

THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LISTS

Q4: Sept 1 through Dec 31, 2022

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by The Public's Radio in Providence, Rhode Island, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 09/01/22 thru 12/31/22. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Politics- Sept. 23, 2022

The Public's Radio in the fall of 2022 launched a special weekly 30 min broadcast/podcast, Political Roundtable: Election 2022. In this episode, host Ian Donniss talks with GOP candidate for governor Ashley Kalus, discusses the appeal of ranked choice voting, and presents a special segment from Westerly with One Square Mile.

Length: 27:00

Politics/Criminal Justice- Oct. 17, 2022

The death of an inmate under suicide watch reignited old criticisms of Bristol County's jails, which for years reported the highest number of suicides of any county jail system in Massachusetts. An investigation by The Public's Radio has since revealed that, just six minutes before Adam Howe was found unconscious in his cell, guards were responding to a previously unreported suicide attempt down the hall – exposing greater strains on the county jails' mental health system than were publicly known when the sheriff defended conditions in his facilities earlier this month.

Arts and Culture-Oct. 20, 2022

The URI Guitar Festival started as an ambitious idea by director Adam Levin more than seven years ago. It started growing when the pandemic created a major obstacle to that growth. Levin did what all directors did. He got creative. This weekend the event launches bigger than it has ever been, stretching across multiple days. It also now includes activities and events that are learning experiences for beginners and more advanced players. Artscape co-host Luis Hernandez has more.

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Politics and Environment-Oct. 20, 2022

One Square Mile: Westerly

In our community series, One Square Mile, Alex Nunes takes us to Westerly, where shoreline access has become a prominent political issue in the 2022 election. Voters following the 2022 elections in Westerly are witnessing something they haven't seen in years. Candidates are widely promoting their support for public access to Rhode Island's shoreline.

Length: 7:15

Politics and Environment-Nov. 2, 2022

Federal regulations required greater public access to Watch Hill Cove. With local prodding, Congress changed the law to the benefit of private interests
Alex Nunes reports.

Length: 9:00 mins

Politics-Nov. 16, 2022

Politicians are sparring over the future of the State Pier in southeastern Massachusetts. A letter from a U.S. House delegation has exposed a smoldering turf war over the pier at a defining moment for New Bedford's waterfront. As tourism grows and the offshore wind industry comes knocking, new business interests are jockeying for space on the city's publicly owned piers. The hard work of balancing those interests is drawing new fault lines among New Bedford's power players. Ben Berke reports.

Length: 5:00

Business/Economy- Nov. 17, 2022

Gordon Carr, the new director of New Bedford's Port Authority, will be leading the nation's top fishing port through a period of transition as the offshore wind industry sets up in town. Our South Coast Bureau Reporter Ben Berke sat down with Carr for his first interview since he started the job last month. They talked about the tough decisions Carr will make about who gets precious space in a busy harbor.

Length: 4:45

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Arts and Culture; Dec. 1, 2022

Libraries play a crucial role in providing books, educational opportunities, and essential resources to the public. But when the pandemic hit, libraries had to redefine how they serve their communities. Morning host Luis Hernandez recently spoke about the evolving role of libraries with Cheryl Space, Library Director at Community Libraries of Providence.

Length: 7:30

Environment- Dec. 8, 2022

Regulators see hard years ahead for New Bedford's scallop fisher. New England's fishing regulators set new catch limits on Wednesday that will slash next year's scallop harvest to less than half of an historic peak experienced just three years ago. Ben Berke reports.

Length: 1:30

Health-December 15-17

Across the country, communities are dealing with a dual crisis of homelessness and addiction. Nationwide, roughly half of all people who are chronically homeless have substance use disorders. Our three-part series focuses on Woonsocket, R.I., a former mill city which in 2021 had the state's highest rate of drug overdose deaths. Chasing the Fix explores some of the barriers faced by people experiencing homelessness who are also struggling with addiction.

Length: 24:00 (in 3 parts)