

THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q3: July 1 - September 30, 2021

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 07/01/21 to 09/30/21. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. Health/July 16, 2021

The Bristol County Sheriff's Office announced this week it's trained dogs to sniff out Covid at its jails in Dartmouth and New Bedford. Captain Paul Douglas said he's been training dogs named Huntah and Duke for nine weeks with masks used by local Covid patients. Douglas said Huntah sits when she smells even a trace of coronavirus on an empty surface. Huntah will soon be patrolling the jail to identify rooms in need of deep cleaning. Ben Berke reports.

Length: 2:30

2. Politics/July 30, 2021

The federal moratorium on evictions expires July 31, exposing thousands of families in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to removal from their homes after they fell behind on rent during the pandemic.

Ben Berke reports.

Length 4:00

3. Health/August 10, 2021

It's been more than a week since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations that everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, start wearing masks indoors again and in places with high COVID-19 transmission rates, which includes Rhode Island. Amid rising anxiety among public health experts nationwide about the fast-spreading Delta variant, Rhode Island has announced only

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one new recommendation, and that's for masking in schools. Lynn Arditi reports on what Rhode Islanders need to know.

Length: 5:00

4. Politics/August 16, 2021

Rhode Island Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor joins Political Roundtable this week. Political Roundtable is our weekly interview program hosted by Ian Donnis.

Length: 13:45

5. Politics/September 1, 2021

Massachusetts' Southeast Housing Court stands out as the state's toughest court for tenants facing eviction, even while a federal moratorium on evictions was in place.

Ben Berke reports.

Length 7:56

6. Politics/September 3, 2021

Newport officials are moving forward with plans to redevelop the city's North End, an area that has been physically and economically cut off from the rest of the city for decades. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length: 2:00

7. Environment/September 7, 2021

A special fire district says it owns a contested path to the ocean and that it can block the public from using the trail. Now a retired Rhode Island assistant attorney general has joined shoreline rights activists to try to open the path up to the public. Alex Nunes reports.

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8. Education/September 11, 2021

Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, which resulted in nearly 3,000 fatalities and continual pledges to “never forget.” But two decades later, many educators are tasked with teaching 9/11 to a generation with no personal memories of the day. Three Rhode Island teachers shared their experiences with The Public’s Radio, as another school year begins. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

9. Environment/September 16, 2021

In South County, several shoreline fire districts bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes and other revenue annually but spend much of it on expenses more in line with a private beach club, not a fire department. That has drawn the ire of beachgoers who are being blocked from the shore. Alex Nunes reports.

Length 9:00

10. Health/September 21, 2021

For the past year and a half, nurses, doctors, and other health care workers have been on the frontlines of fighting COVID-19 in Rhode Island hospitals. Out of the limelight, but alongside them, are hospital chaplains — staff members, usually members of the clergy, responsible for the spiritual care of patients, families, and coworkers. Early on in the pandemic, Rev. Kate Perry, a multi-faith staff chaplain at Newport Hospital and other Lifespan facilities, cared for COVID-19 patients and others when their own loved ones couldn’t be at their bedside. With COVID-19 case numbers climbing again, Perry spoke with reporter Antonia Ayres-Brown about faith during hardship, and how her job has changed during the pandemic. This is her story, in her own words, edited for clarity.

Length: 8:91