



Quarterly Report of Community Issues and Programs
Station: WNEU
Period: October 1, 2021- December 31, 2021

Below is a list of some of the significant local issues, community events, and subsequent programs on WNEU for the 4th Quarter of 2021:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

10-01-2021

ICE new Guidelines - The Biden administration has announced its new guidance for immigration enforcement, the new rules are meant to limit arrests and deportations. Just being in the country without proper documentation can't be a basis for an arrest and deportation. However, there is some room for interpretation and this is problematic according to immigration advocates.

10-06-2021

Boston immigrants Protest. TPS beneficiaries denounce that the Democratic Party has betrayed and used them politically.

10-12-2021

MA Natl Guard/School Testing

Gov. Charlie Baker has activated up to 200 members of the National Guard to assist with COVID-19 testing in Massachusetts schools.

10-18-2021

Lawrence Teacher Protest – Teacher/staff led protest against the violence in the high school as of late, and they are notably mentioning the understaffing as an issue among others. Later tonight at 7, there will be an Emergency Meeting that the mayor of Lawrence called for last week.

10-19-2021

Boston Mayoral Debate Poll - Wu Maintains Commanding Lead Over Essaibi George Ahead of Tuesday's Debate, New Poll Shows. commanding lead over opponent Annissa Essaibi George, a new poll shows. The poll, conducted by Suffolk University for NBC10 Boston and The Boston Globe, has Wu at 62%, more than double the 30% Essaibi George received.

10-22-2021

Plow driver shortage/Winter Workers - City of Lowell will pay more than \$ 100 / hour.

10-24-21

Telemundo Community Heroes- this one-hour special highlighted inspiring people making a difference in our Hispanic communities across New England.

10-25-2021

Boston Mass & Cass Clearout - As stated in the executive order issued this past week, tents are not appropriate housing and are not permitted in public ways. The City regularly posts notices informing the public that tents must be removed.

10-28-2021

US limits immigration arrests- U.S. immigration authorities will limit arrests at schools, hospitals and other "protected" areas under guidelines issued Wednesday by the Department of Homeland Security, part of a broader effort to roll back the approach to enforcement under President Donald Trump.

11-03-2021

Holyoke first Latino Mayor - Joshua Garcia will become the first Latino Mayor in the city of Holyoke once he is sworn in. He beat Michael Sullivan, who conceded 15 minutes after the polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday night.

11-03-2021

DePena wins Lawrence mayoral race - Broadway businessman and former City Councilor Brian DePena became the city's next mayor in Tuesday's election.

11-08-2021

Families separated on the Border - President Joe Biden said Saturday that the families of children separated from their parents on the U.S.-Mexico border during Donald Trump's presidency will need to be compensated, at a time when the Justice Department is negotiating an agreement with the affected families.

11-10-2021

DR Workers Visas- The Dominican Republic received the news of its inclusion in the list of countries eligible for H-2B work visas of the United States for the year 2022.

11-11-2021

BOSTON PUERTO RICAN VETS CEREMONY- The Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association, Inc. is an organization of U.S. military veterans and their supporters who have come together to honor men and women of Puerto Rican origin who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since the founding of the United States.

11-16-2021

Bellwin- Wu Inauguration - Historic Inauguration of Boston Mayor-Elect Michelle Wu Tuesday. The election of Wu marked the first time that Boston voters elected a woman or a person of color to the top political job.

11-22-2021

Lynn School Absences — Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler said that overall attendance is down by 3 percent throughout the district this school year, in comparison to the 2019-20

12-09-2021

Trans Migrant on Fleeing Violence, Seeking Asylum in US- It is the story of a man after he works on a Vermont cattle ranch. Cristian, who is a Hispanic trans man, came to the United States fleeing not only from violence and poverty in his country, but also, due to his sexual orientation, had to do so, not without first experiencing a series of discrimination and even death threats upon his passage to the United States.

12-10-2021

Revere high school protest – Revere high school walkout/protest (sexual harassment accusations)

12-10-2021

RI Domestic Violence - A state employee disrupted Gov. Dan McKee's regular COVID-19 briefing Thursday to deliver a message about domestic violence. The state trooper assigned to protect the governor tried to remove the woman, but McKee instructed the trooper to let her speak. Mabel Martinez said she had to take the step to get out her message about domestic violence.

12-13-2021

Salem Mask Mandate - Indoor mask mandate for Salem city buildings takes effect today. Until further notice masks are required inside all City buildings in Salem for both employees and the public. This requirement includes individuals who are vaccinated against COVID-19.

12-13-2021

Boston ABCD Toy Drive – ABCD Toy Drive Struggles: This year the request for help has reached an unprecedented level, where parents' requests are far outpacing donations. They think the pandemic, coupled with an increase in the cost of everything from groceries to utilities, has led to the increased need.

12-14-2021

Methuen First Bilingual Dispatchers: Calling 911 in a time of need can no doubt be a harrowing experience, but local residents now have the opportunity to connect with two new calm voices on the other end of the line with the addition of Yenifer Cabreja and Larissa Alves to the Police Department's dispatch team.

12-15-2021

New Chelsea MBTA-CR Station - There's a noon ribbon cutting this morning. On Wednesday, December 15, at noon at the ramp entrance of the new Chelsea Commuter Rail Station, MassDOT Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak will join community leaders to celebrate the opening of the brand new and fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station.

12-16-2021

Corona: MA Testing Kits- Teams from the Massachusetts National Guard and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency will help deliver the 2.1 million iHealth rapid antigen COVID-19 test kits to towns starting today. Local officials will then determine the best strategy to distribute the tests to their residents in Revere MA at 3pm.

12-17-21

Lawrence Rapid Test Rollout Presser – City of Lawrence received a total of 76,140 COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A press conference is scheduled for today in Lawrence City Hall to provide additional information to the community.

12-22-21

Financial Help for Heating: The Governor of Rhode Island announces that \$ 21 million in federal funds will be made available to families in need. Everything to help cover the costs of utilities such as water and heat during these cold months.

12-29-21

Antigen tests Omicron - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned that antigen tests may be less effective in detecting the highly contagious omicron variant of COVID-19.

PUBLIC SAFETY

10-11-2021

Fauci greenlights trick-or-treating - Halloween está a la vuelta de la esquina y desde ha el Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, ha indicado que el famoso dulce o truco al aire libre es perfectamente seguro. Podríamos hablar con padres si ellos piensan llevar a sus hijos a estos eventos o si son más cautelosos.

10-11-2021

Shooting Rumba Café Bar - East Haven Police say two people may have fired shots at cars in a parking lot full of patrons behind a bar in the town overnight.

10-12-2021

BROCKTON GUN TO SCHOOL - Plans are in place for enhanced security measures to be enacted on Tuesday morning. There will be additional police officers on site, including at the entrances to the school at the start of the school day. The added police presence will remain on site for the entire school day.

10-15-2021

Providence shots fired- Providence police responded to a shots fired incident a half-mile from where a man was shot and killed at Laundromax earlier this week.

10-25-2021

Brockton School Security - New metal detectors at Brockton High School today, following a gun being brought to school and Friday's shelter in place order

10-26-2021

Mattapan Bus Strikes Ped - Woman walking dog struck by school bus in Mattapan.

10-28-2021

Lynn Dirt Bikes Meeting- Following up on a meeting were City Councilors, Chief of Police and Public Health and Safety Committee requested and proposed greater control in the streets and public properties so that motorists are monitored and for the public safety.

10-28-2021

Chelsea Water Rescue- Checking on the woman that was rescued from the ocean water below Meridian Street Bridge, on the Chelsea - East Boston line.

11-01-2021

Pawtucket Multiple fires- "There were five separate fires in the same area. All five fires were incendiary. Two businesses, two homes and a vehicle were set on fire. Investigation ongoing," said Michael Sweeney of the state fire marshal's office.

11-03-2021

Everett 3 Alarm Fire - The building houses a restaurant, Oliveria's Steak Bar & Grill, as well as apartments above it. Everyone was able to make it out of the building safely, officials said.

11-04-2021

Dorchester Principal Attack - A Boston Public Schools principal had to be taken to the hospital Wednesday after she was assaulted by a student.

11-09-2021

Dorchester Teen Attacked- Naeem Patrick, 29, of Dorchester, is expected to be arraigned after it was alleged, he struck a juvenile female in the back of the head and the attempted to drag her into a nearby wooded area.

11-10-2021

Mattapan Fatal Shooting- A woman has died, and a man is injured after a double shooting in Boston's Mattapan neighborhood overnight.

11-11-2021

FBI Wanted Reward- The FBI is asking the general public for assistance with information in locating CHRISTIAN VELEZ, 23. Velez is charged with federal robbery and firearm offenses and is currently being sought by law enforcement for his alleged involvement in a series of robberies throughout Connecticut beginning in September 2021.

12-09-2021

Hyannis Homicide - Police are investigating a suspicious death in Hyannis, according to reports.

12-09-2021

Fire in Waterbury - Crews are responding to a fire in Waterbury. Firefighters are responding to a fire on Congress Street in Waterbury, according to the Waterbury fire marshal's office.

12-13-2021

Chelsea DX Investigation – Investigation Continues After Woman Stabbed to Death in Chelsea. A 48-year-old woman was found stabbed to death inside her apartment Saturday at Parkway Commons on Stockton Street, officials said.

12-14-2021

Saugus Pursuit-Crash/Homicide: Jorge Delgado Medina Will be charged and in court today. The suspect led police on a wild pursuit yesterday down Rte 1 and into a Saugus neighborhood where he eventually crashed.

12-14-2021

Providence shootings - Providence police said a 20-year-old man was critically injured in a shooting Monday night. In total there are 23 homicides in the city this 2021.

12-15-2021

Brighton St. Elizabeth's Fatal Ped Ax - A pedestrian was killed when they were struck by a vehicle in front of a hospital in Boston's Brighton neighborhood on Wednesday morning. Boston police said the crash happened outside of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center on Cambridge Street.

12-16-2021

Everett/NashuaNH Smash & Grabs- Police in Everett responded to a smash-and-grab break in at a jewelry store early Thursday morning. Around 6 a.m., at least one person smashed in the glass at Gold N' Oldies Jewelry and Antiques on Revere Beach Parkway in Everett, where the store's owner said they made off with a couple hundred dollars' worth of stolen rings.

12-16-2021

Hyde Park Driver/VT Shooting- After a lengthy investigation that began more than two years ago, the Vermont State Police has arrested a suspect in connection with the Nov. 1, 2019, fatal shooting of a truck driver in Rockingham, Roberto Fonseca-Rivera, 44, of Boston, Massachusetts.

12-17-21

Brighton 8 Alarm Fire - Boston Firefighters Battle Intense Blaze in Former Brighton Music School. All firefighters were ordered to evacuate the building and get off the roof as they dealt with "zero visibility" due thick black smoke and a shifting wind.

12-21-21

Chelsea Gift Donations- The Salvation Army Chelsea Corps is distributing 5,000 holiday gifts to children and families in need from Everett, Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea.

12-23-21

Somerville Car Shot - Man, a resident of going to work on Marshall St. went to work, realized he forgot his lunch, and double parked adjacent to another car. Person(s) in that car fired a shot through his passenger window, whizzing by his head, and the bullet exited his driver window with the bullet landing in a playground.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

10-01-21

Merck Covid Pill Cuts Deaths In Half - Merck says experimental Covid-19 pill cuts risk of death, hospitalization by 50 percent.

10-06-2021

N. Andover Silicone Injections - At 3pm Gladys Ceron of North Andover is expected to be sentenced after she was found guilty to giving “hundreds” of silicone injections to people in the Merrimack Valley - mostly in Lawrence.

10-12-2021

Lynn Food Public Schools- There is a petition to demand the LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOL to have better and healthier food selection for our children.

10-22-2021

Dorchester Child Hit & Run – Sospechoso hispanos finalmente es presentado en corte, tras pasara varias semanas del arrollamiento del niño dominicano.

11-01-2021

Mass & Cass Tent Removal - Boston Mass. and Cass Residents Reach Deadline to Move Monday. The encampment has grown over the last several months, and the city has said the tent encampment is a public health risk, unsanitary and dangerous.

11-01-2021

Worcester Vaccination Policy in Effect - Worcester's vaccination policy goes into effect today, the city employees must be vaccinated against covid19 or provide a weekly proof of negative test.

11-04-2021

Baker/Pediatric Vaccines - Plans for Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Expected Thursday. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is expected to formalize plans for the rollout in an announcement at Children's Hospital Thursday morning.

11-09-2021

How to avoid package theft- Prevent your packages from being stolen from the very front of your house. We evaluated many home security products that can help keep your porch and home safe this holiday season and beyond.

12-13-2021

Baker/MA Testing- Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is scheduled to make an announcement about COVID-19 testing Monday morning as leaders try to get a handle on a surge of coronavirus cases and the new omicron variant.

12-14-2021

Ma Testing Kits - Teams from the Massachusetts National Guard and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency will help deliver the 2.1 million iHealth rapid antigen COVID-19 test kits to towns starting today. Local officials will then determine the best strategy to distribute the tests to their residents.

12-15-2021

BPS Covid Concerns Rally - Families, school nurses and allies will gather at the MA State House Wednesday evening to "shine a light" on COVID safety in BPS. The coalition Families for COVID Safety (FamCOSa) is calling on BPS and DESE to take proactive steps to stop COVID spread in our schools and communities, including fixing testing, contact tracing and ventilation.

12-17-2021

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12-21-21

Baker COVID Update- Gov. Charlie Baker announced Tuesday he is activating up to 500 members of the National Guard to assist hospitals with the COVID-19 surge and updating the state's mask advisory.

12-22-21

REVERE STUDENTS TEST KITS: Today Mayor Arrigo and the Revere Department of Public Health will distribute over 7,000 self-test kits (14,000 tests) to every Revere Public School student.

12-24-21

National Guard & Surgeries Pause / Corona: Long lines, waits at COVID-19 testing sites.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

10-18-2021

Responde: Hotel Hygiene - After finding her hotel room was not as clean as expected, Maria Miranda decided to cancel the reservation and spend the night elsewhere. While the hotel promised to give her a refund, they did not deliver until Telemundo Responde reached out.

10-19-21

Consumer Reports: Tips for buying a car right now- CR tells us how to navigate the current car sales market with a chip shortage.

11-01-2021

Responde - Expedia Boston to PR flight ticket case. ¿se imagina que su reservación de vuelo desaparezca a la hora de abordar el avión?

11-08-2021

Coin Circulation- Since June of 2020, the U.S. has been experiencing the coin circulation issue. The Federal Reserve said it's not a shortage. The coins are out there, but there is simply not enough circulating to meet individual and business needs.

11-10-2021

MEATFLATION STRIKES DINNER TABLES- Consumers nationwide have already seen prices soar on everyday items from gas to electronics. Next on the list? Beef. Bloomberg is calling the soaring cost of beef "meat-flation", up 34% since last year. Alongside veal, the category is weighing in with the largest price increase of any food group.

12-13-2021

Telemundo Responde: Refrigerator Warranty Case - Local viewer purchased a Kenmore refrigerator at Sears 5 years ago for \$5,000 with an \$800 extended warranty. Within the first year of use, the appliance started to break down. The warranty would not honor a replacement until Responde reached out.

12-15-2021

Consumer Alert- Credit Cards Do's And Don'ts - Finance experts do not recommend going in debt during the holiday season, but still thousands of consumers use credit cards to go shopping, so we'll provide some tips to make better use of your credit cards.

12-16-2021

Consumer reports: Save Money On Your Heating Bill - Experts warn that this winter could be colder than usual, and with the increasing oil prices, we may see a spike in our energy bills to keep our homes warm. But as Consumer Reports tells us, some home energy decisions could make a big difference to save you money.

12-21-21

CONSUMER REPORTS: FULL HOUSE AND FULL FRIDGE FOR HOLIDAYS When the holiday season hits, it's all too easy to let food pile up and take over your fridge.

12-22-21

Consumer Alert- OVERDRAFT FEES: En una medida aplaudida por defensores de los consumidores, el banco Capital One anuncio que eliminaría las tarifas de sobregiro para sus clientes.

12-29-21

Telemundo Responde: Best Cases Of The Year - We'll look back at the best cases of 2021 and how Responde was able to help consumers this year.

Community Initiatives

October

Horizons For Homeless:

The Boston stations of NBC & Telemundo supported longtime partner, Horizons for Homeless with exposure and Emcee for their annual Gala. **The mission of Horizons for Homeless Children is to improve the lives of young homeless children in Massachusetts and help their families succeed by providing high-quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support services.**

November

Bundle-Up Coat Drive:

Our stations 5th annual [“Bundle-Up” New England](#) coat donation drive to help our vulnerable community stay warm during the Winter months runs from this **Monday, November 15, 2021 – March 2022**. [Cradles to Crayons](#) (C2C) is once again our Community and distribution partner in each market. This outstanding organization collects warm winter clothing public drop-off items at their “Covid-regulated” drop-off box locations. *All items will be quarantined, cleaned, collected and itemized* inside their “Giving Factories” *before being distributed*. The C2C distribution network includes hundreds of partner organizations located throughout each participating state. These organizations include homeless shelters, social service agencies, schools, health centers, and hospitals. Viewers are also able to donate through the QR code to the Amazon Gift Registry. Bundle-Up has donated over 25,000 warm clothing items since 2018.

Pie in the Sky/ Community Servings:

The NBCU Boston Media Center in Needham served as one of 40 public “Pie Pick-up sites” for the annual Pie in the Sky food drive on Tuesday Nov.23 from 12PM to 6PM. In addition to donating over 150 pies to help feed families, our stations helped get the word out about the campaign on air, social and digital. When you purchase a \$30 pie for your holiday table or a Community Servings client, you also provide a week’s worth of scratch-made medically tailored meals for a neighbor in need. Over 29 years and with support from more than 150 Boston-area chefs, bakers, caterers, and restaurants that generously donate scratch-made apple, pecan, pumpkin, and sweet potato Thanksgiving pies, *Pie in the Sky* has become known as “the World’s Greatest Bake Sale.” Now a time-honored holiday tradition, “Pie,” as we often call it, has been adopted by like-minded agencies across the country to help feed people in their community experiencing a range of critical and chronic illnesses.

December

COMCAST 100 Laptop/Internet Essentials giveaway campaign:

Telemundo Boston is one of the NBCU/Telemundo stations selected to participate in this year’s COMCAST 100 Laptop/Internet Essentials giveaway campaign. This is part of the NBCUniversal Season of Service. We have delivered 100 Laptops to 5 local non-profit Latino organizations in need –with a focus on education.

Tornado Disaster Relief:

All 4 Boston NBC & Telemundo stations partnered with the American Red Cross to help in the relief efforts of the people and communities devastated by the Kentucky/Midwest Tornadoes. Our efforts across 6 states provided critical relief including supplies, food, housing and blood donations.

Ongoing**August 2021 – September 2022****PAWSitively Good Awards:**

Part of the NBCU Clear The Shelters pet adoption campaign, The PAWSitively Good Awards, will honor groups, non-profits and heroes who help shelter pets through a call for nominations. One nominee will be selected and featured within our Lifestyle programs monthly, with one winner selected by end of Summer 2022.