

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q1: Jan 2017 – April 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 1/1 – 4/10, 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*
  
- WCVY 91.5FM Coventry, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jim Murphy *Date*
  
- WELH 88.1FM Providence, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - David Schiano *Date*

**1. Politics:** “One Square Mile Johnston: Why did this Democratic town back Trump? (feature)  
Jan 31 5:45 AM/7:45 AM or 6:45 AM/8:45 AM

Democrat Hillary Clinton won the state of Rhode Island in November, but then-candidate Donald Trump beat her by 14 points in Johnston. That marks the biggest swing in a Rhode Island community going from Democrat to Republican in the presidential election. As part of our series "One Square Mile: Johnston," we went looking for answers for why this blue town turned red.

**2. Health:** “In Early Recovery, A Vulnerable Brain” Feature  
March 16 5:51 AM/7:51 AM OR 6:51 AM/8:51 AM

Early recovery from addiction is a delicate, difficult period. It’s a time when drug users are most at risk of relapsing or overdosing. But scientists are learning more about the biology of early recovery and how people with substance abuse problems can survive it.

**3. Education:** K-12 Gets Less Attention But Still a Boost in 2018 spending plan (web)  
January 19

Governor Gina Raimondo’s plan for two years of free college tuition is grabbing most of the attention in the budget proposal for fiscal year 2018, but there’s also new funding for K-12 schools. Here are some highlights. The governor has proposed at total of \$2.6 billion for K-12 and higher education.

**4. Environment:** Burrillville Power Plant faces new legal hurdles, opposition over sale of water (feature)

March 22 6:33 and 8:33 AM or 5:33 and 7:33 AM

The gas-fired power plant that Invenergy wants to build in Burrillville faces more legal hurdles this week. On Tuesday attorneys for the town of Burrillville and the Conservation Law Foundation asked the state’s Energy Facility Siting Board for more information about how the power plant would affect the region. Meanwhile the town of Burrillville and the Conservation Law Foundation are suing to stop the project. The power plant remains controversial a year and a half after it was first proposed.

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**5. Arts & Culture/Commentary:** Paul Taylor Dance Company Premieres Goofy, Vibrant Dance (Theater review)

Feb 7 6:45 and 8:45 AM; or 5:35 and 7:45 AM

The Paul Taylor Dance Company is often called America's finest dance organization. The troupe performed in Providence over the weekend, premiering a brand new dance that will open this week in New York City. Rhode Island Public Radio's Bill Gale says the performance was well worth watching.

**6. Business:** The Bottom Line: Behind the scenes of the proposed New England medical innovation center (Q&A)

Feb. 34 5:50 pm

Providence Business News Editor Mark Murphy joins Rhode Island Public Radio's Dave Fallon for our weekly business segment, The Bottom Line. This week Dave and Mark are joined by Dr. Peter Snyder, Senior Vice President and Chief Research Officer at Lifespan. The three discuss the proposed New England Medical Innovation Center on the former I95 land.

**7. Politics:** Scott MacKay Commentary: Time for Assembly Leaders, Raimondo to Forge Tuition compromise (commentary)

March 27 5:45 AM/7:45 AM or 6:45 Am/8:45 AM

Gov. Gina Raimondo's signature plan for free tuition at Rhode Island public colleges has generated opposition. RIPR political analyst Scott MacKay says she may have to make some changes to deal with the new statehouse landscape.

**8. Religion:** Amid Fears, RI's Latino Catholics Turn to Church for Solace, Support (feature)

March 27 5:45 AM/7:45 AM or 6:45 Am/8:45 AM

After President Donald Trump promised a crackdown on undocumented immigrants, many expressed a fear of leaving their house, going to work, or shopping. But some local Catholic Churches are seeing an uptick in attendance at their Spanish language masses as Latinos turn to the church for support.

**9. Public Affairs/Politics:** Policy & Pinot: Sanctuary Cities (public event, rebroadcast)

Feb. 22 8pm

What is a "Sanctuary City," and what are the risks of being one under President Trump? That was the discussion at the [Providence Athenaeum](#) on Thursday March 9, 2017 for our latest *Policy & Pinot* forum discussion.

**10. Politics:** Political Roundtable: NAACP president Jim Vincent on Paiva Weed, Body Cams & Raimondo's Good Government push (Q&A)

March 24 8:50 AM

Jim Vincent, president of the Providence NAACP, joins Roundtable this week to discuss the transition in state Senate leadership, the impact that body cams might make on police-community relations, and Governor Raimondo's push for some good government measures.