

**WPRO-AM 630/WEAN-FM 99.7 Public Service Report
Third Quarter 2019 (July 1 – September 30)
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Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WPRO-AM and WEAN-FM, as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending December 2018 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

The News with Gene Valicenti: A three hour news and talk program that airs Mon-Fri 6am-9am and is hosted by Gene Valicenti. News Updates twice an hour with Bill Haberman, weather updates with Elliot Abrams from Accu-Weather, and traffic updates 4 times an hour.

The Tara Granahan Show: A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Tara Granahan Show airs Mon- Fri 9am-12noon.

The Matt Allen Show: A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Matt Allen Show airs Mon-Fri 12noon-3pm.

The Dan Yorke Show: A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Dan Yorke Show airs Mon-Fri 3pm-6pm.

The Gresh Show: A three hour sports talk program that focuses on local and national sports news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national newsmakers about sports and issues that affect the community. The Gresh Show airs Mon-Fri 6p-9p.

Amazing Women: A 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero focusing exclusively on women's issues, interviewing notable women in the community. Amazing Women airs Sundays from 7:00a-7:30a.

Cumulus Community: A 30 minute interview program hosted by WPRO-AM's Bill Haberman focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill interviews notable newsmakers in the community. Cumulus Community airs Sundays from 7:30a-8:00a

News Coverage: WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM airs local news beginning at 5am and continuing through 8pm Monday through Friday. Saturday- local news reports air between 6a and 12noon.

WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM provides comprehensive coverage of all local, state and national elections and primaries including discussions with candidates along with a review of platforms, polls, and community impact on each case.

The format of WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM is News/Talk. Programs on WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM involve discussions of more than one subject per day and often vary from program to program.

Opioid Addiction Awareness: WPRO conducted a 15 hour long broadcast on September 13 solely dedicated to addressing the opioid crisis in the State of Rhode Island and in the nation. Medical experts, addicts, family members, politicians and more joined the WPRO lineup to discuss this epidemic. Interviews and related materials can be accessed at 997wpro/enough.

On Cumulus Community, The following community leaders were surveyed in the 3rd quarter of 2019 and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.

Name	Business	Job	What is the biggest issue facing RI?
Steve King	Quonset Business Park	General Manager	1. State Finances 2. Education 3. Business Innovation
John Tassoni	Recovery Radio	Host	1. Substance Abuse issues 2. Labor Outreach 3. Education reform
Tom Coderre	State of RI	Special Advisory, Substance Abuse Efforts	1. Substance Abuse/Mental Health 2. College Affordability 3. Housing
Jim Ryczek	BH Link	Director	1. Housing 2. Access Mental Health treatment
Annajane Yolken	Substance Use Policy, Education and Recovery PAC	Co-Chair	1 Overdose issues

			2. Criminal Justice Reform
Cortney Nicolato	United Way of RI	President, CEO	1. Affordable Housing 2. Education 3. Financial Stability
Laurie-Marie Pisciotta	Mental Health Assoc of RI	Exec Director	1. Mental Health issues 2. Education 3. Economy

Issues are also discussed during "AMAZING WOMEN," a 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero. It airs Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WPRO and WEAN and focuses exclusively on women's issues. The show features Deb's interviews with notable women in the community. You can also now listen to the show anytime on the website: www.amazingwomenri.com

The following is a list of "Amazing Women" programs that aired during this quarter:

July 7th As we celebrate July 4th, it's a good time to celebrate our veterans—the men and women who served this country. When our veterans return home, they deserve quality healthcare. Dr. SUSAN MACKENZIE is the first woman Director of the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She discusses the medical services available for RI veterans and why we must never forget the men and women who never returned home.

July 14th Dr. TRISTA PICCOLA is the Director of the RI Department of Children Youth and Families. She came to Rhode Island two years ago from Ohio to manage DCYF, often called 'an agency in crisis.' She discusses the tragic death of a 9 year old child, the changes needed for more in-depth home visits and challenge of finding more social workers.

July 21st More than 35% of Rhode Islanders are 'cost-burdened' which means they spend more than 30% of their income to pay for housing. 44% of Rhode Islanders are severely cost-burdened spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs which leaves little for other expenses. BRENDA CLEMENT, Director of Housing Works RI at RWU, discusses affordable housing and what it to own or rent in each Rhode Island community.

July 28th During the Gilded Age, America's wealthiest families made Newport their summertime playground. TRUDY COXE, executive director of the Preservation Society of Newport County, shares the history and stories behind the mansions on Bellevue Avenue; and explains why their preservation is so important to today's local and state economy.

Aug 4th One out of five Rhode Islanders –our friends and neighbors— are served by a Community Action Agency. JOANNE McGonagall is the executive director of CCAP; she discusses her 40 years at the agency and how economic success has changed over the years for many Rhode Island families.

Aug 11th Acts of violence and mass shooting shake all of us. DOCTOR SUSAN ERSTLING, a nationally recognized leader in trauma work and victim support services, discusses human resiliency and how people heal after violence, sexual assault and domestic abuse.

Aug 18th Down syndrome affects over 400,000 people in this country. TERESA MURRAY is living with DOWN SYNDROME while she writes her poetry, music, and her advice on life: “lean into it and if you need help, ask for it.” SHERLY GOMES, a social worker and mentor, shares how Teresa’s perseverance and friendship is an inspiration to us all.

Aug 25th We think of domestic violence as being physical and emotional, but there’s financial abuse. CARMEN RECALDE-RUSSO is the director of Community Development for the Rhode Island Coalition against Domestic Violence. She discusses a financial empowerment program, funded by Allstate Foundation that helps survivors manage the complex financial challenges of ending a relationship with an abusive partner.

Sept 1st: CAPTAIN VICTORIA TOLBERT has served in the Massachusetts and Indiana National Guard and now is the Aide to the Commanding General in the RI Guard. She spent 18 years as a teacher and administrator including at the Gordon School in East Providence. Her story is an inspirational to many.

Sept 8th: It is expensive to buy clothes for kids today; it’s even more difficult for families in need. EVA MANCUSO discusses her non-profit *Clothes to Kids Rhode Island* helping Providence County families in need clothing for their kids. Kids in grades K-12 are eligible or if the family is in crisis due to a natural disaster, homelessness, or displacement.

Sept 15th: KIM ARCAND is a scientist and Technology Lead for NASA’s Chandra’s X-ray Observatory. She discusses her work in astronomy and physics. She is an advocate for more young girls and women taking computer science and pursuing careers in STEM.

Sept 22nd : More than 35% of Rhode Islanders are ‘cost-burdened’ which means they spend more than 30% of their income to pay for housing. 44% of Rhode Islanders are severely cost-burdened spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs which leaves little for other expenses. BRENDA CLEMENT, Director of Housing Works RI at RWU, discusses affordable housing and what it to own or rent in each Rhode Island community.

Sept 29th: There are changes we make in life and then there are life changes. After spending 70 years in a man’s body, REVEREND DONNIE ANDERSON discusses her transition, the difference between transgender and sexual orientation, and the support of her family, friends, and church.

