

# THE PUBLIC'S RADIO - ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q1: January 1 thru March 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 01/01/22 thru 03/31/22. 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. Science/Environment / January 5, 2022                      Length: 7:00

Over the last decade, Providence's water utility has been working to replace lead pipes. But the way they're doing it disproportionately raises the risk of lead exposure for Black, Latinx and Native American residents, community groups allege. Sofie Rudin reports.

2. Health Care / January 12, 2022                              Length: 5:50

Central Falls has been one of Rhode Island's communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The city was a major hot spot for COVID-19 last winter, and now it again has among the highest transmission rates in the state. Rosa Sierra is the Wellness Project Manager at the organization Progreso Latino, which serves local Latino and immigrant communities in Central Falls. She discussed the latest surge with reporter Antonia Ayres-Brown.

3. Health Care / January 13, 2022                              Length: 3:00

Record numbers of patients from Massachusetts' least vaccinated city are overwhelming local emergency rooms, nearly nine months after a vaccine that largely prevents severe cases became publicly available. Ben Berke reports.

4. Politics / January 14, 2022                                      Length: 14:00

Brown University President Christina Paxson is the guest this week on Political Roundtable. The topics include the proposed academic health system between Brown and the state's two largest hospital groups, Lifespan and Care New England.

5. Politics/Race / January 18, 2022                              Length: 8:00

The town of Charlestown has a distinction shared by no other city or town in Rhode Island: It's the one municipality in the state with a special town solicitor dedicated to so-called "Indian affairs." But members of the Narragansett Indian Tribe say the position is unnecessary, adversarial, and a modern way of oppressing American Indians. Now the Town Council president says she shares some of their concerns and Charlestown needs to rethink its approach with the tribe. Alex Nunes reports.

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6. Politics/Environment / January 28, 2022 Length: 5:00

A special House commission set up last year to study the hot button topic in Rhode Island is moving into the homestretch on its work. The panel is tasked with making recommendations to state lawmakers on how to address longstanding and escalating conflicts between beachfront property owners and the public—conflicts that have only escalated during the pandemic. This week members of the commission began discussing exactly what they'll say in their upcoming report. Alex Nunes reports.

7. Policing / January 31, 2022 Length: 8:00

The mayor is negotiating with the city's police unions this winter over a move most American police departments of Fall River's size have already made. A few dozen people met in a parking lot behind the Fall River police station in freezing weather this month to listen to the family of Anthony Harden. Harden, a 30-year-old Black man who shared an apartment in the city with his twin brother, was killed by police in his bedroom in November, igniting concerns about a potential case of police brutality. Ben Berke reports

8. Science/Environment / February 22, 2022 Length: 7:00

Since 2018, more than a thousand acres of Rhode Island forest have been cleared for solar development. Environmental advocates say this works at cross purposes to the state's efforts to combat climate change. They're calling for legislation aimed at pushing solar development away from forested land. Sofie Rudin reports.

9. Arts and Culture / March 17, 2022 Length: 8:00

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Providence had a small Chinatown neighborhood, centered around Empire & Westminster Streets. Artist and designer Jeffrey Yoo Warren is creating "Seeing Providence Chinatown" - a virtual 3-D model of what was once a thriving community. Artscape producer James Baumgartner and morning host Chuck Hinman talked with Jeffrey about the project.

10. Politics / March 25, 2022 Length: 13:00

State Sen. Josh Miller (D-Cranston) is the guest this week on Political Roundtable. The topics include his role as the Senate sponsor of a bill to legalize recreational marijuana starting in October, including questions about whether the legislation does enough to address issues of equity and expungement.