

THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q3: July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by *The Public's Radio*, Providence, Rhode Island along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. Politics, September 4, 2020

Political Roundtable has been on hiatus since March due to the pandemic. But we're putting the band back together. This week, WPRI-TV investigative reporter Tim White joins the panel to discuss the intensifying presidential race, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey's defeat of Joe Kennedy, and a new report on the use of force by police in Rhode Island.

Length: 14:00

2. Politics, September 25, 2020

Jim Vincent, President of the Providence branch of the NAACP is the guest this week on Political Roundtable. Chuck Hinman fills in for Ian Donniss as host.

Length: 15:24

3. Culture, September 18, 2020

Pov Pech came to the US as a refugee and turned towards crime to solve his problems. He stole, fought, sold drugs, and even shot up a high school. Last summer, he was deported back to a country he barely knows, leaving his family and his American identity behind. Ana Gonzalez tells the story in Episode I of Mosaic, our podcast and broadcast exploring immigration and identity.

Length: 26:00

4. Culture: September 25, 2020

Last episode started with a single word: deportation. The fear of deportation is not just limited to people who come to this country illegally. Last episode ended with 18-year-old Cambodian refugee Pov Pech heading off to prison in Rhode Island for assault and weapons charges. Today, we connect the dots. How does someone go from refugee to criminal to deportee over the span of 40 years? To begin to answer that, we need to go to a small apartment in Lowell, Massachusetts. Ana Gonzalez tells the story.

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5. Education: September 25, 2020

Providence public schools reopened on September 14th. In two weeks, 17 students and three staff members have tested positive for the virus across 11 buildings. As a result, 44 staff members and 134 students have been required to quarantine. John Bender reports.

Length: 04:00

6. Health: September 23, 2020

Lifespan is looking for 300 to 400 adults to participate in a clinical trial at The Miriam Hospital in Rhode Island for a coronavirus vaccine. Health Reporter [Lynn Ardit](#) talked with Dr. Karen Tashima, the infectious disease physician who will lead the trial, about who they need to recruit and why.

Length: 06:30

7. Health: September 10, 2020

A chronic shortage of nursing assistants left Rhode Island nursing homes severely understaffed during last spring's coronavirus outbreak. The Eastgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in East Providence was so short-handed that its top administrator, Anna Zambrano, 41, and five of other support staff took turns feeding, bathing and providing other care for residents. One of the residents was Zambrano's father. She talked about the experience with health reporter Lynn Ardit.

Length: 03:30

8. Education: September 15, 2020

It was not the start of school that many had hoped for, nor was it a return to normalcy after the abrupt shutdown of schools this spring. Instead, most public schools in Rhode Island reopened-- at least partially-- in an atmosphere of wariness and uncertainty. John Bender and Antonia Ayres-Brown report.

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9. Arts/Health: August 18, 2020

Tina Cane is Rhode Island's poet laureate. She spoke recently with The Public's Radio Morning Edition host Chuck Hinman, while socially distancing in her backyard in East Providence, about the pandemic and its impact on the arts.

Length: 16:20

10. Culture: July 13, 2020

It's been a trying year. The economy is in a funk, we're sick of lockdowns and the dreary daily drumbeat of virus death. If you aren't anxious and worried, there could be something wrong with your mental health. This summer isn't one for globetrotting; who wants to stuff into the middle seat of an airplane? Yet we New Englanders are blessed. The weather is wonderful, all whipped cream clouds, sun-dappled beaches and gentle evening breezes leavening humidity. You may not have the resources for a fancy getaway. You can still have a great staycation. Scott MacKay tells us how.

Length: 03:43