

RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q2: Apr 1 – June 30, 2015



There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WRNI/Rhode Island Public Radio, Providence, Rhode Island along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of Apr.1 – June 30, 2015. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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 - David Schiano *Date*

1. Education: Roger Williams Students Take Up Cause Of Chinese Dissident

Feature (4:53)

April 2nd 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM

College students fight for the release of an imprisoned Chinese dissident and form a lasting friendship with his own college-aged daughter.

2. Politics: Lincoln Chafee Considers Run For 2016 Presidential Nomination

Q&A and commentary (7:01 & 4:05)

April 9th and June 4th 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM and 6:45 and 8:45 AM, 5:51 PM

Former Rhode Island governor launches long-shot campaign for the democratic presidential nomination.

3. Environment: Raising The Profile Of An Undereaten Fish

Feature (4:29)

April 9th 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM

Fishermen look for new ways to market and process scup, a tasty fish with one major downside for the home cook: it's very bony.

4. Economy Series: Rising Tide

Ongoing series about Rhode Island's recovery from the Great Recession asking the question, does a rising tide lift all boats, or are some Rhode Islanders being left behind?

Features on April 10, 13, 14, 15, 23, May 14, May 21 and continuing

Lengths vary from 4:00-7:00

Air times vary during ME and ATC

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College students reflect on their job prospects, small business owners continue to feel the pinch of a down economy, artist-entrepreneurs in Providence see their business grow, a family farm thrives despite the recession and other stories.

5. **Healthcare:** Learning To Respect A Patient’s Wishes At The End Of Life

Feature (7:00)

April 21st 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM

Doctors learn to talk to their patients about end of life decisions, and health care providers discover that many prefer to forgo expensive, life-extending medical procedures.

6. **Politics:** Ongoing Coverage of Paw Sox Stadium Proposal

Combination of features, newscast spots, commentary, Q&A and live forum

Lengths vary from 2:54 to 9:00 for features and Q&A and 90-minute public forum

April 15th, April 17th, April 27th, May 22, June 9th

Aired at various times during ME and ATC, forum aired at 7 PM

7. **Arts & Culture:** RI’s Brown Bird Finds Solemn Victory On Final Album

Feature (7:22)

April 30th 6:50 and 8:50 AM

One half of the husband and wife team Brown Bird reflects on the release of the band’s final album, which comes just one year after her husband lost his battle with leukemia.

8. **Environment:** Battle With The Sea: Protecting Newport’s Drinking Water

Feature and Q & A (3:36 & 4:01)

May 7th 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM and 6:50 PM

Aquidneck Island’s public drinking water faces threats from climate change, including a reservoir that could be breached by rising seas.

9. **Arts & Culture:** House Concerts On The Rise In RI’s Music Scene

Feature (8:06)

May 28th 6:50 and 8:50 AM

Music-lovers host live concerts in their homes as musicians look for new ways to make music in the era of the free digital download.

10. **Healthcare:** No Easy Task “Reinventing” Medicaid

Feature (6:42)

April 30th 6:50 and 8:50 or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

A look at the patients who would face cuts under a budget proposal to reduce state spending on Medicaid and one program that has succeeded in reducing costs without sacrificing patient care.

11. **Environment:** DEM Workload Grows, Staffing Declines

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Feature (7:43)

June 16th 5:50 and 7:50 or 6:50 and 8:50 AM

Environmental groups question whether the state can effectively enforce environmental rules and regulations after a series of staffing cuts.

12. Arts & Culture/Economy: Providence Dreams Big With Major Arts Festival

Feature (4:12)

June 13th 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM and 5:50 PM

As Providence celebrates the first of what the mayor has billed as an annual arts festival, a look at the challenges and potential for the event to catch on.

13. Education: Charter School Foes, Advocates Await Votes

Feature (3:05)

June 16 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM and 5:50 PM

Charter school organizers and school district leaders go head to head at the statehouse over bills that would limit the growth of charter schools.

14. Crime & Courts: Breaking news and follow-up coverage of Warwick resident accused of terrorism

Newscast spots, analysis, Q/A and feature various lengths

June 12, 16, 24 various times throughout the day

Neighbors describe Warwick man accused of aiding ISIS, Law professor explains the charges and likely legal strategy the government is pursuing, terrorism and religion expert from Brown University weighs in, Muslims express concerns about their image and safety.

15. RI News: Charleston Shooting Response

Feature and Q/A (4:28 & 6:51)

June 25 and 26 7:45 or 8:45 AM, 7:50 or 8:50 AM

Historically black church in Providence holds memorial for victims of Charleston shooting and Brown Professor who studies the history of race after the civil war discusses the controversy over calls to remove the confederate flag from public displays.

16. Education: Two Urban Superintendents Step Down

Q&A's (7:28 & 7:45)

June 24 and 25 6:50 or 7:50 and 8:50 AM

Outgoing school superintendents from Providence and Central Falls reflect on the challenges to improving public education for urban students.