

# THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

**Q4: October 1 thru December 31, 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 10/01/21 thru 12/31/21. 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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## **1: Arts/October 27, 2021**

Lifted is the latest production from the Wilbury Theatre group, now playing outdoors at the Waterfire Arts Center. James Baumgartner and Chuck Hinman review it in our regular Artscape segment. Length: 9:00

## **2: Politics/November 5, 2021**

On Political Roundtable this week, host Ian Donnis talks with Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee about the pandemic, American Rescue Plan Act money and whether the state will make progress creating jobs. Length: 19:00

## **3: Environment/November 8, 2021**

King tides regularly cause flooding across the state: from Atlantic Ave in Westerly to the Oakland Beach neighborhood in Warwick, from Waterplace Park in Providence down through the East Bay. As global warming causes sea level to rise, high tide flooding like this is becoming more common. In 2000, tide stations in Providence and Newport recorded two to three flooding days per year. By 2050, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects those cities could see high tide flooding more than a hundred days each year. Sofie Rudin reports. Length: 5:00

## **4: Health/November 26, 2021**

Public hearings are expected to begin in January on the proposed merger of Rhode Island's two largest health care systems: Lifespan and Care New England. Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha notified the companies earlier this month that their merger application was complete. Now, his office and the state Department of Health have until March 16 to accept or reject the deal. Neronha spoke about what's next with Health Reporter Lynn Arditi. Length: 4:00

## **5: Environment/December 2, 2021**

Coal byproducts leaked into the Seekonk River at the Tidewater Landing construction site this week. That's the spot where a new professional soccer stadium is planned in Pawtucket. Sofie Rudin reports. Length 4:00

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## 6: Housing/DEI/December 8, 2021

Home prices have climbed in recent years around Newport, and many Hispanic and Latino families are finding it especially difficult to secure a place to live. For some undocumented individuals, these housing struggles also make them vulnerable to predatory behavior that often goes unchecked and unreported. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length: 8:00

## 7: Housing/Economy/December 14, 2021

As home prices skyrocket around Newport, many of the Hispanic and Latino workers who power the city's economy are having trouble finding an affordable place to live. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length: 5:00

## 8: Environment/December 21, 2021

Rhode Island's housing code includes lead safety standards meant to protect residents. But cities across the state have a spotty track record of enforcing the requirements. Central Falls, which has some of the oldest housing stock in the state, is trying to chart a different course. Sofie Rudin reports.

Length: 8:00

## 9: Politics/December 20, 2021

For years, Rhode Island has had a housing problem: many people just can't afford to live here. And rising rents and soaring real estate prices have made things worse. Ian Donniss reports.

Length: 5:00

## 10: Arts and Culture/ December 27, 2021

Letters from home: Remembering the year in notes from a 100-year-old Rhode Islander. Antonia Ayres-Brown talks with a centenarian in Newport about her reflections.

Length: 5:30