## WBBM-TV Chicago Illinois

# QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT 2nd Quarter 2023:

#### **Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Programs**

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- CBS Mornings, CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Evening News with Nora O'Donnell, and CBS2 Local News – All regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.
- 60 Minutes Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 6-7pm.
- Face the Nation Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 9:30-10:30am.
- 48 Hours Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 9-10pm.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as Suicide Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, Diversity Representation and The Valarie Fund.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBSChicago.com and CBS News Chicago, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

### **WBBM-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List**

Community of License: Chicago, II DMA

**Issue**: Business: Examining issues related to business/consumers which are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
CBS2 News at 6:00am	4/10.2023	6:00am	2:41	CARVANA VENDING MACHINES 6AM  Online car retailer Carvana tells us another vehicle vending machine is coming to Illinois. That is despite company and organizational turbulence in recent months, including the temporary suspension of Carvana's license in Illinois last spring.  Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias recently announced the online retailer is allowed to continue operating after an investigation into consumer complaints.
CBS2 News at 9am	4/17/2023	9am	0:44	LOOP STARBUCKS PROTEST 9AM  Workers at a West Loop Starbucks went on strike to protest what they called unfair company retaliation and union busting tactics. They stopped serving from 7AM to 11AM and took to the picket line.
CBS2 News at 5pm	4/20/2023	5pm	0:50	CALL TO RECALL CARS AT 5PM  A group of Attorneys General from 18 states, including Illinois, is calling on the federal government to recall potentially millions of Kia and Hyundai cars. The group is calling the cars made between 2011 and 2022 unsafe because of the quote "easily bypassed ignition switches and lack of engine immobilizers."

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CBS2 News at 6PM	5/02/2023	6PM	0:45	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CREATE BUSINESS APP AT 6PM
				A group of high school students create an app to help Chicagoans explore Bronzeville. It lets users take street tours through the neighborhood.
CBS2 News at 11AM	5/17/2023	11am	0:17	KRAFT CHEESE WRAPPER HISTORIC CHANGE AT 11AM
				The struggle to open a slice of Kraft cheese is coming to an end. The company is overhauling the look of their cheese, which includes not only a new logo, but easier-to-open wrapping. Kraft says this revamp addresses the "number one" customer complaint. The new wrapper is set to hit stores by the end of this year.
CBS2 News at 10pm	5/19/2023	10pm	2:00	ILLEGAL CAR TOWING AT 10PM  CBS 2 has learned that a tow truck company shut down last week has been ordered to stop operations previously before. We discovered Take Me Home Towing was taking cars to an illegal lot. Since it received its registration in November, the company has been hit with at least 10 citations and 11 complaints.
CBS 2 News at 4PM	5/27/2023	4pm	0:20	REGULATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT 4PM  Microsoft's president is joining tech leaders asking for the federal government to start regulating artificial intelligence. In a speech before some members of congress, he laid out a five-point plan to curb the risks of the new technology.

CBS2 News at 4:30am	6/8/2023	4:30AM	0:25	I-PASS USERS NEW WAY TO PAY AT 4:30AM
				I-PASS users will officially have more ways to pay cash for their commute. Users can add funds to their I-PASS accounts or pay outstanding invoices. The tollway switched to all-electronic payments during the covid-19 pandemic.
CBS2 News at 6PM	6/14/2023	6PM		FEDERAL RESERVE ON INTEREST RATE HIKES AT 6PM  The Federal Reserve is hitting the pause button on interest rate hikes. The Fed voted today to skip an interest rate increase for now, to see how the economy responds.

**Issue**: Crime: Examining issues related to local, state, and national crime reports that are of importance to local viewers.

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CBS2 News at 4pm	4/21/2023	4PM	0:33	MAN ARRESTED AT AIRPORT AT 4PM  A man is arrested and charged with trying to bring a weapon onto an aircraft. TSA discovered a Knife concealed as a comb at the airport in Honolulu.  Last year, more than 63-hundred firearms were found at checkpoints
CBS2 News at 10pm	4/24/2023	10PM	0:25	TEAMING UP TO FIGHT CRIME AT 10PM  Several west suburban police departments are teaming up to stop the spread of child pornography online. A new unit called the "child exploitation unit" was created to handle those crimes as there has been an uptick.

CBS2 News at 5PM	4/27/2023	5PM	0:19	DOUBLE SHOOTING IN MATTESON AT 5PM
				Police are investigating a double shooting in south suburban Matteson. A 21-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman were shot in a car at Locust and
				214th Place. The woman died.
CBS2 News at 11am	4/28/2023	11AM	0:24	ARMED ROBBERIES IN TWO NEIGHBORHOODS AT 11AM
				Chicago police are urging people in the Humboldt Park and Belmont Cragin neighborhoods to be extra aware of their surroundings as they head out in the morning. It comes after four armed robberies took place yesterday morning between five and six o'clock. Police say the victims were heading to work when a gray KIA SUV pulled up. Four men got out, armed with guns, and demanded the victim's belongings.
CBS2 News at 6:30AM	5/22/2023	6:30AM	0:21	A LOOP POST OFFICE HIT BY THIEVES AT 6:30AM
				Police say 18 men broke into a post office in the Loop. Our non-stop news crew spotted police outside the location at the Thompson Center on La Salle near Lake Street. The thieves shattered the glass on the door to get inside. It happened about 12:30 AM. Police haven't said if anything was taken.
CBS2 News at 9AM	5/26/2023	9AM	2:00	9-YEAR-OLD BOY SHOT AND KILLED AT 9AM
				A 9-Year-old south suburban boy is shot and killed in Matteson. It all started with a fight between a group of teenagers. A woman says her granddaughter was fighting with another girl when a man opened fire, striking and killing her grandson.

CBS2 News at 6pm	6/2/2023	6PM	2:01	SHOOTING DEATH OF A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT 6PM  Social media and surveillance video helps link two teenagers in the shooting death of a beloved school counselor of greater Chicagoland.
CBS2 News at 10pm	6/06/2023	10PM	0:50	CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANT ON TRIAL FOR PINNING DOWN TEEN BOY AT 10PM  A Chicago Police Sergeant is on trial for pinning a teen down to the ground with his knee. He thought the teen stole his son's bike. He's charged with misconduct and faces 15 years in prison.
CBS2 News at 4PM	6/29/2023	4PM	0:23	JEWELRY STOLEN FROM CAR AT 11AM  A woman trying to transfer her family jewelry from one bank to another experienced turmoil, when the heirlooms were stolen by a criminal. The victim had just taken them out of her safe deposit at Chase Bank in Mount Prospect. Someone smashed in the window of her car and the jewelry was gone when she made a quick stop at the post office.

**Issue**: Culture: Examining cultural issues that are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
CBS2 News at 9am	4/18/2023	9AM		CHICAGO HUMANITIES SPRING FESTIVAL BEGINS AT 11AM
				The Chicago Humanities Spring Festival features conversations with Hollywood stars, political powerhouses, and musical legends. There are events in

				neighborhoods throughout Chicago. An organizer of the festival says people can enjoy a lot of food, fun and culture.
CBS2 News at 6pm	4/25/2023	6РМ	0:40	LGBTQ PLUS ADVOCACY DAY IS COMING UP AT 6PM  LGBTQ Plus Advocacy Day will be celebrated tomorrow across the state. It is a huge effort to promote equality across Illinois. Members of the community say now more than ever it is critical to raise awareness.
CBS2 News at 10pm	4/27/2023	10PM	0:35	EQUITY IN FARMING AND AGRICULTURE AT 10PM  Farmers, growers and organizations from across Chicago and Illinois join lawmakers in Springfield to talk about equity in agriculture and access to healthy foods in our state. This is all part of the first-ever "Black Farmers and Growers Day." Among the groups heading to the Capitol is the nonprofit "Grow Greater Englewood." Its goal is to bring affordable and nutritious food to an area where grocery stores have closed.
CBS2 News at 11AM	5/22/2023	11AM	0:15	CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH  May is Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage month. As we get ready to close out the month Cook County leaders want to recognize our local A.A.P.I. community and business leaders. Ten people were honored today, with a certificate of excellence at the Cook County Treasurer's Office.

CBS2 News at 4:30am	5/252023	4:30AM	0:20	EVERYBODY MARCHES PARADE AT 4:30AM  The one-of-a kind parade, where "everybody marches, nobody just watches" is back today! The so-called "WOOGMS" parade kicks off at 11 this morning at the corner of Pine Grove and Wellington Avenues in Lakeview. The parade has been a staple in the neighborhood for 60 years.
CBS2 News at 5PM	5/28/2023	5PM	0:20	OPEN AGAIN! A HISTORIC THEATER IN HYDE PARK AT 5PM  A historic theater in Hyde Park is now officially reopening. ACX Cinemas revamped the 110-year-old Harper Theater with a big makeover and new food on the menu.
CBS2 News at 9AM	6/8/2023	9AM	3:00	CELEBRATING PUERTO RICAN CULTURE AT 9AM  The Puerto Rican Festival in Humboldt Park is now underway. The festival is celebrating the 45th year for the parade and the 50 <sup>th</sup> year for the Puerto Rican Cultural Center.
CBS2 News at 11AM	6/10/2023	11AM	:28	TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERTS IN CHICAGO BREAK RECORDS AT 11AM  Taylor Swift's Concert at Soldier Field breaks Chicago hotel records. More than 44,000 rooms were booked overall for an all-time high.
CBS2 News at 6PM	6/21/2023	6РМ	0:30	A CHICAGO CHURCH GAINS LANDMARK STATUS  A Chicago church gains landmark status. Congratulations to The Epworth United Methodist Church in Edgewater.

**Issue**: Diversity: Examining issues related to diversity that are of importance to local viewers.

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CBS2 News at 10PM	4/14/2023	10PM	:20	MARKING THE HARVEST SEASON IN THE SIKH COMMUNITY AT 10PM  The Sikh community is celebrating a festival marking the beginning of the harvest season.  Aurora Mayor, Richard Irvin, read a special proclamation recognizing April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.  The mayor encouraged people to get to know their Sikh neighbors. There are an estimated 10 thousand Sikhs living in the Chicago area.
CBS2s News at 6pm	4/23/2023	6PM	0:45	BLACK GROWERS LOBBY DAY IN SPRINGFIELD AT 6PM  Today, is the first ever Illinois Black farmers and growers Lobby Day in Springfield. The idea is to keep small and mid-sized farms competitive and diverse. Land will be provided and assistance training rendered for farmers affected by discrimination.
CBS2 News at 9AM	5/9/2023	9AM	0:50	SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES BEGIN AT 9AM  Special Olympics Spring Games begin in Chicago. The competition is three days with participants from across Chicago competing in track and field events including races, shot put, and the long jump.

CBS2 News at 5PM	5/25/2023	5PM	2:00	A RIDING PROGRAM HELPS KIDS WITH AUTISM AT 5PM  Kids and adults with autism are showing remarkable advances by taking part in the HorsePower Therapeutic Riding program in St. Charles, Illinois. The therapy includes more than horses, the program also uses a donkey, goats, and chickens too, fostering a therapeutic experience and atmosphere.
CBS2 News at 4PM	6/8/2023	4PM	:30	NEW KIND OF SEATS MAKES TRAVELING EASIER AT 4PM  A new kind of airline seat could make travel easier for people with disabilities Right now, people who use wheelchairs must be transferred to a regular seat. Now, there's an airline seat that folds, making room for a full wheelchair. Delta showed it off in Germany at a convention.

**Issue**: Environment: Examining issues related to the environment that are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
CBS2 News at 6:30am	4/18/2023	6:30AM		WATER ISSUES IN LAPORTE COUNTY AT 6:30AM  Getting dumped on. That's how farmers in Laporte County feel about a newly installed pipe that sends other people's water into a pristine creek. The county tells CBS 2 the volume of water draining into the creek is being frustratingly overblown by opponents.

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CBS2 News at 10pm	4/21/2023	10PM	0:25	EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS AT 10PM To celebrate Earth Day, the Chicago Park District is hosting cleanups at more than 90 parks across the city. Volunteers are needed to lay mulch and pick up garbage, throughout greater Chicagoland.
CBS2s News at 11am	4/24/2023	11AM	2:25	CHICAGO BEACHES ARE SHARING A BIG BRUNT OF EROSION.  Beach Erosion is a big problem at Chicago's City Beaches. Experts are working to solve the problem especially in Roger's Park along Chicago's Lakefront.
CBS2 News at 4pm	5/9/2023	4PM	0:40	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON THE ROAD AT 4PM  The most common problem with transporting hazardous materials is transport on the roads. In the past decade, we have discovered for every 1 hazmat incident involving a train, there are 33 involving big rigs on a highway. We took an in depth look at the roadtested safety solutions.
CBS2 News at 5PM	5/16/2023	5PM	2:00	PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES AT 5PM  The Illinois Department of Agriculture is working to prevent the spread of an invasive species. It's spraying in the suburbs for spongy moths. The insects feed on the foliage or leaves of the trees.

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CBS2 News at 9AM	5/19/2023	9AM	2:30	CRAFT OF THE CLIMATE AT 9AM  A local nonprofit aims to make the beer industry more sustainable. "Craft for Climate" helps make it easier for craft breweries across Chicago to recycle their beer holders, daily.
CBS2 News at 5AM	6/06/2023	5AM	0:27	CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING HOT SPOTS AT 5AM  The Chicago Department of Public Health is looking for your help to track the "hottest spots" in the city.  City leaders and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are looking for volunteers to monitor temperatures across the area. They will be trained and equipped with specialized heat sensors on their personal cars to track temperature, humidity and locations throughout the day.
CBS2 News at 10PM	6/10/2023	10PM	1:00	CANADIAN WILDFIRE SMOKE HITTING MORE CITIES AND COMING TOWARD CHICAGO AT 10PM  The haze we see in the sky is smoke from Canadian wildfires. It is spreading to more U.S. cities. Forecasters say two separate weather systems are pushing the smoke south.
CBS2 News at 6pm	6/23/2023	6РМ	0:40	AIR POLLUTION CONCERNS AT 6PM People in Little Village are fighting for cleaner air and want fewer semi-trucks driving through the neighborhood. Residents say the trucks are leaving behind a trail of smog and other contaminants polluting the air.

**Issue**: Government: Examining issues related to local, state, and national governments that are of importance to local viewers.

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CBS2 News at 11am	4/24/2023	11AM	0:35	FEDERAL FUNDING HELP AT 11AM  Big money is coming for some of Cook County Health's tiniest patients. Today, U.S. Senator, Tammy Duckworth announces \$900,000 in federal funding to help premature babies at Stroger Hospital.
CBS2 News at 9AM	4/26/2023	9AM	0:46	COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY WILL NOT RUN AGAIN AT 9AM  Cook County State's Attorney Kim Fox announced she won't run for reelection next year.
CBS2 News at 6am	4/27/2023	6AM	0:19	LAST MEETING AS COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT 6AM  Today is Chicago Mayor-Elect Brandon Johnson's last meeting as a Cook County Commissioner. The board is meeting at 10AM and there is an expected event for Johnson at 9:45 AM.  Johnson's Mayoral Inauguration is just weeks away set for May 15th.

CBS2 News at 5pm	5/8/2023	5PM	0:18	OUTGOING MAYOR SAYS GOODBYE TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO AT 5PM  Today, outgoing Chicago Mayor, Lori Lightfoot will give her farewell address after losing reelection.
CBS2 News at 4pm	5/24/2023	4PM	1:20	IT'S HIS FIRST TIME RUNNING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4PM  Mayor Brandon Johnson conducted his first full City Council meeting, but not everyone was allowed inside. Residents who wanted to witness history were not allowed inside, at least at the beginning.  Some confusion forced people to remain outside chambers until it could be worked out.
CBS2 News at 6pm	5/30/2023	6PM	0:50	EXPANDED OUTSIDE DINING ALLOWED IN CHICAGO AT 6PM  Today the City Council License Committee unanimously approved a plan allowing bars and restaurants to expand sidewalk patios, and in some cases spill into streets. Outdoor dining rules were created during the pandemic to help restaurants survive while keeping customers safe.
CBS2 News at 6AM	6/7/2023	6AM	0:25	THE PRESIDENT IS COMING TO CHICAGO FOR A CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER AT 6AM  President Biden will be in Chicago June 28th. Governor Pritzker and his wife are hosting a fundraiser for his reelection campaign.

CBS2 News at 10pm	6/14/2023	10PM	1:20	CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL FOCUSES ON NASCAR STREET CAR RACE COMING NEXT MONTH AT 10PM  The NASCAR Street Race taking over downtown Chicago was the focus at City Council.  Aldermen were talking, focused on how the race will affect Chicago traffic and safety. City Council members discussed how to prioritize and maintain event safety.
CBS2 News at 11AM	6/29/2022	11AM	1:00	THE SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN ADDMISSION TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES AT 11AM  Illinois campuses are responding. Both the University of Illinois and Northwestern releasing statements saying they will continue to open doors wide to all deserving students.
CBS2 News at 4pm	6/30/2023	4PM	0:20	STAMP PRICES GOING UP AGAIN AT 4PM  The government is again raising prices to send your letters. The forever stamp will increase from 63 cents to 66 cents on July 9 <sup>th</sup> .

**Issue**: Health: Examining issues related to health that are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
CBS2 News at 4am	4/4/2023	4AM	0:17	MASKS FOR VISITORS AT 4AM
				Today, Loyola Medicine is relaxing some of its visitor policies and masking requirements. Masks will still be

				required for inpatient areas or for people who may have COVID-19. But masks won't be required in outpatient areas and more visitors will be allowed to accompany patients.
CBS2 News at 5PM	4/19/2023	5PM	0:25	LONG TERM COVID EFFECTS THE BRAIN AT 5PM  A new study out today from Northwestern medicine, links serious cases of COVID and long-term effects on the brain. Researchers say of the 600 patients they studied, people who were hospitalized struggled most with "brain fog", like processing, attention and memory.
CBS2 News at 4pm	4/21/2023	4PM	0:30	MORE PEOPLE ARE USING DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AT 4PM  Dietary supplements are on the rise. More women than men use supplements. The CDC data shows that multivitamins and vitamin D are the two dietary supplements that people report using the most.
CBS2 News at 9AM	5/16/2023	9AM	0:25	MONKEY POX IS ON TH RISE AGAIN AT 9AM  The CDC warns of a resurgence of monkeypox during the summer. So far at least 12 cases in Chicago were confirmed between April 17 and May 5 <sup>th</sup> .
CBS2 News at 11am	5/26/2023	11AM	0:40	COVID STATUS AT 11AM  The Illinois Department of Health announced that 102 counties in Illinois are at a low level for COVID-19 hospital admissions. That is the new metric for tracking coronavirus.

CBS2 News at 6pm	5/28/2023	6PM	0:30	MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN AND WEIGHT GAIN AT 6PM  Doctors say middle aged women gain about a pound and a half every year.  Contributing factors, menopausal symptoms, including poor sleep can lead to lifestyle decisions that can pack on the pounds. They say to avoid weight gain you should get moving every day. Also, eat about 200 fewer calories when you reach the age of 50. Finally, focus on foods like fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
CBS2 News at 10PM	6/18/2023	10pm	0:25	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MAY HELP PREDICT BREAST CANCER AT 10PM  Artificial intelligence may be a better way to predict breast cancer risks.  The AI uses algorithms and can predict cancer better than standard risk model.