

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q3: July 1 – September 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 7/1 to 9/30, 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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  - Jim Murphy *Date*
  
- WELH 88.1FM Providence, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - David Schiano *Date*

### **1. Politics:** Following Supreme Court Decision, RI's Gay Rights Groups Refocus The Goal

Feature (3:14)  
July 6 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM

Advocates for LGBTQ rights react to the Supreme Court's landmark decision legalizing same-sex marriage across the country and discuss what's next for the movement.

### **2. Arts & Culture:** Get Your Summer Read On

Q&A (6:09)  
July 6 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM and 6:45 and 8:45 AM, 5:51 PM

RISD literature professor gives summer reading suggestions from a variety of genres.

### **3. Politics:** The Bernie Sanders-Hillary Clinton Presidential Challenge

Commentary (4:17)  
July 10 6:45 and 8:45 AM

RIPR Political Analyst Scott MacKay explores the appeal of Bernie Sanders after spending a couple of days with the Sanders campaign in Vermont.

### **4. Environment:** Runoff Still Threatens Water On Aquidneck Island

Feature(6:30)  
July 22 6:50 and 8:50 AM

Development and climate change increase pollution from rain runoff in Newport and surrounding communities.

### **5. Arts & Culture:** Still Feeling The Reverberations Of Dylan's Electric Show At Newport Folk

Feature and Q&A (8:00 & 5:31)

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July 22 & 23 6:50 and 8:50 AM and 6:45 & 8:45

Newport marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bob Dylan's first electric performance. Music writers and festival goers reflect on the significance of the performance; and Newport Folk Festival Founder George Wein shares his memories of the iconic show.

### 6. **Breaking News:** Rhode Islanders React To Sandra Bland Arrest Video

Feature(4:01)

July 23 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Rhode Island residents discuss a controversial police stop in Texas and their own experiences with law enforcement.

### 7. **Environment:** Block Island Wind Farm: A Delicate Topic For Year-Round Residents

Feature(5:59)

July 27 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 7:45 AM

Block Island residents remain divided as construction begins on the nation's first offshore windfarm, off the island's coast.

### 8. **Health Care:** Series: Children In Crisis: Child Welfare In The Ocean State

10-part series of features, Q&A's and web extras of varying lengths

August 12-20 Various times during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

A close look at Rhode Island's troubled child welfare agency from overworked caseworkers to challenges recruiting more foster families and caring for children in the system.

### 9. **Education:** New Central Falls Superintendent On Test Scores, High School Overhaul And School Uniforms

Q&A (8:05)

August 24 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Superintendent of long-troubled school district describes his approach to improving urban education and the lessons learned from a controversial high school turnaround plan.

### 10. **Education:** Local Programs Aim To Stop The Summer Slide

Feature(3:13)

August 26 6:45 and 8:45 or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Summer program gives kids challenging design projects in an effort to stem the phenomenon known as "summer learning loss."

### 11. **Politics:** PawSox Stadium Vs Superman Building: The Battle Over Public Subsidies

Feature(5:17)

August 27 5:45 and 7:45 or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Economists, city and state officials and others debate the use of public subsidies for a baseball stadium.

### 12. **Health Care:** As School Sports Gear Up, So To Does Risk Of Concussion

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Q&A (7:02)

September 3 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM

Hasbro Children's Hospital researcher discusses efforts to prevent head injuries in youth sports and the impact of new state regulations.

### 13. Education: Students, Residents At Odds Over Housing Proposal

Feature(7:17)

September 8 6:50, 7:50 or 8:50 AM

Complaints about loud college parties fuel push for city ordinance to limit the number of college students who can rent a single-family home.

### 14. Environment: Battle With The Sea: Preparing For The Invisible Toll Of Climate Change

Feature(5:43)

September 10 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

Strong storms expected to increase due to climate change can cause mental health problems when residents experience PTSD.

### 15. Arts & Culture: Trinity Rep Opens Season With New Take On 'Julius Caesar'

Q/A (4:48)

September 10 7:45 or 8:45 AM

Trinity Repertory Company director discusses the decision to cast a woman in the title role of Shakespeare's classic tale of political power and jealousy. The actress who plays Caesar explains how she prepared for the role and how she sees the impact of a woman in the part.

### 16. Politics: Political Roundtable: Raimondo on the Lally Controversy, PawSox & Trying to Improve RI's Economy

Q&A (9:00)

September 18 5:50 and 7:50 AM

RI Governor Gina Raimondo joins our weekly political panel to review the week in politics.

### 17. Breaking News/Politics: 38 Studios Documents Released Thursday

Debrief (7:24)

September 24 5:50 and 7:50 AM

RIPR's Political Reporter and Political Analyst describe what they've learned from a trove of documents unsealed in the lawsuit over 38 Studios. The video game company went bankrupt leaving taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars in state-backed loans.