

RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q4: October 1 thru January 31, 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 10/1 to 12/31, 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. Environment/Politics: Conservative Groups Frame New Land Access Program As ‘Land Grab’

Feature (5:36)

October 6 5:45 AM/7:45 AM or 6:45 AM/8:45 AM

A state program to help new farmers acquire land has come under fire from conservatives, who say government is pushing an agenda of land redistribution and unfairly promoting organic farming.

2. Arts & Culture: Parsing Fact From Fiction In New Film 'Birth Of A Nation' Feature, Q&As and Q&A (6:37)

October 7 5:51 AM/7:51 AM OR 6:51 AM/8:51 AM

Providence College historian discusses the Nat Turner Rebellion and its dramatization in the film “The Birth of a Nation.”

3. Religion: Speaking Across Difference: A Shared Sisterhood Bridging Religions

Feature(7:00)

October 10 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Two members of the group Sisterhood of Salaam discuss their relationship and how they began hosting monthly meetings between Jewish and Muslim women.

4. Health: Laughing Gas Makes A Comeback In Maternity Wards

Feature(5:02)

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

South County Hospital is bringing back laughing gas for women in labor. It hasn't been used in the U.S. for decades. We delve into what happened to nitrous oxide, and why it's making a comeback.

5. Politics: RhodyVotes '16 Election Coverage

News series (lengths of stories varies)

October 18-November 15 Various times during ME & ATC

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Comprehensive coverage of the presidential election, local statehouse elections and state ballot measures. Series included more than a dozen features related to the election, commentary and analysis, interviews and news spots plus a live election night special and continuing coverage on the impact of the election.

6. Health: Police Try Treatment Instead Of Punishment For Opioids

Feature(6:54)

Nov 10 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 7:50 AM

As police departments scramble to respond to the opioid addiction crisis, a new program flips policing on its head to help addicts find treatment. We look at the evolution of police attitudes on this issue.

7. Arts & Culture/Commentary: 'The Flu Season' And 'Franco And Me' Are Strong

Experiments Theater review (3:37)

Nov 15 6:45 and 8:45 AM; or 5:35 and 7:45 AM

Rhode Island is currently enjoying a theatrical surge. New theater companies have arrived, often with plays – and ideas – that are far from the usual. Rhode Island Public Radio's Bill Gale checked in on a couple now performing works that you are not going to see everywhere.

9. Education: What Students Think Of Tuition Increases Might Surprise You

Feature(2:24)

Nov 16 6:30 and 8:30 AM or 5:30 and 7:30 AM

Students explain their view of tuition increases – some are okay with it, some are concerned about how they will pay for the rest of their degrees, following a vote in favor of modest increases for the next academic year.

10. Environment: RI Fishermen, Scientists Study Impact Of Offshore Wind Farm On Fisheries

Feature(4:23)

Nov 22 5:45 AM/7:45 AM or 6:45 Am/8:45 AM

The nation's first offshore wind farm off the coast of Block Island will start producing electricity any day now. A small crew of fishermen has been working with scientists to gather data and learn how fishing will or won't change around the wind turbines

11. Business: The Bottom Line: Seasonal Retailing Heats Up

Q&A (8:32)

Nov 25 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 speaks with Paul DeRoche, senior vice president for government relations at the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. The discussion centers on what's hot for seasonal retail activity this year in downtown Providence and beyond.

12. Arts & Culture: Artscape: RI's Furniture Era Of Excellence On Display

Feature(7:56)

Nov 24 6:50 and 8:50 AM

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For November's Artscape, we visit New Haven, Connecticut, where an exhibit at the Yale University Art Gallery showcases the dramatic artistry of furniture making in colonial-era Rhode Island. The show is called: Art & Industry in Early America: Rhode Island Furniture, 1650-1830.

13. Politics: Scott MacKay Commentary: Of Religion And The Forgotten Anniversary Of JFK's Murder

Commentary (3:58)

Nov 27 6:45 and 8:45 AM

A divisive election and Rhode Island's legacy of organized crime have gotten lots of media attention lately. RIPR political analyst Scott MacKay reflects on an anniversary that he worries has become an afterthought.

14. Education: State Education Commissioner Wagner On His Support For Charter School Expansion

Q&A (5:39)

Dec 8 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Debate is growing over the expansion of the charter school Achievement First in Providence. Education Commissioner Ken Wagner supports the plan, and he explained why in a conversation with Rhode Island Public Radio's Elisabeth Harrison.

15. Environment: Attorneys Say Slow, But Steady Progress On Case Involving Metal Scrap Recycler

Feature(4:28)

Dec 20 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

It's been nearly two years since the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Attorney General filed a lawsuit against a metal recycling company on the Providence waterfront for allegedly failing to comply with environmental protection laws. Environmentalists who have been pushing for accountability say the case is taking too long.

16. Religion/Arts & Culture: Audio Postcard: Rhode Islanders Look Fondly On Their Holiday Traditions

Feature(3:52)

Dec 23 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

The holidays are a time for family, faith, food and lights. At least, that's what you told us when we asked for your holiday traditions, and what gets you in the holiday spirit. Today we'll hear about holiday rituals from five different Rhode Islanders: Michelle Madsen-Bibeau, the interim pastor at Beneficent Congregational Church, Barrington resident Michelle Adamo, Central Falls resident Leonardo Ribero, Johnson & Wales student Myra Wright and Providence resident Laura Williams.

17. Business: Complaints About Toxins, Shoddy Construction Trail New England Developer

Feature(7:23)

Dec 27 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 5:50 and 7:50 AM

For one of New England's biggest developers, Brady Sullivan Properties, there's been a lot of bad news over the past year. State and federal investigators have found lead contamination and illegal toxic dumping. And those are just the cases that made headlines – in recent years

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there have been other complaints involving Brady Sullivan projects from homeowners and others. This story comes from the New England News Collaborative, a partnership with eight public media stations across New England.

18. Arts & Culture: The Tourtière, A Woonsocket Holiday Tradition, Endures
Feature(4:49)

Dec 31 4:45 PM

Al's Place in Woonsocket serves up Tourtière, a French-Canadian style of meat pie, and a holiday tradition for the many descendants of Canadians who moved to Rhode Island when mill jobs were plentiful.

19. Politics: Raimondo On Jobs, Car Tax, Trump Fallout & More
Q&A (2 parts, 7:00 each)

December 22 5:50 AM, 6:50 AM, 7:50 AM, 8:50 AM

Year-end interview with RI Gov. Gina Raimondo.

20. Immigration: Facing Change

News Series (various lengths)

December 27-30 (various times during ATC & ME)

Four-part series from New England News Collaborative explores changing demographics in New England, where the population is aging and new immigrants are bringing new challenges and new solutions to problems like workforce shortages.