

THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q1: Jan 1, 2021 to Mar 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 04/01/21 to 06/30/21. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. Health/April 21, 2021

A pop-up vaccination clinic in Newport on Wednesday is targeting the city's Hispanic and Latino community, as well as BIPOC residents and other communities of color. Advocates say they're worried by an uptick in cases among Latino residents — and by low vaccination rates among this community. Reporter Antonia Ayres-Brown sat down with Rebekah Gomez and Yolanda Macías, of Conexión Latina Newport, a local group that supports and advocates for Hispanic families. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length: 5:32

2. Politics May 5, 2021

State Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D-Providence), who was first elected in 2018, is our guest this week on Political Roundtable, our weekly program on Rhode Island politics. Ian Donnis hosts.

Length: 9:00

3. Environment May 17, 2021

Today, we're going to talk about painting roofs white. Some experts say white shingles could lower electricity bills and cool down hot cities. So, should you make the switch? We find out on our weekly segment, Possibly.

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4. Environment June 9, 2021

The story of shoreline access in many parts of Rhode Island is one of haves and have nots. Come summer, fortunate oceanside property owners have it. Others have to fight for parking spots and somewhere to lay their beach blankets. The Quonochontaug Barrier Beach in Westerly and Charlestown is one place largely cut off to the public. For years, people used it freely. But today the beach is tightly controlled by a network of fire districts and conservation groups that has made it a flashpoint in the growing debate over shoreline access.

Alex Nunes reports.

Length: 6:38

5. Arts and Culture June 16, 2021

Festival Ballet Providence kicks off a two-week run of performances of a program called "Emergence", in its first public production since the pandemic began. Chuck Hinman and James Baumgartner report.

Length: 9:00

6. Health June 22, 2021

Rhode Island is among the top 10 states nationally for COVID-19 vaccinations, according to a New York Times [analysis](#) of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the state's vaccination rates for Black and Latino residents ranks roughly in the [middle](#) of the pack compared with other Northeast states, said [Samathana Artiga](#), director of racial equity and health policy at the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation. The Rev. Howard Jenkins was appointed by former Governor Gina M. Raimondo to the [Equity Council](#), created to shape the state's Covid response to serve the people most impacted by the pandemic. And he and other council members have pressed state leaders to do more to address vaccine inequities. Lynn Arditi reports.

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7. Arts and Culture June 25, 2021

The violence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict might feel far-off, never-ending, and shrouded in an almost impenetrable mix of political and religious debate. But the reality is, the relationship between Israel and Palestine is so incredibly complicated because it affects the lives and identities of millions so deeply, including people who live here, in our communities. Our guest on Mosaic this week is the inaugural chair of Brown University's department of Palestinian Studies, Professor Beshara Doumani. He speaks with host Ana Gonzalez about what it means to be Palestinian in a world that oftentimes denies your very existence.

Length: 29:00

8. Politics May 28, 2021

Matt Weldon, director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, is the guest on Political Roundtable this week. Ian Donnis hosts.

Length: 9:00

9. Business and Economy June 2, 2021

Newport businesses this summer are plastered with 'Help Wanted' signs. And business owners say the difficulty finding employees is particularly concerning in a summer destination like Newport, where businesses hit hard by the pandemic are relying on the next few months for an economic comeback. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length: 6:21

10. Since 2004, the Association of American Medical Colleges has used the phrase "underrepresented in medicine" to refer to any racial and ethnic groups that are, well, underrepresented in medical professions based on their relative population in the rest of the country. Medical schools use the term "URM" to talk about diversity in their classes, but that doesn't tell the whole story.

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Today, on Mosaic, host Ana Gonzalez talks with Gisel Bello, a 4th-year medical student and the child of Dominican immigrants. Her podcast, *You Are Med*, features stories from other medical professionals of color to breathe nuance into what it means to be underrepresented in medicine.

Length: 29:00