

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q3: July 1 thru September 30, 2017



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 07/01 to 09/30, 2017. 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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  - Aaron Read *Date*
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  - William Smith *Date*
- WELH 88.1FM Providence, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
  - David Schiano *Date*

**1. Arts&Culture:** Elmer Booze, The Man Behind The Piano At The Newport Music Festival  
 Feature(5:38)  
 July 20 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM  
 Behind every great pianist, is a page-turner, and at the Newport Music Festival – which turns 50 next year – that page-turner has long been Elmer Booze.

**2. Arts&Culture:** Remembering The Book That Opened The Road For African-American Travelers  
 Feature(8:37)  
 July 20 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 7:50 AM  
 A Bristol-based historian seeks to preserve the history of the “Green Book,” a travel guide for African-Americans in the pre-civil rights era.

**3. Economy/Immigration:** Behind Newport’s Tourism Industry, A Growing Number Of Latino Workers  
 2 Features (4:15 & 5:15)  
 August 2&3 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM  
 Newport’s Hispanic community is growing and makes up an important part of the workforce in local hotels and restaurants. After the election of President Donald Trump some members of this community question whether they are still welcome, and some, who lack documentation, fear immigration raids.

**4. Politics:** Political Roundtable: Trillo On Running For Governor, Reed's Hot Mic & Obamacare Roundtable (8:59)  
 July 28 5:50 and 7:50 AM  
 Former Warwick state Rep. Joe Trillo, a prospective GOP candidate for governor, joined Political Roundtable to discuss his political future; the hot mic remarks made this week by U.S. Sen. Jack Reed; and the outlook on Obamacare in Washington, D.C.

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**5. Arts & Culture:** Revisiting That American Summer Staple, Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture'  
Feature(7:13)

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

Every summer, many American audiences are reintroduced to a classic, the "1812 Overture." The only problem is this piece by Peter Tchaikovsky isn't American at all. In fact, it has nothing to do with the USA.

**6. Sports:** Steeped In History, Majestic J Class Boats Return To Newport

Feature(4:22)

August 23 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 7:45 AM

Newport hosts a first in the sailing world: the J Class world championships. J Class yachts are rare, and they're huge.

**7. Politics:** Scott MacKay Commentary: Sorry President Trump, But Nazis Are Not Fine People  
Opinion (4:27)

August 18 6:45 and 8:45 AM; 5:50 PM

The white supremacist march in Charlottesville has stirred a variety of emotions. But RIPR political analyst Scott MacKay says there should be only one takeaway from this demonstration.

**9. Arts&Culture:** Author Ann Hood Reflects On The Books That Shaped And Changed Her Life

Interview (7:31)

August 23 6:50 and 8:50 or 7:50 AM

In her new book "Morningstar," author Ann Hood examines the transformative power of literature. Hood recalls how a childhood of almost obsessive reading led her to dream of leaving the small New England factory town where she grew up.

**10. Sports:** Youth Rugby Grows Despite Concern Over Concussions

Feature(5:09)

August 30 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Rugby is on the rise. In fact, it's the fastest growing sport in the country. But it's also dangerous. That doesn't dampen the enthusiasm of kids who play with the Newport Rugby Club.

**11. Education:** Local Professor Helps Rescue A Young Girl From ISIS

Interview (7:37)

August 31 6:50 & 8:50 or 7:50 AM

It's back to school season, a time when many students are asked, "What did you do over the summer?" One professor at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth describes how he helped arrange the ransom for a young girl kidnapped by ISIS.

**12. Politics:** Political Roundtable: Gorbea On Voting, PawSox & Policing Open Records Enforcement

Roundtable (8:54)

August 11 5:50 and 7:50 AM

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Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea discusses the debate about voter fraud, the question of whether enough is being done to retain the PawSox, and the policing of enforcement with the state's open records law.

### **13. Health Care:** How Parents Can Help Resist Overprescribing Antibiotics

Interview (5:43)

September 5 6:45 & 8:45 or 7:45 AM

URI pharmacy professor Kerry LaPlante speaks with RIPR health reporter Lynn Arditi about how Rhode Island reduced antibiotic prescribing.

### **14. Environment:** Land Conservationists Worry Power Plant Will Fragment Forest, Harm Species

Feature(4:06)

September 28 6:45 & 8:45 or 7:45 AM

About 35 acres of forest would need to be cleared to make way for a proposed power plant. But conservationists don't want any of this forest's integrity to be lost. Totaling about 12,000 acres, it's the last wildlife corridor of its kind near this part of the East Coast.

### **15. Politics:** Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia Squares Off In Preliminary Election

Feature (4:46)

September 12 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

When he won election two years ago, Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia was just 23 years old. Now, voters must decide if they want Correia to stay.

### **16. Immigration:** After Years Of Security, DACA Recipients Face The Burden Of Uncertainty

Feature(5:11)

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

RI residents under DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, face the end of the program protecting them from deportation.

### **17. Environment:** How Ready Is Rhode Island For A Powerful Storm?

Interview (4:31)

September 9 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Recent hurricanes in Texas and the Caribbean have some concerned about how well the Ocean State is prepared for a similar event. We put the question to Grover Fugate, head of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.

### **18. RI News/Media/Culture:** The Last Days Of Alt-Rock On 95.5 WBRU

Feature(4:51)

September 16 Weekend Edition

After WBRU sold 95.5 FM to a Christian broadcaster, DJ's from the longtime alternative rock staple had a final day of broadcasting before moving permanently online.

### **19. Politics:** Political Roundtable: Raimondo On PawSox, PR Blitz & Firefighter Disability Pension Bill

Roundtable (8:45)

September 22 5:50 AM and 7:50 AM

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Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo on the PawSox' proposed Pawtucket stadium; her administration's plans for a promotional blitz about her 1,000 days in office; and a bill to expand disability pensions for firefighters.