

RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q3: July 1 thru September 30, 2016



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, 2016. 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 & Culture: A Ride on the Providence-Newport Ferry

Audio Postcard (1:36)

July 8 Various times during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

A boat trip with some of the first passengers to ride from Providence to Newport on the newly revived ferry service through Narragansett Bay.

2. Police & Crime: Residents, Police Respond to Dallas Shootings

Feature, Q&As and newscast spots, ranging in length from 45 seconds to 5:33

July 8 & 9 4:44, 5:44 and 6:44 PM plus multiple newscasts

State officials and community members hold a gathering to respond to the shootings of Dallas police officers during a protest over police violence. Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare, interviewed at his office, discusses Providence's efforts to improve police-community relations and diversity on the police force. NAACP Providence President Jim Vincent sits down with ATC host Dave Fallon to discuss his view of the situation.

3. Health: Budgets Strained, States Move More Patients Out of Nursing Homes

Feature(8:02)

July 13 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

State health officials say we're spending too much on nursing homes. Instead, they say, we could be caring for people, for less money, at home. There's a new effort to do that. But making the transition from a nursing home isn't always easy.

4. Education/Politics: How Education Fared in the Legislative Session and 2017 State Budget

Q&A (6:49)

July 13 6:33 and 8:33 AM or 5:33 and 7:33 AM

There were winners and losers in the 2017 budget for education. School districts got a boost, with increases in state funding. But charter schools will see their tuition payments cut, in a move some advocates say threatens the future for some of Rhode Island's charter schools. We

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get some perspective from Rhode Island Federation of Teachers President Frank Flynn. The following week, we get another perspective from the League of Charter Schools.

5. Arts & Culture: In English and Spanish, Trinity Rep Brings The Bard to Providence
Feature(5:22)

July 15 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Trinity Repertory Company tours a new production of Romeo and Juliet that represents a first for the company: The play is performed in both English and Spanish.

6. Environment: Raimondo: Burrillville Power Plant is Not a ‘Done Deal’
Feature(3:45)

July 19 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 7:45 AM

Hundreds of Burrillville residents welcomed Gov. Gina Raimondo Monday night at a community meeting, where the majority voiced steadfast opposition to a proposed power plant. The governor didn’t withdraw her support for the proposed project, as organizers had hoped, but she reassured residents the power plant is “not a done deal.”

7. Politics/Environment: In RI, Green Party Candidate Jill Stein on Platform and White House Race

Q&A (8:00)

July 21 6:50 and 8:50 AM; or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Jill Stein is on the ballot in 22 states and Washington, D.C. She’ll need 1,000 signatures by September to add Rhode Island to the list. Rhode Island Public Radio environmental reporter Ambar Espinoza sat down with Stein during a stop in Providence to talk about her campaign and the direction she would like to take the country if she were elected president.

9. Arts & Culture: Sea Robin Anyone? Local Chefs Get Acquainted
Feature(3:21)

July 22 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:54 and 7:45 AM

Rhode Island’s waters teem with tasty fish, but we’re not eating most of them. That’s partly because much of it gets shipped overseas, and partly because Rhode Islanders just haven’t developed a taste for fish many consider trash – or “bycatch.” A group of chefs, scientists, and fishermen want to change that. We visited the kitchen at culinary business incubator Hope and Main in Warren to find out what’s on the menu.

10. Business: The Bottom Line: New Accounting Rules Highlight Unfunded Liabilities

Q&A (8:53)

July 22 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 Mark and Dave chat with Ian Ridlon, president and executive director of the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust. The group works with cities and towns to manage unfunded liabilities, such as health care costs for retirees.

11. Politics: RI’s First Female Governor On Historic Clinton Nomination

Q&A (4:41)

July 29 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

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As Democrat Hillary Clinton was getting ready to shatter a glass ceiling Thursday as the first woman ever to accept a presidential nomination from a major U.S. political party, Governor Gina Raimondo was preparing to return home to watch Clinton's speech on television with her family. We caught up with Raimondo on the floor of the DNC.

12. Environment: Cumberland Investigates PFOAs in Drinking Water

Feature(3:34)

August 3 6:45 and 8:54 AM, or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Cumberland, Rhode Island popped up on a list of cities and towns that have unsafe levels of the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA. It's used to make Teflon. It turns out those levels have dropped significantly in the town over the past year, and that's good news. But water officials still don't know where the chemical came from or how long it was in the water.

13. Politics: Battle Over 38 Studios Reflects Lack of Resolution

Feature(4:28)

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

The end of the criminal investigation over 38 Studios sparked debate about whether material from the probe should be released to the public. The dispute reflects the questions many residents still have about the state-backed video game company and its costly meltdown.

14. Health: Diabetes Among RI Latinos Rising Faster Than Any Other Group

Feature(6:21)

August 8 6:33 and 8:33 AM

Diabetes rates are soaring across the nation. But in Rhode Island, the Hispanic population has seen the most dramatic increase of any other group over the past few years. On our weekly health care feature The Pulse, we explore what's behind this sharp rise, beginning with access to health insurance.

15. Education: New Rhode Island College President Discusses Goals and the Coming School

Year Q&A (7:54)

August 12 6:50 and 8:50 or 7:50 AM

As students enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation, faculty at Rhode Island College are gearing up for a new semester and a new president. Frank Sanchez, arrived on campus about a month ago. He sat down with Rhode Island Public Radio's Elisabeth Harrison to talk about his goals for RIC.

16. Police & Crime: Speaking Across Difference: Finding Common Ground in a Shared Neighborhood

Feature(6:47)

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

As part of a series exploring Rhode Islanders who reach across divides that often keep our communities apart, we hear from policeman Dean Isabella and former gang member Jose Rodriguez who have formed an unexpected friendship.

17. Arts & Culture: In Downtown Providence, a Piece of Forgotten Architectural History

Feature(6:43)

September 7 6:50 and 8:90 AM or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

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Few people know that Providence is home to a plaza designed by the architect I.M. Pei, the man behind the famous pyramids outside the Louvre Museum in Paris. In the 1960s, Providence hired Pei to redesign Cathedral Square during a push for urban renewal. But the effort failed to attract people, and today the square sits dilapidated and largely unused.

18. Politics: RhodyVotes '16 RI Primary Coverage

A series of features, interviews, spot news reports and reporter debriefs on top races in the RI Primary and analysis of primary results.

Various dates, lengths and times in August and September

Feature stories included the race to challenge House Speaker Nicholas Mattiello's seat in Cranston, a mayoral race in North Providence and how an upstart candidate beat House Majority Leader John DeSimone.

19. Environment: The Big Switch: New England's Energy Moment

5 Features (varying lengths)

Week of September 12 various times in Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Through a collaborative coverage project funded by CPB, a five-part series looking at the promises and challenges of alternative energy in New England.

20. Politics: The Rhode Islander Behind The Presidential Release of Tax Returns

Commentary (3:44)

September 30 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Ever wonder why presidential candidates started releasing their tax returns? RIPR political analyst Scott MacKay says it's a political tradition with distinctly Rhode Island roots.