09, 2020

Telemundo Responde- A Rhode Island couple who bought a car in NY had trouble trying to cancel the car's warranty.