



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 2nd Quarter of 2023:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

6-30-23

MA Beach Weekend - Ahead of the Fourth of July weekend, crowds are expected at Massachusetts beaches. Last holiday weekend, two shootings happened in the Revere Beach area and police had to increase security.

6-29-23

Worcester Lifeguard/Staff Shortages- For the second year in a row a Worcester beach has to remain closed due to lifeguard/staff shortages. The city also says it will be staggering the opening of spray parks, beaches and pools this summer.

6-28-23

CT Hartford Police Retention- Hartford's Police Union says there is a critical need for more officers and accuses the mayor and police chief of failing to address retention issues.

6-23-23

Lynn MBTA Station Closed: But with the closing of that station, the transit piece of this development puzzle vanished. Now, trains run through Lynn.

6-22-23

Salem Dead Fish- Thousands of dead fish could be seen Wednesday in the water near Pickering Wharf in Salem, Massachusetts.

6-21-23

Framingham Push Sanctuary City- City Council discussed last night the ordinance to become a Sanctuary City. They City Council agreed on to change the language of the ordinance to become a welcoming city for immigrants.

6-17-23

Missing Submersible search- Rescuers are racing the clock in search for a manned submersible lost while touring Titanic wreckage. The Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Air Force are deploying more aircraft and vessels to aid in the search for the 21-foot vessel.

6-13-23

RMV Undocumented Licenses- In two weeks, undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts will be able to apply for drivers' licenses. We have an exclusive walkthrough with the RMV on how the process will work

6-7-23

CT Latine Name Change- Legislators voted to change the term Latina/o to Latine in official state documents to be more inclusive to the LGBTQ community, without changing the term to Latinx as activists had asked for.

6-6-23

East Boston Traffic Concerns- With Suffolk Downs music festivals starting next week and the tunnel closing soon, residents in East Boston and Revere worry about the summer traffic nightmare.

6-1-23

Waterbury Humanitarian Visa- Follow up on a hit-and-run that left a 17 -year-old from Ecuador in a coma after he was struck in Waterbury, Connecticut. The Ecuadorian consulate in New Haven is working with the family to help the parents get a humanitarian visa so they can travel to Connecticut to authorize his medical procedures.

5-31-23

MA Happy Hour Hearing- Bills dealing with the sale of alcohol will be discussed at a hearing today. One proposal would permanently allow restaurants to sell beer, wine and cocktails to-go. There's also another push to revive happy hour, which has been banned in Massachusetts since 1984.

5-30-23

MA Food insecurity- There is a new study from the Greater Boston Food Bank - 1/3 of Mass residents are food insecure – up 14% since 2019.

5-25-23

Memorial Day Travel- AAA spokesperson tells us what to expect when traveling for Memorial Day weekend this year and how to avoid delays or any other issues.

5-24-23

DCR Water Safety Avail- State officials hold an event at Revere Beach promoting water safety ahead of the Memorial Day Weekend kickoff of the summer season.

5-24-23

MA School Cell Phone Concerns- The state's K-12 education department is encouraging districts to restrict or ban students' cellphone use in schools, possibly moving toward a statewide mandate in the future. Commissioner Jeffrey Riley announced the department will "likely" create a matching grant program of up to \$1 million for districts that pilot a cellphone restriction policy.

5-22-23

Boston Affordable Housing- Boston Mayor Michelle Wu on Sunday announced plans to offer 150 vacant lots in Boston to developers for free if they agree to use them for affordable housing.

5-19-23

Taylor Swift Concert: Gillette will only allow concertgoers with tickets to park in the stadium lots. They are not allowing fans to tailgate during the concert. Foxboro residents and local businesses are selling parking spaces on their property

5-17-23

Dorchester Die-In: The Center for Teen Empowerment will stage a Die-In protest on May 17 in Dorchester at the intersection of Washington Street and Columbia Road at 12:00pm. At 2:15pm, the group will march down to the Fenelon Street Playground/Basketball Court.

5-16-23

Brockton School Layoffs- Brockton Public Schools will cut 130 jobs after seeing a decline of enrollment. Since the start of the pandemic enrollment dropped nearly 1,350 students. It's one of the bigger school districts in Massachusetts.

5-11-23

Title 42 Local- Today is the end of Title 42 and migrant aid groups across Massachusetts anticipate more arrivals. Today we're looking at the human angle and speaking to families who have moved to the area after crossing the border recently.

5-9-23

Border Title 42 Local- A new surge of migrants is overwhelming Massachusetts' aid network, and even more could arrive after the end of Title 42. Migrant aid groups across the state said they're working at or beyond their capacity. Now, shelters are overflowing, and the state has placed nearly 900 families in hotels as an emergency measure,

5-5-23

Waltham Moody St closure- Moody Street in Waltham will close at the end of the month, something business owners says hurts their business every summer.

5-4-23

Boston job fair- View Boston is hosting a job fair from May 4-6 at the Prudential Center. Over 200 job opportunities are up for grabs across different areas such as operations, food & beverage, retail and venue IT. This is a rare opportunity for job seekers to interact with industry professionals and secure a fulfilling career in Boston.

5-3-23

Framingham school bus strike- Framingham is one of three school districts warning parents to make transportation arrangements ahead of a possible school bus driver strike next week.

5-2-23

Boston Open Streets- City leaders in Boston are set to announce the return of Open Streets. It's part of Mayor Michelle Wu's effort to boost neighborhoods for residents and visitors by temporarily closing down streets to cars and making them pedestrian-only, promoting local businesses and attractions, and having people experience streets as public spaces.

4-28-23

Boston Immigrant Fair- Preview to a immigrant fair in Boston this weekend, in which new immigrants to Boston will get resources about everything from English classes to legal help. Betsy Badell from Telemundo Responde will have a booth to answer any consumer-related questions and explain what her team does.

4-27-23

Missing man crossing border- A woman says her brother has been missing since September, traveling from Mexico to Boston. His children live in the Boston area, and he was trying to come back after going to Mexico to visit his father who was very sick.

4-26-23

New Haven New Tech- The New Haven Police Department is planning to acquire two drones and GPS equipment that can latch onto cars implicated in crimes. The technology can shoot GPS tags from cop cars and handheld launchers at moving vehicles, which the devices can latch onto and track for up to eight hours.

4-24-23

The MLS team New England Revolution had a special contract signing ceremony prior to their game on Saturday, in which 16 players were chosen to compete in the next Special Olympics.

4-20-23

CT New Haven Superintendent- It was a historic day for New Haven Public Schools. The school board confirmed Dr. Madeline Negron as the new superintendent, and she will be the first Hispanic leader of the district with a high Latino student population.

4-19-23

Bristol ICE Detention Center video- The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office this week released video recordings from May 2020, when 25 detainees at the former ICE detention center run by the Bristol County Sheriff's Office in North Dartmouth staged an uprising that eventually led to the center closing. Today we're talking to ACLU about its lawsuit against the Bristol County Sheriff's Office.

4-14-23

CT Lifeguard Shortage- Presser today on a lifeguard shortage in Connecticut ahead of the summer.

4-14-23

Remembering Boston Marthon- A Day before the 10-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing, we spoke to two members of our Telemundo staff who were covering the event when the bombing happened.

4-13-23

MBTA Blue Line Shuttles- Shuttle buses were replacing service along a section of the MBTA's Blue Line on Thursday morning as crews made repairs to overhead wires.

04-11-23

Cambridge 6 Alarm Church Fire- Following a massive fire at a Cambridge, Massachusetts, church that broke out on Easter Sunday, crews on Tuesday are gearing up to tear down the steeple on the historic house of worship.

04-10-23

Chelsea ICE Arrests- According to Boston Herald: In a Chelsea strip mall parking lot, officers of ICE converged to plan out their morning's work: arresting four men charged either in the U.S. or their home country with crimes from rape to securities fraud.

04-07-23

Hartford Good Friday- Good Friday processions in Hartford, Connecticut.

04-06-23

Fenway Cultural Identity Nights- Cultural and Identity nights are back at Fenway this season with 13 celebrations lined up. These cultural identity nights are a part of a 20-year effort and incremental progress to make Fenway Park a place that is inclusive and where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

04-03-23

MBTA Labor Shortage Report- The MBTA is facing a critical moment in its history as labor shortages raise doubts about the organization's capacity to provide reliable, safe, and improved service. A new report concludes that solving workforce shortages at the MBTA and across many other job sectors will require state involvement.

04-03-23

UCONN Fever- Fan piece ahead of tonight's big game -- The UConn Huskies are taking the court as they compete for the NCAA National Championship in Texas.

PUBLIC SAFETY

6-30-23

CT Waterbury Homicide- Police are investigating a homicide after a man who had been shot crashed into an Ecuadorian restaurant in Waterbury, Connecticut early this morning and died at the scene.

6-26-23

Newton 3x Murder- The public has been urged to be vigilant, immediately report anything suspicious and check their home surveillance system as police search for whoever is responsible for a triple murder in Newton.

6-23-23

Hartford House Fatal Fire: One adult and his son has died after a house fire in Hartford CT early Monday morning.

6-16-23

Hartford Biden Visit/Gun Control- President Joe Biden will be in Connecticut Friday, and he will be speaking at the National Safer Communities Summit at the University of Hartford.

6-15-23

Harvard Stolen Body Parts Folo- We're speaking to affected families after four people stole and sold human remains from Harvard Medical School's morgue, federal prosecutors say. The morgue's manager would allow people to choose body parts they wanted to buy at the morgue.

6-14-23

UConn Student Death- Uconn student killed during attempted marijuana robbery in Hartford.

6-13-23

Providence Homicide Suspect- Police are looking for the suspect a homicide over the weekend in Providence, Rhode Island.

6-7-23

Lawrence Double Shooting- Two people were shot early Wednesday morning in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Back in April, there was a shooting after a fight broke out at the same restaurant — the Blue Lounge.

5-31-23

BPD Serial Rapist Arrest- A New Jersey attorney has been charged in a series of sexual assaults and kidnappings in Boston's Charlestown neighborhood that date back to 2007. Matthew Nilo, who once lived in Boston, was arrested at his home in New Jersey, accused of terrorizing four victims. His DNA is linked to the cases.

5-30-23

Waterbury Hit and Run- A 17 -year-old from Ecuador is in critical condition after he was struck in a hit-and-run in Waterbury Friday morning. Today police identified a suspect in the hit-and-run.

5-29-23

Revere Beach Shootings- Revere beach reopens after two shootings and massive fights over the weekend.

5-24-23

Lynn Classical HS Stabbing- Police confirm a student was stabbed at Lynn classical high school. One person was taken to the hospital.

5-22-23

CT Hookah Lounge Deadly Shooting- Police are investigating the shooting death of a man killed outside of a hookah lounge in Middletown, CT

5-17-23

New Haven Illegal Races: New Haven mayor's office and other officials would discuss new infrastructure improvements and measures around technology to be used to deal with illegal races that occur in certain parts of the city.

5-16-23

CT Waterbury School Safety- Parents demanded beefed up security and voiced their concerns after a recent series of weapon-related issues at schools in Waterbury, Connecticut.

5-12-23

Chelsea Homicide Vigil- The city of Chelsea organized a vigil for a 59-year-old woman who was stabbed to death by her ex-partner. The woman had a restraining order against him. The city will also highlight resources for domestic violence victims at the vigil

5-9-23

Lawrence deadly motorcycle crash- A 23-year-old died when his motorcycle crashed with an SUV in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Witnesses say he was doing motorcycle stunts, a big problem in the city with motorcycles, ATVs and other illegal vehicles when the weather gets warmer.

5-4-23

CT New Haven police tech- The New Haven Police Department is planning to acquire two drones and GPS equipment that can latch onto cars implicated in crimes. The technology can shoot GPS tags from cop cars and handheld launchers at moving vehicles, which the devices can latch onto and track for up to eight hours.

5-3-23

Lawrence robberies- Two store robberies caught on camera in Lawrence, MA.

5-2-23

CT Waterbury hit and run- Police arrested two teenagers accused of driving a stolen Maserati and hitting multiple vehicles in Waterbury, Connecticut

4-28-23

CT Bridgeport Attempted Kidnapping- Bridgeport police have arrested a man who is accused of trying to lure two high school students into his car in two separate incidents this week.

4-26-23

Providence Triple Stabbing- Police confirm three people were stabbed in Providence, including an 8-year-old boy.

4-25-23

Back Bay Sex Assault Suspect- The Boston Police Department is looking for a man wanted in a sexual assault that happened last weekend in Back Bay. The owner of the Quality Mart store says he gave police his surveillance video, which shows the suspect following a woman into an alley.

4-25-23

Willimantic Car into House- A car crashed into a Latin restaurant in Willimantic, Connecticut causing extensive damages.

4-24-23

Lawrence nightclub shooting- Two people injured in a shooting at a Lawrence nightclub overnight. We've spoken to people who were there at the time of the shooting.

4-21-23

Drug ring tie to Providence police- The FBI is investigating a drug ring leader's tie to Providence police. Federal investigators from Massachusetts raided Josh Perez's suspected stash house last year.

4-17-23

Boston Marathon Runners/Security- The 127th Boston Marathon takes place today featuring a field of 30,000 athletes from more than 100 countries.

4-13-23

Rocky Hill Car Assault- Rocky Hill Police are still searching for a group of young men who officers say tried stealing a car in front of someone's home Monday evening. The victim was caught on camera fighting back at the would-be burglars.

04-11-23

CT New Britain Sex Assault Folo- Follow up on the arrest of a special education teacher at an elementary school in New Britain for allegedly sexually assaulting multiple students and lying about it to authorities.

04-11-23

Lawrence shooting- A male victim was shot early Tuesday morning after a fight broke out at a restaurant in Lawrence, Massachusetts, according to police.

04-10-23

CT Bridgeport Fire- Thirty people are currently displaced after a fire in Bridgeport spread to two homes over the weekend.

04-07-23

Chelsea traffic concerns- Getting around in the city of Chelsea will be much harder as road repairs start next week, including traffic diversions and street closures which will affect residents for two years.

04-06-23

Framingham Assault- A racist attack in Framingham, Massachusetts caught on video against a Brazilian resident.

04-05-23

Providence all-terrain vehicles- Mayor Smiley and Colonel Perez will unveil the Administration's new strategy to combat the use of illegal ATV and dirt bike riding throughout the city.

04-05-23

Woburn Restaurant Raid- A father and son who own two Woburn restaurants, along with their relative who lives in Brazil, have been charged with conspiring to obtain labor and services from migrants whom they smuggled into the United States from Brazil through threats of serious harm.

04-05-23

MA Gun Violence Rallies- Week of action led by gun safety advocates and gun violence survivors, including rallies, hearings, and school walkouts across the country to call on lawmakers to take life-saving action on gun safety.

04-04-23

MA Safe Passing Distance Law- Drivers in Massachusetts are now required to provide a "safe passing distance" of at least four feet when passing vulnerable road users, including people who are walking or biking; roadside workers; people using wheelchairs; people riding motorized bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, or other micro-mobility vehicles; horse riders and horse-drawn carriages and farm equipment.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

6-27-23

Pregnant Fairness Act- We're explaining the pregnant fairness act that goes into effect today and the protections for pregnant workers.

6-21-23

CT Doctors Glue Drop Brainstem- Doctors put a drop of glue in a CT woman's brainstem. It brought feeling back to her legs. Alexangelie Muniz Batlle had no idea that the numbness in her legs could be caused by something wrong in her brain.

6-8-23

Air Quality Western Massachusetts- Air quality alerts remain in effect for many areas of New England, as smoke from the Canadian wildfires blankets the Northeast in a hazy fog that has the potential to cause negative health effects.

5-26-23

MA drug testing kits- The Massachusetts Senate voted to approve funding for drug testing kits to be distributed to bars, restaurants, and nightlife establishments in the Bay State.

5-19-23

PVD Fake Dentist: A Providence woman was charged with practicing dentistry without a license after a 36-year-old patient was hospitalized with "intense pain and swelling from an infection," Attorney General Peter F. Neronha announced Thursday.

5-15-23

Mama Sana- According to doctors at Brigham And Women's Hospital, the benefits of breastfeeding are remarkable. In babies, they've seen lower rates of infant mortality, lower rates of infections and improved child development. In mothers, they've noticed lower rates of post-partum depression, lower rates of ovarian and breast cancers, as well obesity and hypertension.

5-9-23

East Boston Healthcare Presser- Press Conference calling for non-discriminatory and equitable healthcare for immigrants and communities of color. Boston elected officials will stand in solidarity with impacted East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) patients as they share their testimonies at a press conference in front of the clinic.

5-4-23

Boston COVID Mandates Lifted- As the state and federal COVID-19 public health emergencies come to a close next Thursday, Boston will be lifting vaccine and regular testing requirements for its employees. This comes as two major hospitals report milestones -- zero covid patients.

4-17-23

Responde Community Tax- Responde helped a viewer who paid \$5,000 to a community tax help site who never helped her with her IRS tax debt.

04-10-23

Healey Protect Abortion Access- Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey says she will announce her administration's plan to protect access to the mifepristone in Massachusetts following a federal court's ruling blocking the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the abortion pill.

VIEWER ADVOCACY

6-29-23

FAFSA Deadline Tomorrow- What college students and families need to know ahead of tomorrow's federal financial aid application.

6-27-23

AI Companies- Some companies are using artificial intelligence to conduct interviews.

6-26-23

Newton 3x Murder- The public has been urged to be vigilant, immediately report anything suspicious and check their home surveillance system as police search for whoever is responsible for a triple murder in Newton.

6-22-23

MBTA Fare Jumping: For weeks, passengers have been complaining about an entryway at Back Bay station that lets people in for free...they've complained, and nothing has been done about it.

6-20-23

Payment apps alert- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) published an issue spotlight on digital payment apps heavily used by consumers and businesses. The analysis finds that funds stored on these apps may not be safe in the event of financial distress, since the funds may not be held in accounts with federal deposit insurance coverage. The CFPB also issued a consumer advisory for customers holding funds in these apps and how they can make sure their funds remain safe.

6-19-23

Responde: Today we have a case of Boston viewer who works as a ride-sharing driver and who had recently had difficulty receiving payment for his worked hours.

6-13-23

Consumer Alert AARP Scams- AARP explains scams toward older adults are more prevalent than ever.

5-30-23

Notary scam- In other countries, a notary can be someone who has a lot of legal training. But in the United States, notaries are not licensed attorneys and can't give you legal advice. Not knowing the difference can hurt your chance to immigrate lawfully. We have what to look out for and how to avoid falling victim.

5-23-23

Alerta Buying Like New Items Online- Buying refurbished items can save you money, but it's important to research before you take the plunge.

5-22-23

Lawrence Mattress Recycling - In Massachusetts you are not allowed to put your old mattress in the trash. It's a challenge. But also, a business opportunity to ramp up the state's mattress recycling programs.

5-9-23

Responde Timeshare scams- Beware of timeshare offers when you travel -- you may be signing away your financial freedom.

5-8-23

Responde Vacuum sale- Door to door salesmen still exist and are more stubborn than ever. A viewer from Framingham called the Responde line because she felt pressured to buy a vacuum that she did not need for nearly \$2,000.

5-3-23

PayPal Scam- How to avoid falling for online PayPal payment scams

5-2-23

Workers Rights- Part two of Betsy's worker's rights explainer. Today she explains how to check if you're at risk in a wave of layoffs.

4-24-23

Summer travel series part 1- In this first part of our summer travel series, Betsy Badell explains what to do if you're experiencing delays receiving your passport.

4-18-23

Tax Deadline Scams- Responde helped a viewer who paid \$5,000 to a community tax help site who never helped her with her IRS tax debt.

04-11-23

Alerta Job Scams- If you're looking for a job, beware! Job scams continue to be on the rise and scammers are getting more and more creative. We'll explain how to avoid falling for their next trap

04-10-23

Responde Boston Shipping- At least a hundred local consumers sent boxes to their families in Dominican Republic last year with food, clothes, and basic need items but the boxes never made it to their destination.

04-05-23

Digital Spring Cleaning- Tips for digital spring cleaning on your devices.

04-04-23

Wedding Guest Spending- Tips on saving on costs per guest at weddings.

04-03-23

Responde Gas Bill- Telemundo Responde helps a viewer who received a gas bill over \$500.

SPECIALS

4/27/23

Climate 2023

The warming temperatures and changing climate have a great impact on New England and our beloved industries. Our First Alert team of meteorologists explores the changes we are seeing, speak with experts and thought leaders on how our evolving strategies stay effective, and shares ways we can all make positive changes.

6/10/23

Boston Pride for the People Parade

Join all of us from the NBC and Telemundo Boston stations for live coverage of the Boston Pride for the People Parade! Back after a 3-year hiatus, this is one of the biggest events in Boston bringing thousands together to celebrate Pride and inclusion.