



Quarterly Report of Community Issues and Programs

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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 2022:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

3-31-23

Boston Citizenship Day - Tomorrow is citizenship day and the city of Boston will offer resources for the community.

3-30-23

Red Sox Opening Day: Fans- Today is Opening Day at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox, kicking off a new baseball season and sparking home amongst fans for a stronger year.

3-30-23

MA Fatal Ped Ax Report- WalkBoston released a report today that sheds new light on when and why pedestrian crashes are happening across Massachusetts, which were up by 35% in 2022 compared to 2021. Several pedestrian accidents have been reported this month alone.

3-29-23

Wilson Ortega Meets Heroes- Dominican construction worker who lost his legs in a collapsed of the building he was working in Boston meets today with the rescuers who saved his life.

3-28-23

Fenway Park Improvements- A tour of Fenway Park to preview the offseason enhancements to the ballpark in advance of the home opener on March 30.

3-24-23

Somerville Polyamorous Couples: Somerville secured its place as a supportive hub for people in polyamorous relationships Thursday night when the City Council unanimously approved an antidiscrimination ordinance to protect people in polyamorous and other consensually nonmonogamous relationships.

3-24-23

MA Food Insecurity Rising: Food insecurity is quickly on the rise across the state, hitting a level that food providers say mirrors what they saw during the thick of the pandemic. A distribution at the Salvation Army Chelsea Corps Community Center had to shut down more than 2 hours early Thursday after employees and volunteers supplied all 1,200 food boxes, they had on hand in less than 4 hours.

3-22-23

Boston Evictions- The number of evictions filed each week in Boston are up nearly 75% from last year, according to new data released by Princeton University's Eviction Lab, looking at the four-week average. Advocates and attorneys say eviction rates are coming back up after a lull during the pandemic, saying it's been a decades-long problem exacerbated by a cost-of-living crisis.

3-21-23

Springfield abandoned baby- Police in Springfield, Massachusetts, are trying to find the mother of a newborn boy found abandoned at a Puerto Rican family's home over the weekend

3-20-23

Salem MA Animal Cruelty- An animal cruelty investigation is underway after several puppies showing signs of abuse and neglect were abandoned at various locations in the city.

3-17-23

Malden MBTA Rat Threat- A 57-year-old Boston man well known to transit police for causing disturbances with his pet rat was arrested for threatening people with his rat. Jerry the Rat was turned over to animal control. Video of the man and his rat on Tik Tok has almost 400K likes.

3-10-23

Lawrence MA Citizenship- Congresswoman Lori Trahan (MA-03) will be in Lawrence to announce federal funding for the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's immigration assistance programs. The USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program award of \$300,000 is the first of its kind to be given to the Third District and will be used to expand the range of citizenship preparation services.

3-9-23

Mattapan Food Pantry Opens- Stop & Shop has opened a food pantry inside Mattahunt Elementary School in Mattapan, the grocer's 17th in-school food pantry in the city of Boston.

The Massachusetts-based supermarket chain started its School Food Pantry Program four years ago to ensure children have consistent access to healthy food and personal care essentials.

3-8-23

CT childcare concerns- Access to childcare is a growing problem in Connecticut. Childcare providers across the state are coming together today to highlight the need for more funding and support. Earlier this year, Gov. Ned Lamont announced increasing funding for Connecticut's largest childcare program, Care 4 Kids.

3-6-23

Harvard Sq T Ceiling Tile Falls - MBTA starts station inspections after dramatic video shows a ceiling panel almost falling on top of a woman at the Harvard Square train station.

3-3-23

Boston Rent Control- Discussion over a special law authorizing the city of Boston to implement rent stabilization and tenant eviction protections.

3-1-23

MA Rideshare Protest- Uber and Lyft drivers gather and make a collective drive to Uber local headquarters in Saugus, to demand the ride-hailing platform reinstate workers "unfairly deactivated" and voice support for legislation that would give drivers for the companies the ability to unionize, access to a base pay rate and protections such as unemployment insurance.

2-28-23

CT translators for parents- Governor Lamont supports a bill that would guarantee non-English speaking parents the right to certified translators for "critical interactions" with school staff.

2-28-23

Weather coverage Hartford CT- The snow that started last night is continuing today, causing slippery travel across Connecticut. Hundreds of districts canceled school and several state office buildings are closed.

2-22-23

MBTA slow zones- Just how slow has the T become? At eight points along the Green Line, it would be faster to run than take the T, according to new MBTA data obtained by the Globe. In at least one spot, it would probably be faster to walk.

2-17-23

Police in Boston schools- Boston Public Schools is quietly negotiating an agreement with the city's police force, which Mayor Michelle Wu's administration said Thursday will not place police in schools but instead will formalize the two entities' relationship.

2-16-23

RI undocumented driver's license- Fuerza Laboral in conjunction with the City of Central falls and the RI Immigration Coalition will hold a forum on how to obtain your driver's license if you are undocumented.

One of the most important things that people don't know is if they didn't file their taxes, they don't qualify.

2-15-23

Framingham Special Needs/School Budget Controversy- Democratic Chair Mike Hugo Suggests Aborting Life of Special Needs Child to Save School Budget.

2-13-23

Chelsea SNAP benefits- Starting tomorrow, the city of Chelsea will start offering SNAP help to residents ahead of the government's deadline in March to cancel extra pandemic help.

02-10-23

Worcester Displaced Families- It may take several more weeks before the nearly 200 residents of the Elm Park Tower in Worcester can return home after arctic weather damaged the Pleasant Street high rise.

02-10-23

PVD New Police Chief- Mayor Brett Smiley has picked Oscar Perez to be the next Providence police chief, elevating a 29-year veteran of the force and the first person of color to the job.

02-09-23

RI Free Tax Help- Organization Progreso Latino is also offering free tax preparation for Rhode Island residents.

02-06-23

Providence Teacher Coyote Email: The assistant principal of a Providence school is on paid leave as the district investigates an email sent to staff last week. Today we will speak with the Rhode Island education commissioner and Councilman Miguel Sánchez.

02-01-23

Boston South Station Homeless Cold- For more than five years, homeless people have not been allowed to stay overnight at South Station, but Governor Maura Healey says she will now open the state-owned transit hub during periods of extreme weather.

01-31-23

MA Sports Betting- In-person sports betting is officially legal in Massachusetts, kicking off today at three locations — Encore Boston Harbor in Everett, Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville, and MGM Springfield.

01-31-23

Worcester Housing Boom Concerns- Thanks to greater Boston's high housing prices, Worcester is seeing its first real building boom in recent history. Housing prices are shooting up as more people flock to Worcester, causing housing/rental prices to increase.

01-30-23

Lawrence highway hero- A Dominican resident of Lawrence who noticed a woman fainted while driving, got out of his car, and ran across the highway to help her, also risking his life. Everything is on cell phone video, and we will talk to him today.

01-27-23

Waltham Taqueria Best in US- Yelp named Taqueria El Amigo in Waltham, Massachusetts one of the best restaurants in U.S.

01-26-23

MA School Meals for All- Lawmakers, advocates and families relaunch a "School Meals for All" campaign for legislation to allow every Massachusetts student to receive free breakfast or lunch in school without providing income or other eligibility information.

01-23-23

MA Sports Gambling- We're a week away from the official start of sports betting in Massachusetts. In-person betting starts on Monday, while virtual betting won't start until March

01-20-23

RI jobs program- Skills for Rhode Island's Future is a non-profit organization that helps state residents find jobs and is currently looking for participants for its "Prepare RI" program. The goal is to give students in their last year of high school the opportunity to develop skills that will help them in their future.

01-19-23

Dominican Republic passport problems- Due to the delay in the supply of the passport booklets, a stamp will be placed extending the validity period to one year for citizens who need to renew that document. The consul for Dominican Republic here will speak to us about the process.

01-16-23

Waltham food pantry- A faction in Waltham is accused of trying to drive out a food pantry/feeding agency called Healthy Waltham. The agency assists mostly low-income workers and recent immigrants. They feed 1,000 families every two weeks.

01-13-23

Embrace, The Unveiling- Today is a historic day on the Boston Common, as The Embrace monument is finally unveiled, honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. NBC10/Telemundo is the official media partner of the event.

01-12-23

Boston School Bus Concerns- Seeking to fix Boston's long-troubled school bus system, a consultant hired by the district recommends several potentially controversial solutions, including changing the start times for schools, limiting which students can ride buses, and reevaluating whether every student with a disability who receives door-to-door service should

01-11-23

Revere Senior Center- Revere city council meeting got heated over a proposal to use the senior center as overnight homeless shelter.

01-10-23

BPS metal detectors- According to the Boston Globe, four Boston city councilors are calling for police presence and metal detectors inside Boston Public Schools, after police said a teacher used her body as a shield to protect a student from an attack by three teenage girls last week.

01-06-23

Hartford Three Kings Day- Local leaders will participate in a Three Kings Day toy drive at the Institute for Hispanic Families in Hartford.

01-06-23

Worcester bus fares- A new push in Worcester to start charging residents for public transportation when it's always been free.

01-04-23

MA Charlie Baker last day- Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker will do the symbolic transfer of power today with Governor-elect Maura Healey ahead of her swearing-in tomorrow.

01-04-23

East Boston keyed cars- new surveillance video shows a vandal keying car in East Boston.

01-03-23

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.

will spotlight what an investment in low-income housing can build.

PUBLIC SAFETY

3-31-23

MGH Employee Charged with Rape- Damien Knighton was charged in Boston accused of raping a patient. Authorities fear more victims will come forward.

3-30-23

CT Waterbury teen death folo- Dozens of people gathered to remember a Waterbury teen who drowned in a reservoir Tuesday night after running from police.

3-30-23

East Springfield fatal fire- Two people, and a dog died in an early morning house fire in East Springfield, MA today.

3-29-23

New Bedford Fatal Fire- One person is still unaccounted for after a massive fire ripped through a house in a dense New Bedford, Massachusetts, neighborhood, leaving one person dead and several others hurt.

3-28-23

CT Bridgeport Homicide- An Ecuadorian family from Stratford is looking for answers after their relative Marco Illescas-Canar was found dead in a garage in Bridgeport. Bridgeport police released an image of a person of interest.

3-27-23

CT New Haven Gang Indictments- U.S. Attorney and representatives from the New Haven State's Attorney's Office, ATF, FBI, DEA and New Haven Police Department will hold a press conference today to announce the unsealing of an indictment charging several individuals who are alleged to be responsible for numerous acts of gang-related violence in New Haven since 2018.

3-24-23

BPS Bus Driver Assaulted: A physical altercation broke out on a Boston Public Schools bus earlier this week, during which a bus driver "was assaulted by an adult while completing their route,".

3-23-23

RI Broad ATV accident- Two people died on Broad Street in Cranston, RI after an accident involving all-terrain motorcycles. This is the same Broad Street that goes into Providence. Accidents on all-terrain vehicles have been an issue for this area

3-23-23

CT East Haven Teen Crash- Five teens found traveling in a stolen car in East Haven hit multiple police cars and prompted lockdowns at two schools before being arrested. Dramatic dashcam video shows the arrest.

3-21-23

Boston ATM Assault- We received a tip from a reliable law enforcement source that a man was sucker punched while using an ATM at TD Bank on Winter Street. The victim died at the hospital yesterday. It was all caught on surveillance tape. It's the same street where the lottery store robbery happened a few weeks ago.

3-20-23

CT Derby children fatal crash- Five children from Derby, CT died in a crash in Westchester County, NY.

3-14-23

Brockton 14yo Killed- A teenager was killed and a woman was seriously hurt during a shooting early this morning in Brockton, Massachusetts.

3-7-23

CT Waterbury violence- Waterbury police held a press conference today on violent crime prevention in the city, hours after a deadly shooting killed one person and left another seriously injured.

3-6-23

CT Waterbury deadly crash- Two people are dead after a driver lost control and hit multiple cars and then a house in Waterbury.

3-3-23

CT School safety- School security experts and law enforcement are working together to make Connecticut schools safer. In a symposium there was talk of ways to prevent mass shootings and use new technology for additional security

3-2-23

CT Catalytic converter task force- A proposal aims to crack down on catalytic converter thefts. This morning a public hearing took place in Hartford.

2-28-23

Lawrence Car Stolen with Toddler- A 22-month-old girl was dropped off at Lawrence General Hospital after the vehicle she was inside was stolen. A man and a woman face kidnapping charges and were arraigned in court today.

2-24-23

Boston Director of Nightlife Economy- Mayor Michelle Wu announced earlier this week that Corean Reynolds will serve as the new Director of Nightlife Economy for the City of Boston.

2-21-23

Boston youth assaults- Two young women were arrested for randomly assaulting a 50-year-old woman on an MBTA bus in Boston. This is the second incident of this type within the last few days. Over the weekend, four minors ranging in age from 11 years old to 17 years old were also arrested for randomly attacking people in Boston's downtown crossing area.

2-20-23

Woburn Fatal Shooting- A man is dead and a second in the hospital after a shooting in a home in Woburn, Massachusetts early this morning.

2-15-23

Non-citizens Voting RI municipal elections- A progressive Providence lawmaker wants non-citizens to be able to vote in local elections. Bill H 5461, introduced by Rep. Enrique Sanchez, would authorize cities and towns to pass ordinances allowing all residents to vote in their municipal elections, regardless of immigration status.

2-14-23

Boston Gang Violence- The state awarded the city of Boston a \$1,642,723 in the form of a grant administered by the Police Department to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration programs.

2-13-23

Providence deadly shooting- 25-year-old Ivan Guillermo Encarnacion was shot and killed after a fight at a party in Providence, Rhode Island. Police will release new details about what happened today.

02-09-23

Worcester Police Body Cams: A long-awaited Worcester police body camera program could begin this month, which means almost every officer in the city will be able to record video and audio of almost all interactions with the public.

02-08-23

Lynn Wendy's Shooting: An investigation remained ongoing Wednesday morning after a teenage fast food restaurant worker was hurt in a shooting at a Lynn, Massachusetts, drive-thru, according to police. The shooting happened at the Wendy's on Boston Street just before 6 p.m., according to the Lynn Police Department.

02-08-23

PVD Police Chief Finalists: The finalist for Providence police chief will face questions at a public forum on Wednesday. This next chief will replace retired Col. Hugh Clements, who took a job in Washington D.C. with the Department of Justice.

02-07-23

RI Marijuana Charges- The State of Rhode Island will begin the process of eliminating charges for possession of Marijuana. What will this process be like! Who qualifies? Who will make the decision of the cases that will be eliminated?

02-07-23

Duxbury Mother Double MX- Lindsay Clancy is due to face charges Tuesday from her hospital bed in the killings of her three children in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Clancy is facing two murder charges and three strangulation charges.

02-06-23

Alewife Station Crash- An MBTA station in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is expected to still be closed Monday, two days after a car crashed into the top floor of the parking garage, sending a concrete barrier and debris onto the station below and leaving the vehicle dangling from above the facility.

01-30-23

RI Providence drive by shooting- Providence police say a 15-year-old boy was shot while walking down the street Saturday night. It appears someone in a car fired at the teenager near Joslin Park and drove off.

01-18-23

PVD teenager stabbed- A 16-year-old was stabbed multiple times in Providence. In addition to this case, we're looking at crime stats and the new mayor's plan to lower violence in the city

01-13-23

Missing East Boston woman- The DA's office announced it's investigating the disappearance of an East Boston Hispanic woman, who's been missing since November. We're speaking to people who know her today.

01-11-23

Cohasset Missing Woman- The search for missing Cohasset, Massachusetts mother Ana Walshe continues. Today there is a vigil in her honor.

01-09-23

Cohasset Missing Woman- The husband of missing mother Ane Walshe was in court today. Prosecutors said a knife and blood were found in the family's basement, and that the husband's lies to investigators about his whereabouts could have allowed him to clean up evidence. Prosecutors also say he bought \$450 worth of cleaning supplies from Home Depot.

01-04-23

Lawrence PD Body Cams- Lawrence's police chief wants his officers to use police body cams, but the union has been against it for years -- causing the department to have to return grant money.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3-27-23

Chelsea Marijuana Dispensaries- The Licensing Commission approved the applications for three retail marijuana facilities in Chelsea. The businesses will still need final approval from the state's Cannabis Control Commission before getting the final okay to operate from the city

3-16-23

CT Waterbury school health centers- Waterbury's Department of Public Health is seeking money from the state to create school-based health centers in 14 city schools.

2-02-23

Postpartum depression- More than a week after learning a Duxbury mother who killed her three kids lived with postpartum psychosis, we're talking to another mother who lived with postpartum depression and organizations who provide resources to families.

2-01-23

New Britain cannabis center- At a packed meeting, people raised concerns about a plan to bring a cannabis cultivation center to New Britain in an area near several schools.

1-20-23

New gonorrhea variant in MA- Health officials announced a "concerning" new strain of gonorrhea recently found in two Massachusetts residents.

1-03-23

MA School Masks Recommendation- At least 3 school districts in Massachusetts have mask advisories. Boston, Newton, and Arlington are all recommending masks. They're not requiring them, but it is advised given all the holiday travel and gatherings.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

3-29-23

Passport Delays- Passports are taking longer than ever to get processed lately. We explain why, and how long is too long

3-28-23

Financial Infidelity- Both financial and relationship experts explain why maintaining transparent finances with your partner is important both for your financial health and your relationship.

3-22-23

Betsy Badell: Alerta al Consumidor Smart TV Scam- Did you know that you can now get scammed directly from Smart TV? We'll explain how and what you can do to protect yourself and your family.

3-21-23

Spring flights and travel planning- Recent chaos during peak travel seasons may lead to more anxiety than excitement when planning your next trip. That's why we share some tips on how to best plan for your next flight.

3-8-23

Consumer Alert- A new social media trend is on the rise...this time to de-influence followers, convincing them not to buy products just because they are recommended by an influencer. Confused? We'll explain how this new trend works and how marketers believe this will change social media.

3-7-23

Consumer Alert- Credit card fraud is on the rise, happening more frequently, according to a national study.

3-6-23

Responde TV Warranty- Viewer purchased a TV during black Friday that presented problems right out of the box. Find out how Responde was able to help.

3-1-23

SNAP Benefits Ending- Hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts households are on alert, ahead of getting their final enhanced SNAP payment on Thursday. Lawmakers on Beacon Hill will discuss funding today to extend the extra payments for 630,000 Massachusetts families.

2-27-23

Responde Car transmission trouble- A viewer from Hartford, CT had a frustrating experience when she took her vehicle to a local mechanic for a transmission repair.

2-22-23

Tips to find college scholarships- College is an enormous financial commitment. The student loan debt in the U.S. is a staggering 1.7 trillion dollars. As high school seniors start researching where they'll spend the next four years, there are some ways to keep costs down. Consumer investigative reporter Betsy Badell dives into how you could save money for college.

2-21-23

Housing Market 2021- The wild housing market we saw over the past couple of years isn't that wild anymore. High mortgage rates have slowed down the housing market considerably. Inflation and concerns about possible recession have potential homebuyers proceeding with caution. Consumer investigative reporter Betsy Badell has more on what potential homebuyers and sellers can expect this year.

2-17-23

Moneygram scam refund- If you sent money via moneygram and fell victim to a scam, you may qualify for a refund from the company.

2-15-23

IRS TAX FORM 1099-K- There is a new tax policy that will impact you if you use third party payment networks, like Venmo and PayPal. But it doesn't take effect until next year. The IRS and Treasury heard several concerns regarding the timeline and implementation of these changes and delayed them to help smooth the transition.

2-14-23

Rhode Island tax prep- Progreso Latino is offering tax preparation at no cost to Rhode Island residents. It is also important that undocumented people do their taxes since this year they will be able to apply for a driver's license in Rhode Island.

2-14-23

Alerta Romance Scams- Romance scammers tell all sorts of lies to steal your heart and money, and reports to the FTC show those lies are working. Last year's romance scam numbers looked a lot like 2021 all over again, and it's not a pretty picture. In 2022, nearly 70,000 people reported a romance scam, and reported losses hit a staggering \$1.3 billion. Betsy Badell explains how catfishing scams work so that you don't get hooked.

2-13-23

Responde Faulty Used Car- A local viewer paid for a used car before checking it out in person. The vehicle presented mechanical issues before it even left the car dealer, so she refused to take it home.

The dealer agreed to return her money, but weeks went by and the consumer did not get her money back or even an update from the dealer, so she called Telemundo Responde

02-10-23

Safe Home Security Settlement- Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell announced that her office has reached a \$6.5 million settlement, including \$4.7 million in debt relief, with a Connecticut-based home security services company and its CEO to resolve allegations that they violated state consumer protection laws by deceptively trapping Massachusetts consumers in long-term auto renewal contracts and engaging in illegal debt collection practices.

02-09-23

CONSUMER ALERT – UTILITY SCAM- Eversource advice consumers to hang up if they receive calls from alleged utility company agents asking for immediate payments in order to avoid a service suspension.

02-08-23

Consumer Alert- Donations Scam warning

02-07-23

IRS EITC CREDIT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES- According to the IRS 20% of claimants who qualify for this tax credit miss out for not requesting it. Betsy spoke with an IRS spokesperson that explain who qualifies.

02-06-23

Telemundo Responde: A local family hoping to save money on their trip to Orlando's theme parks, fell for a free ticket offer in exchange of sitting through a presentation where a travel agency sold them a timeshare, while reassuring them it was not a timeshare.

02-01-23

Choosing a tax preparer- Tips on how to choose the right tax preparer this tax season.

01-31-23

Odometer scams- Now that car odometers are digital, it is easier and cheaper than ever before to tamper with them. We'll explain how to avoid falling for odometer scams before buying a car.

01-30-23

Responde lost luggage- Telemundo Responde helped a viewer get her lost luggage back from a Copa Airlines flight

01-25-23

Retirement changes- Changes to retirement in the new year.

01-23-23

Puppy scam warning- How to avoid falling for puppy scams.

01-17-23

Financial advice for 2023- Best financial tips for the new year

01-11-23

2023 Scam Predictions- A look at what are expected to be the most popular scams of the year.

01-10-23

Price of Eggs- The high price of eggs are leading people to resort to raising chickens in their homes. Businesses are also looking for ways to offset the costs.

01-06-23

Pandemic Snap benefits end- Federal extra pandemic snap benefits to end as of February 2023. State launches public awareness campaign, including a website to help residents connect with other resources.

01-05-23

Grocery Store Ratings- A study shows the cheapest grocery store in Massachusetts is Market Basket.

01-04-23

CR Digitizing family memories- Consumer Reports took a look at several companies that turn told prints into digital files—so they're preserved forever.