

Quarterly Issues List (October 1st - December 31st, 2023)

January 10th, 2024

The following report outlines some of the major issues facing the Princeton area and WPRB's programming responses to those issues during the specified quarter.

As has been standard since the start of the pandemic, WPRB has been splitting its broadcasting between our main studio located on Princeton's campus with other broadcast locations, including a second auxiliary studio located off campus. Our programming is live or rebroadcast for up to 23 hours a day and includes a mix of journalism, freeform shows, interviews, and live music performances from bands and artists in the region.

Our DJs also regularly read off public service announcements for nonprofit and community groups working in fields such as public health, education, and the arts. For instance, some DJs read PSAs for Hunterdon Hygiene Connection, which provides diapers and other hygiene products free in Hunterdon County, or PSAs from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection about preventing stormwater pollution.

WPRB also broadcasts *News and Culture*, a bi-weekly radio-magazine with content that serves artistic, news, and cultural needs of our greater New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania community. *News and Culture* programming seeks to uplift local voices and bring attention to untold stories from across New Jersey and its neighboring regions. Here is a selection of the informational segments aired on *News and Culture* this quarter:

- An interview with Lisa Shepard-Stewart, fabric artist and owner of "Cultured Expressions," an African fabric shop and studio located in Rahway, New Jersey, about the value of textile arts and the cultured natures of fashion (October 2, 2023, 5pm).
- A feature story about the revitalization of the Princeton Garden Theatre in Princeton, New Jersey, and recent changes in the cinema industry in the wake of COVID-19 (October 16, 2023, 5pm).
- An interview with Rutgers University professor Angus Gillespie on the figure of the Jersey Devil in regional folklore (October 30, 2023, 5pm.)
- A story on a local award-winning beekeeper, the growth of the practice among hobbyist

- farmers, and on her personal experiences as a Black woman in apiculture (December 11, 2023, 5pm.)
- A feature piece about the Seed Farm initiative between Princeton University and several regional farming collectives to grow and cultivate seeds for communities traditionally denied food sovereignty. Interviews with local agricultural activists and a professor of American food studies (December 11, 2023, 5pm.)

Signed,

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