

Date 10/23/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: How does industrial air pollution increase health risks for people with certain
Guests Dr. Gillian Goobie of the University of Pittsburgh

Description People with diseases characterized by lung scarring are more likely to die if they live in areas with higher levels of air pollution linked to industrial sources and vehicle traffic, according to a new study led by Pitt scientists. How did researchers distinguish between natural sources of air pollution and industrial sources? What types of air pollution did they examine? What research tools did they use to link sources of pollution to places with a high percentage of people with poor health outcomes? What sorts of lung conditions are likely to be worsened by industrial air pollution? What steps can residents take to become public health advocates?

Date 10/30/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Tracking microplastics in Pennsylvania's cleanest waterways
Guests Dan Brown of PennEnvironment

Description The PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center has released the results of microplastics testing in Pennsylvania's streams that are categorized as the state's cleanest and most ecologically important. What are microplastics and what health risks do they present? How were the tests made? Who coordinated the research? What does the study indicate about local streams such as Bear Run, Little Sandy Creek, and the Youghiogheny River? What are some policy recommendations that PennEnvironment is making to reduce microplastics in our food and water? How can residents get involved?

Date 11/20/2022

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Filling the service gaps in the Mon Valley and Turtle Creek Valley

Guests Stephanie Eson, operations and community programs manager, Human Services Center Corp.

Description How is HSCC helping people on low, moderate and fixed incomes get free help filing their local, state and federal income taxes? What other agencies does HSCC collaborate with? What are the some the continuing needs in the Mon Valley area, and how does HSCC address them? What programs are available for young people through HSCC?

Date 11/27/2022

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Issues at stake in the Pittsburgh newspaper strike

Guests Zack Tanner, president of the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh

Description Five unions are currently on strike against the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the region's largest daily newspapers. What are the issues that led to the labor walkout? How is the strike impacting daily news gathering in Western Pennsylvania? Why is union activity on the rise at media companies and other corporations? Why does the union feel that the newspaper's owners are not bargaining in good faith? Why does the union feel the answer isn't simply "go find a job someplace else"?

Date 12/4/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: What's new in McKeesport's central business district?
Guests Real estate developer Jonathan Stark

Description McKeesport's downtown business district has struggled for more than two generations. An infusion of private and public investment is bringing two landmark buildings back to life. What tenants have already located in the Executive Building on Fifth Avenue? What recognition has recently been bestowed on the nearby People's Bank Building? Why has developer Jonathan Stark committed so much of his own money to the projects? How does he see the future of the two buildings and the nearby commercial district? How is he marketing them? What types of tenants is he trying to attract?

Date 12/11/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Remembering the Donora Smog disaster of 1948
Guests Investigative journalist Scott Beveridge

Description The Donora Smog of 1948 killed dozens of people, sickened thousands, and divided the Mon Valley community. What was the Donora smog and how did it develop? When did word begin to reach the wider community about the disaster that was unfolding? How did the steel company compensate victims and their families? How did the Donora Smog disaster lead to increased awareness of air pollution's causes and effects? What lessons can we learn today from the events of 1948 and the aftermath?

Date 12/18/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: The new name and evolving mission of HSC Mon Valley
Guests Leah O'Reilly, Director of Programs

Description For 40 years, the Human Services Center Corp. suffered from confusion from people who weren't sure what it did. On Dec. 6, the nonprofit was renamed Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSC). How has HSC become an extensively involved provider to the community? In what ways does HSC work to fulfill its mission to improve the quality of life for children, adults, and families in the Mon Valley? What communities does HSC work in? What areas of chronic need remain in the Mon Valley? How has the new name been received?

Date 1/8/2023 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through gospel music
Guests Historian, educator and musicologist Herbert V.R.P. Jones

Description Dr. Herbert V.R.P. Jones is one of the nation's leading experts on Black gospel music and holds degrees in music, divinity, history, counseling, choral conducting, education and ethnomusicology. On Jan. 14, he will help lead a group of choral singers from across the Pittsburgh area in the 16th annual "Let Freedom Sing," a musical celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Why is it so appropriate to celebrate King's life through music? How has Black gospel music influenced all forms of American music? What selections will attendees hear on Jan. 14? What are the origins of "Let Freedom Sing"?

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Topic: A new 12-month pilot program is providing free and discounted transit fares to

Guests Dan Yablonsky of Pittsburghers for Public Transit

Description Enrollment is now open for a new 12-month pilot program to test how providing free and discounted transit fares to low-income riders on Pittsburgh Regional Transit. How can people enroll in the program? How many people will it serve? Why was the program created by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services? Who qualifies for the Allegheny County Discounted Fares Pilot Program? Why is it a pilot rather than a permanent program? How does the pilot work? What do transit advocates hope the program will demonstrate?