

THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q2: April 1 through June 30, 2022

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by The Public's Radio in Providence, Rhode Island, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 04/01/22 thru 06/30/22. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Note: WNPK was off the air under a Stay-Silent STA with the FCC until July 6, 2022.

1: Science - May 5, 2022

Atlantic cod, once a mainstay of the region's economy, is being fished at historically low levels, but a research scientist whose past findings opened up a tightly regulated scallop fishery says cod may be staging a comeback. Ben Berke reports.

Length: 07:19

2: Shoreline access - May 15, 2022

The Narragansett Town Council took up a proposal to waive all walk-on and parking fees at the town's beach to members of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. The ocean is a sacred spiritual place for members of the tribe, but the Narragansett do not currently have any of their own land along Rhode Island's shore. Alex Nunes reports.

Length: 06:19

3: Politics/gun legislation - May 27, 2022

A conversation between The Public's Radio political reporter Ian Donnis and Providence Public Safety Commission Steven Pare. Topics include: mass shootings, gun legislation, and license plate readers.

Length: 13:27

4: Politics/abortion/gun legislation - June 2, 2022

A conversation between The Public's Radio political reporter Ian Donnis and Allan Fung, candidate for an open seat in Rhode Island's Second Congressional District. Topics include: abortion access, gun legislation, and Fung's plans for improving the economy and slowing inflation.

Length: 13:57

5: Environment - June 7, 2022

In June the EPA began removing soil polluted with lead and PCBs from five homes in Dartmouth. Regulators suspect the neighborhood's wetlands and low-lying areas were filled with contaminated material during the mid-century suburban boom. Ben Berke reports.

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6: Inflation - June 12, 2022

The rising costs of food, gas and other basics are continuing to put financial strain on people across the country and here in Rhode Island. Non-profit organizations, in particular, are facing daily pressures because of increased operational expenses. As part of our ongoing series on the impact of inflation, reporter Joe Tasca introduces us to the owner of a non-profit in Ashaway who is trying to stay above water in the midst of revenue shortfalls and other challenges.

Length: 04:23

7: Education - June 14, 2022

The pandemic has brought a long list of challenges for K-12 students and educators in Rhode Island. Among those most set back have been the state's English Learners, who already struggled with lower attendance and test scores before COVID-19. Antonia Ayres-Brown reports.

Length 07:36

8: Arts and Culture - June 18, 2022

Students at SouthSide Elementary Charter School in Providence celebrated Juneteenth, "a holiday that is very special," by performing songs and reading poetry at the Mixed Magic Theatre in Pawtucket.

Length: 05:00

9: Inflation - June 26, 2022

Rising costs are hitting consumers everywhere from the gas pump to the grocery line. The impact can be especially hard on seniors living on fixed incomes. As part of our series on inflation's impact on Rhode Islanders, reporter Joe Tasca introduces us to a Hope Valley retiree who is struggling to afford basic necessities while adjusting to life in subsidized housing.

Length: 3:40

10: Health - June 28, 2022

Rhode Island is among the states hardest hit by the nationwide infant formula shortage. And it's particularly hard on low-income families like the Lumpkinses who have babies with special dietary needs. Lynn Arditì reports.

Length: 04:28