

RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q2: April 1 thru June 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 04/01 to 06/30, 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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1. Environment/Economy: Growing Local Demand For Local Fish, Amid Changing Regulations

Features (4:16)

April 11 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Fishing has long been a staple industry in Rhode Island. Over the last century ever more local seafood is shipped across the country and the globe.

2. Politics: Motivated By Trump, Progressive Women Start Organizing In RI

Feature(5:00)

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

After the election of President Donald Trump, some progressive women in RI are getting engaged for the first time and trying to find their political voices.

3. Health/Economy: As RI's Healthcare Industry Grows, So Does Need For Workers

Feature(3:43)

April 4 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Healthcare is one of the largest industries in Rhode Island. It represents about 20 percent of the state's work force. And the \$3 billion sector is expected to grow.

4. Politics: Scott MacKay Commentary: Time To Clean Up Statehouse Grant System

Commentary (3:53)

May 13 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Political Analyst Scott MacKay suggests improvements to a state grant program after controversy involving a state lawmaker found to earn a salary from an organization funded through state grants.

5. Arts & Culture: Theater Review: Violent And Humorous, 'Like Sheep To Water' Is The Best Kind Of Theater

Opinion (3:45)

May 16 6:45 and 8:45 AM

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Trinity Rep reaches back 500 years or so to a Spanish play to close the theater season. Critic Bill Gale says it has plenty to say about then and now..

6. Police & Courts: Chelsea Manning's Attorney Reflects On Case

Interview (6:50)

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

Chelsea Manning's attorney Richard Coombs, a visiting professor at Roger Williams Law School discusses the landmark Wikileaks military trial after Manning's release from prison on a presidential commutation.

7. Transportation: With Federal Decision Nearing, Southern New England Towns Push Back Against Rail Plan

Feature(4:32)

May 24 6:45 and 8:45 AM; or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

The Federal Railroad Administration is working on plans to bring more high-speed rail to the Northeast Corridor, the busiest stretch of passenger rail in the nation. But some RI and CT towns oppose the plan.

9. Politics: Political Roundtable: Lincoln Chafee

Roundtable (8:59)

June 9 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Former RI Governor and former US Senator Lincoln Chafee joins RIPR's weekly political roundtable as he mulls another run for governor.

10. Environment: Carbon Pricing Bill Attracts Support and Opposition

Feature(4:28)

June 13 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Environmental advocates and some businesspeople support a bill to tax carbon emissions and reward people who conserve energy, but conservatives call the plan too pricey.

11. Immigration: ICE Detains Immigrant Outside Rhode Island Courthouse

Feature(1:56)(and news spots)

June 13&14 Various times during ATC and ME

Immigration authorities detain a Syrian immigrant following a mandatory court appearance, saying he overstayed a visa. The stop draws criticism from the legal community.

12. Media: ProJo Executive Editor Alan Rosenberg On Newspapering In The Internet Age

Interview (6:51)

June 14 6:50 and 8:50 AM, or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

The new executive editor of the Providence Journal discusses the future of the paper after a series of cuts and buyouts.

13. Education: How Might \$3.6M Help Providence's Struggling Middle Schools?

Feature(5:03)

June 15 6:45 & 8:45 or 7:45 AM

Teachers and administrators at DelSesto Middle School focus on improving student-teacher relationships as part of an effort to improve city middle schools.

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14. Police & Courts: Globe Reporter Jan Ransom On Carter Texting Suicide Trial

Interview (5:13)

June 15 ATC

Reporter describes courtroom testimony in ground breaking Taunton, MA trial involving a manslaughter charge based partly on text messages and social media.

15. Politics: Senate Bill 420: How RI's Marijuana Legislation Got Its Number

Feature (3:47)

June 21 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

In popular culture, 4:20 is known as the ideal time to smoke a joint, and it's also the number assigned to one of Rhode Island's marijuana legalization measures.

16. Arts & Culture: Sons Of Jacob: Inside The Last Synagogue On Smith Hill

Feature(4:49)

June 22 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

A visit to the last remaining vestige of the Jewish community that once lived in Providence's Smith Hill neighborhood.

17. Politics: Issues to Watch in the Final Days of the Legislative Session

Debrief (3:31)

June 26 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

RIPR's Political Analyst Scott MacKay highlights bills that may come to a vote in the last days of the 2017 legislative session and bills that may not get taken up, such as recreational marijuana.

18. Environment: Marine Conservationist On New England's Potential To Harness Energy From Ocean Tides

Interview (6:46)

June 28 6:50 & 8:50 AM

Tidal energy expert explains the promise of tidal power in the 21st Century and how it might work for New England.

19. Arts & Culture: RI Artscape: Trump As Caesar? Just How Far Can Theater Go?

Roundtable (6:46)

June 29 6:50 AM and 8:50 AM

Discussion with local theater directors about controversy over Public Theater performance of "Julius Caesar" styled like President Donald Trump.