Know Your News - First Week Articles and Social Media Posts (Sept. 17 - 22)

These posts and graphics are designed to link to your published campaign articles. They are available for download in the portal. The dates are a suggested schedule; you can start the campaign on a day that works best for your publishing schedule, and you can run as much or as little content as you want. Suggested hashtags are #KnowYourNews, #LocalNewsMatters, and #PressFreedom.

Use this folder to find all graphic files:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LLGt4gp6j-AFOUUW6kr1AgOwmRphchu1?usp=sharing

Use the links below to access the corresponding articles that go with each social post.

Use the NENPA Press Freedom and Local News Collaborative to download the articles. If you have not joined yet, please fill out this <u>form</u> to sign up. If you have joined, the first week's articles are all available on the platform. Some of them will need to be localized for your audience.

The "Know Your News" campaign is a project of the NENPA Press Freedom and Local News Committee and the Granite State News Collaborative.

Please contact Tara Cleary for any questions and assistance with joining the collaborative or resizing graphics at t.cleary@nenpa.com or (617) 520-4585.



Sept. 17 - use with kick-off editorial

Graphic: First Amendment and Press Freedom Post Graphics (Sept 17).png

It's here! Know Your News is a new series exploring how press freedom and local journalism strengthen democracy. From the First Amendment to your town hall, we'll show why #LocalNewsMatters.

Kickoff editorial: [link]



Sept. 17 - use with Your Right to Know: What the First

Amendment Really Says About Press Freedom article

Graphic: Press Freedom Matters Post Graphic (Sept 17).png

What protects you when government overreaches? A free press. From exposing corruption to defending your right to know—press freedom is democracy's safeguard. #KnowYourNews



Sept. 18 - use with Right-to-Know 101: How You Can Request Public Records article

Graphic: Right to Know Post Graphic (Sept 18).png

Pid you know? In our state, YOU can request government records—even if you're not a resident. Here's how to use the Right-to-Know law to uncover the truth: [link]

This post was written for NH and needs to be localized for your state.



Sept 19 - use with What's an Open Public Meeting, and Why Should You Care? article

Graphic: Right to Know Open Meetings Post Graphic (Sept 19).png

Local decisions affect your daily life more than Congress.

School closures. Tax breaks. Housing policies. All debated at YOUR local public meetings. Here's why they matter: [link]



Sept 20 - use with What happens when the press is silenced? article

Graphic: Press Silenced Post Graphic (Sept 20).png

When local news disappears, communities lose:

X Oversight of officials

X Voter turnout

X Civic connection

What happens when the press is silenced? [link]



Sept 21 - use with <u>For Open Meeting Laws to Work, We Need to Show Up</u> article

Graphic: For Open Meeting We Need To Show Up Post Graphic (Sept 21).png

Town meetings are "to liberty what primary schools are to science."

Yet fewer than 1 in 3 Americans attend local government meetings. Here's why showing up matters — and how to do it.



Sept 22 - use with Why it's getting harder to access public information article

Graphic: Why it's getting harder to obtain public information Post Graphic (Sept 22).png

- Public records should be open. But in NH, barriers include:
- X Uncertainty over rules
- X Delays & denials
- X Broad, costly requests

Here's why it's getting harder—and what reforms could help: [link]

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