

**Date** 4/15/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Student journalism in the age of COVID-19  
**Guests** Alisha Tarver and Rosemary Martinelli of Penn State Greater Allegheny

**Description** Penn State alumna Alisha Tarver is the first recipient of the new Diverse Student Journalist Award from the Pennsylvania News Media Association (PNA) Foundation. What attracted Tarver to storytelling? How did she find student journalism a challenge during the COVID-19 era? Tarver's award-winning stories recounted how Black women in the Pittsburgh area face worse health care outcomes than other groups of people — how did writing those stories affect her? How do college students consume news and what role does media literacy play?

**Date** 5/8/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Keeping residents of Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Clairton and Duquesne in their  
**Guests** Alan Sisco, CEO of Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

**Description** Pittsburgh has a reputation for being a highly affordable community for housing. How has gentrification affected the ability of older and lower-income homeowners to remain safe in their houses? What are some of the common issues with housing stock in Western Pennsylvania? What are some of the ways Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh can help make older homes safer and more energy efficient? Why has the group partnered with communities such as McKeesport, Clairton and Duquesne? How can the public get involved in helping provide safer housing?

**Date** 5/15/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Making sure the Mon Valley's "affordable" housing remains affordable to  
**Guests** Jonathan Weaver and Dana Hodge of Mon Valley Initiative

**Description** Homebuyer Counseling: How important is it to prepare for homeownership? Why has it become even more important with increasing interest rates and sales prices? Homeowner Counseling: MVI also helps homeowners stay in their homes. How does MVI help them manage their finances or look for programs to assist with making home improvements? What is MVI doing to help homeowners who lost income due to COVID-19 stay in their homes? How does the state's PAHAF foreclosure prevention program work?

**Date** 5/29/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** How are local businesses recovering from COVID-19?  
**Guests** Maury Burgwin of the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce

**Description** How are local businesses still struggling with the effects of the pandemic? What changes have business owners reported? What percentage of Mon Valley area businesses have 5 or fewer employees? What particular challenges are they facing? What are some mechanisms by which small businesses can obtain help in the wake of the pandemic?

**Date** 6/5/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Lead safety in older Western Pennsylvania homes  
**Guests** Jennifer Saks, manager of the Allegheny County Lead Safe Homes Program

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How Topic Discussed: What types of financial assistance is available for Allegheny County homeowners and renters whose home may contain lead paint or other lead-based hazards? What does the work entail? How many people can be helped each year? What sorts of health problems have lead paint been linked to in children? Why are homes in the Mon Valley at particularly high risk? Who may qualify to have work done on their home? What types of properties are

**Date** 6/12/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Searching for the lost trolley parks of Western Pennsylvania  
**Guests** Historian and author Jennifer Sopko

**Description** What was a "trolley park" and why were there so many in the Pittsburgh area in the late 19th and early 20th century? How were they significant to the social life and economic development of cities like McKeesport, Jeannette and Duquesne? What were the economic pressures that faced these parks? Why do they remain interesting and important to study? What lessons can we learn by studying the "trolley park" era? How can residents help preserve the historic legacy of these facilities?

**Date** 6/26/2022 Station WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** Planning transit improvements in the Mon Valley corridor  
**Guests** Amy Silbermann and Craig Toocheck of Pittsburgh Regional Transit

**Description** How many people per day depend on buses in the Route 837-Route 148 corridor between Homestead and McKeesport? What has PRT been doing to identify areas of improvement in that corridor? What safety and performance needs does PRT want to address? How will it accomplish goals such as providing safer bus stops and pedestrian access routes, and better on-time performance? How can the public provide input into the process?

**Date** 7/3/2022 Station WZUM & WZUM-FM  
**Item** Two Rivers 30 Minutes  
**Topic:** The history of women in the U.S. Marine Corps  
**Guests** Marine Col. Nancy Anderson (retired)

**Description** Why has gender equality been important in the U.S. armed services? When did women begin serving in the U.S. military, and what roles did they fill throughout history? When did the modern era of women Marines begin? What obstacles have women faced to serving alongside men?