

# Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WEEU-AM

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## **RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT 4th Quarter - 2021**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Guests / Speakers</u></b>
October 2, 2021	Senior Health	-Senator Maria Collett (D Bucks/Montgomery) -Alison Beam, Acting Health Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny), Vice Chairman, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
	Infrastructure	-Rep. Tim Hennessey (R-Chester/Montgomery), Chair, House Transportation Committee -Yasmin Gramian, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon)
	Early Childhood Education	-Paula Margraf, CEO/President, Community Services for Children, Allentown -Governor Tom Wolf
October 9, 2021	Public Energy/Pipeline	-Josh Shapiro, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Public Health/Flu	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health -Ray Barishansky, Deputy Secretary for Health Preparedness and Community Protection, PA Department of Health -Dr. John Goldman, Infectious Disease Specialist, UPMC
	Transportation/Winter Driving	-Melissa Batula, Acting Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)

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October 16, 2021	Elections	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting Secretary, Commonwealth of PA
	Politics	-PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture -Carol Kilko, Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Community and Economic Development
October 23, 2021	Infrastructure	-President Joe Biden
	Sexual Assault on College Campuses	-Tracy Vitchers, Executive Director, "It's On Us" -Avi Fromm, Founder/Co-Director, Every Voice Coalition
	Addiction and Prevention	-Jen Smith, Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Jerry Daley, Executive Director, Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
October 30, 2021	Public Safety	-Adam Garber, Executive Director, CeaseFirePA -Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), Senate Democratic Leader -Senator Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia)
	Politics/Election Security	-Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow for Political Affairs, Millersville University
	Low Income/Energy Assistance	-Meg Snead, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services -Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chair, Public Utility Commission, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
November 6, 2021	Elections	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	COVID/Vaccines	-Dr. Kate Tigue, Managing Partner, Pediatrics of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton; Secretary/Treasurer, PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics -Alison Beam, Acting Health Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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	Open Enrollment/Insurance	-Governor Tom Wolf -Antoinette Kraus, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Health Access Network -Jessica Altman, State Insurance Commissioner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, also Chair, Board of Directors, Pennie
November 13, 2021	COVID/Vaccines	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Dr. Mary Kelleher, Chief Medical Officer, Berks Community Health Center, Reading
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, State Agriculture Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Dr. Joshua Scheinberg, Eastern Regional Director, Military Veteran Coordinator, PA Department of Agriculture
	School Bus Safety	-Kurt Myers, Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Corporal Zeina Black, Permits and Bus Safety Supervisor, Pennsylvania State Police -John Kashatus, School Safety Education Advisor, PA Department of Education
November 20, 2021	COVID Safety	-Jen Smith, Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, PA Department of Health
	Finance/Public Audit	-Timothy DeFoor, Auditor General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Weather/Public Safety	-Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency -John Banghoff, Meteorologist, National Weather Service, State College -Jonathan Guseman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, State College -Major Robert Krol, Bureau Patrol Director, Pennsylvania State Police

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November 27, 2021	Election Accuracy	-Senator Cris Dush (R-Clinton/Elk/Jefferson/McKean/Potter/Tioga/Clearfield), Chair, Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee Steve Lahr, President, Envoy Sage, LLC, Dubuque, IA
	Education	-Dan Greenstein, President, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
	Highway Safety	-Melissa Batula, Acting Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Lt. Colonel Scott Price, Deputy Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police
December 4, 2021	Healthcare	-Josh Shapiro, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Jim Martin, District Attorney, Lehigh County
	COVID	-Lisa Landis, Communications Director, American Red Cross, Greater Pennsylvania Region
	Mental Health	-Sara Goulet, Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
December 11, 2021	COVID	-Representative Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia/Delaware), House Democratic Leader -Emily Nichola, Executive Director, Family Practice & Counseling Network (FPCN), Philadelphia -Jessica Altman, Insurance Commissioner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Senator Art Haywood (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia)
	Hate Crimes	-Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh -Governor Tom Wolf Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)
	Education	-Noe, Ortega, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Elizabeth Raff, Pequea Elementary School, Penn Manor School District, Lancaster County, PA

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December 18, 2021	COVID Vaccines	-Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) -Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Rich Fitzgerald, Executive, Allegheny County
	Retirement Savings	-Representative Tracy Pennycuik (R-Montgomery), prime sponsor of HB 2156, aka "Keystone Saves" (Stations Note: pronouncer is "Penny-Cook") -Joe Good, Vice-Chair, PA Association of Sustainable Agriculture, co-owner of The Good Farm, Germansville, Lehigh County -Joanne Grossi, State President, AARP Pennsylvania
	Politics	-Dr. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow in Residence for Political Affairs, Millersville University
December 25, 2021	COVID	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Politics	-Dr. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow for Political Affairs, Millersville University
	Media	-Radio PA Reporters Mark Sims, David Payne, Tory Gates

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**Week of August 16, 2021**

- Ran stories about Jazzfest all week
- Wernersville Jesuit Retreat Center closes
- Organizers cancel in-person events at the Philly Folk Fest because of Covid
- Western Berks Water Authority announces operations are back to normal at its treatment plant, lifts conserve water advisory
- Fire damages a home in Laureldale, displaces residents, but no injuries reported
- Members of Congress who represent Berks County comment on the crisis in Afghanistan
- A man goes on trial for murdering his girlfriend at his home in Perkiomen, Montgomery County
- Several Berks County school districts revise their Covid health and safety plans, imposing mask mandates.
- Remnants of Tropical Storm Fred come through Berks County, resulting in tornadoes near Hamburg, Valley View Schuylkill County and Souderton, Montgomery County
- State Health Department and Miller-Keystone Blood Bank officials put out an urgent call for blood donors in the midst of the pandemic
- One person was shot on the Reading Area Community College campus, the suspect was arrested trying to board plane at J-F-K International Airport in New York
- County detectives and Amity Township police raid and close a massage spa used as a front for a house of prostitution
- Berks Co. Commissioners amend agreement with the Feds to use the former Family Residential Center in Bern Township as a Center for Immigrant Women
- Farmland Preservation milestone celebrated in Berks County
- Alvernia University's new Collegetowne campus in downtown Reading dedicated and blessed

**Week of September 13, 2021**

- Ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of 9/11
- Amtrak representatives discuss a possible return of passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia with state and local officials
- Berks County District Attorney John Adams declares a Public Health Alert because of more than 100 drug overdoses and one death, five people arrested for selling the deadly combination of drugs
- A controlled hunt begins this weekend to reduce the deer population around Antietam Lake
- U-S Senator Bob Casey comes to Reading to promote federal funding for early learning programs and school meals
- A man and a woman were treated for gunshot wounds after a shooting in Pottstown
- A rash of shootings in Reading this month left a teenager dead and several other injured
- Governor Tom Wolf visits Reading Area Community College to encourage everyone to get vaccinated against Covid-19
- The United Way of Berks County kicks off it's 2021 campaign setting a goal of 10.5 million dollars
- Hispanic Heritage Month begins, numerous activities and events are scheduled
- The 74th annual Oley Valley Community Fair gets underway
- Boyertown School District officials learn about a social media "challenge" that encourages students to vandalize school bathrooms and steal items from the schools
- A two alarm fire causes extensive damage and forces nine residents of apartments above a grocery store to flee
- The parents of two young girls are arrested after removing their two young daughters from their foster home in Reading
- Legislation is introduced in the State House of Representatives to reform Pennsylvania's Child Welfare system in memory of a former Reading girl who was murdered by her adoptive mother and her boyfriend in Bucks County
- A Pottstown man is arrested for causing a fatal accident in Pottstown in August
- Pottstown Middle School 7th graders will have virtual learning for the next 2 weeks because of an increase in

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### **Week of SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

- Second annual Puerto Rico parade was held in Reading, followed by the Salsa Festival at City Park
- The annual Pennsylvania Latino Convention was held in Reading this year
- Pennsylvania Republican U-S Senator Pat Toomey slams Democrats on the proposed 3.5 trillion dollar spending bill
- A Douglass Township woman was killed when her motorcycle collided with a minivan in Exeter Township
- State health officials urge everyone to get vaccinated against Covid-19 after the death toll in Berks County reaches 1 thousand
- Berks and Montgomery County State Senator Katie Muth pushes legislation to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- A man wanted in Berks county for a shooting in Reading in 2018 was murdered in the Dominican Republic
- West Reading-based Tower Health announces the closing of Jennersville Hospital in Chester County and attempts to close Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia
- Reading City Council awards more than 7 million dollars in contracts to construct a new fire station at Ninth and Marion Streets
- City Council also Adopts and ordinance to authorize 3 million dollars for the Berks County Convention Center authority to cover losses as the result of Covid-19
- The Berks County Commissioners look for a company to do a county-wide health care study and possibly create a county health department
- Octoberfest returns to the Reading Liederkrantz
- The Reading Film Festival is back after a year off because of Covid-19
- The Berks Coalition to end Homelessness repays the Federal Government after double billing for repair project
- Two people are charged in connection with a fatal hit and run incident in Robesonia in August
- Tower Health extends deadline for employees Covid-19 mandate until January
- A Pottstown man is ordered held for trial for causing a deadly accident in Pottstown in August
- Berks County's Director Elections Ron Rutkowski resigns less than a month before the November election
- The General Carl Spaatz Memorial Museum opens in Boyertown to honor the first Chief of Staff of the U-S Air Force

### **Week of OCTOBER 4, 2021**

- The Berks County Emergency Rental Assistance Program for residents having trouble paying rent and utilities because of Covid-19 has ended
- Reading Police officers wear pink badges in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Reading Area Community College opens a food pantry for needy students
- Reading Royals get ready for their 20th anniversary season
- Reading Public Library System's annual Cocktails and Classics fundraiser brings in \$127,000
- Montgomery County officials say faulty mail-in ballots for November election sent to about 16 thousand residents
- Berks Heim, the county owned nursing home is ranked 10th best in Pa. by Newsweek Magazine
- Animal Rescue League of Berks County holds Empty The Shelter campaign
- A Schuylkill County man is arrested for killing three co-workers in Florida while working on a job
- State Attorney General files charges of environmental crimes against pipeline company in connection with Mariner 2 East Pipeline that runs through Berks, Chester Counties
- Reading woman arrested for starting fire at her home on Cotton Street that trapped her boyfriend inside
- State Sens. Judy Schwank and Katie Muth support legislation addressing the need for workplace accommodations for pregnant women
- Mary's Shelter in Reading holds open house at facility for single mothers to show off improvements
- Berks County food bank Helping Harvest receives 900 thousand dollar donation to expand food storage facility

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- Reading is ranked third worst city in Pa. for air quality
- Berks County Commissioners agree to lease a former industrial building in Mohnton to house some county services
- A Reading man dies after being struck by a vehicle in Wyomissing
- The Small Business Administration opens Disaster Loan Outreach Center for Berks County residents affected by Tropical Storm Ida in September
- Students in the Coatesville School District in Chester County have virtual classes Friday because of a threat to shoot up a school
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran hosts a clean up and tree planting at City Park

**Week of OCTOBER 11, 2021**

- A woman was killed in a two alarm fire in Shillington
- A man was killed and a woman injured when their pickup truck went off of a Penn Township road and down an embankment
- Governor Tom Wolf announces additional assistance for municipalities in Montgomery, Chester and Bucks Counties affected by the remnants of Tropical Storm Ida
- A Rehrersburg substance abuse treatment facility will hold a fund raising gala in Reading in November
- The Exeter Township Supervisors approve an agreement with a New Jersey company to operate food and beverage services at Reading Country Club
- A Pottstown man was convicted of first degree murder in the shotgun slaying of another man in Pottstown in 2019
- A Reading man pleads guilty to a charge of third degree murder in Chester County Court for his role in the shooting death of a teenager during an attempted robbery
- Reading City Council approves a new contract for unionized employees
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran's administration makes plans to spend 61 million dollars in American Rescue Plan funds
- Enrollment at Kutztown University and 11 of the other state-owned universities drops from last year
- A Shillington man is charged in connection with a fatal crash in Lehigh County in January
- The Berks County D-A's offices charges a Bethel Township man with election law violations for mailing political materials without identifying who paid for them
- The former commander of State Police Troop "L" is the first African American woman to be name P-S-P Deputy Commissioner of Staff
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran talks about plans to pave city streets, entirely funded by the state
- Local financial advisor predicts inflation will be with us for a while
- Many Berks County voters have their mail-in ballots returned because of insufficient postage
- Montgomery County drug trafficking ring busted
- Berks and Montgomery County State Senator Bob Mensch says he will retire after his term expires
- Berks County election officials say they need poll workers for the November election

**Week of OCTOBER 18, 2021**

- A Leesport man who shot and killed his wife dies in the hospital from a self inflicted gunshot wound
- The Reading Public Works Department begins curbside leaf collection
- The deadline to register to vote in the November election passes
- The Rodale Institute in Kutztown receives state grants to study the impacts of pesticides on soil and vegetables in conventional and organic settings
- Two people were wounded in a shooting at Park City Mall in Lancaster County
- A tractor trailer fire closes Rt. 222 in both directions in Maiden creek Township during the morning commute on Monday
- Students and faculty at Kutztown University protest what they call the school's lack of care for disabled members of the campus community

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- Montgomery County District Attorney's office says a Pottstown man fatally shoots his wife then takes his own life
- The U-S Small Business Administration closes it's Disaster Loan Assistance Office in reading for residents and property owners affected by Tropical Storm Ida
- Local reaction to the death of former Secretary of State and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell
- A 70 year old Pottstown man is convicted of first degree murder for killing his wife
- Congressman Dan Mueser, who represents part of Berks County comments on the supply chain bottlenecks on the west coast
- Fire destroys pallets loaded with empty auto battery casings at East Penn Manufacturing in Richmond Township
- Nolde Forest State Park in Berks County is among the state parks to receive rechargeable battery-operated tools to reduce the state's carbon footprint
- A Reading woman turns herself in after arrest warrants are issued for stealing money from her employer
- The City of Reading hosts costumed children at the first Halloween on Penn event
- A tow truck driver is killed when the tractor trailer he brought to a facility in Ontelaunee Township rolls over him
- Reading man is sentenced to 5 years in prison for holding up a bank in Lancaster County
- A Berks County jury finds a man guilty of 3 counts of attempted murder for shooting an 11 year old boy and two adults while they sat in a car in Reading
- The Reading Symphony Orchestra and Jewish Federation of Reading announce the Violins of Hope exhibit coming to Berks County
- Two Reading men are arrested after police find drugs and weapons in a city apartment
- About 17 thousand mail in ballots with the incorrect date for Election Day sent to Berks County Residents
- Berks County Commissioner and Election Board Chairman Kevin Barnhardt refutes claims the misprinted instructions on mail in ballots was intentional
- The Berks County Commissioners plan to reopen the Vaccine Clinic in Muhlenberg Township
- Governor Tom Wolf attends the ground breaking for a new train station in Coatesville
- Jack Holcomb celebrates his 65th anniversary at WEEU

**Week of OCTOBER 25, 2021**

- Weekend fires in Upper Tulpehocken Township, West Reading and Myerstown keep Berks County fire fighters busy
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran announces the return of the Holiday Parade this year on Saturday, November 20th
- Warrants are issued for 2 men suspected in the fatal shooting of another man in Pottstown over the weekend
- A teenager was arrested for a shooting at Park City Mall in Lancaster the week before
- U-S Representative Chrissy Houlihan pushes to keep paid family and medical leave in President Biden's Build Back Better Act
- A Reading woman is charged with assaulting a police officer during the Puerto Rico Day event at City Park in September
- Penn Dot has opened a public comment period for the Lenhartsville I-78 bridge replacement project and tolling proposal
- An Exeter Township man was found brutally murdered near a park on Mount Penn in Lower Alsace Township
- Exeter Township resident show anger over an unauthorized wedding reception disguised as a golf outing at the township-owned Reading Country Club
- An Exeter Township Supervisor resigns because he told a township employee it would be o-k to book the wedding reception as a golf outing
- The Berks Cares Community Vaccination Center in Muhlenberg Township reopens
- Work to repave roads and the parking lot at the Pagoda in Reading is completed, work inside is ongoing
- A Fleetwood man charged in the January 6th riot at the U-S Capitol is offered a plea agreement
- Some State lawmakers call on the Wolf Administration to stop construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline because of environmental violations

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- Reading State Representative Manny Guzman to introduce legislation to return toll collectors to toll booths on Pa. Turnpike
- Activist group calls on County Commissioners to ensure all voters have a chance to have their votes county after erroneous mail-in ballots sent to county residents
- Five Berks County men arrested on child pornography charges
- The Reading Science Center on Penn Street celebrates it's first anniversary
- A Lebanon man is killed in a 2 vehicle crash in Lower Heidelberg Township
- Pennsylvania's mobile vaccination clinic, CATE, stops in Pottstown

**Week of NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

- The travelling exhibit, Violins of Hope comes to Berks County through 11/14
- The King Frost Parade returned to Hamburg after being canceled last year by Covid-19
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown celebrates it's 250th anniversary
- The open enrollment period for the state insurance exchange, PENNIE began this week
- Penn Dot holds an open house for residents to talk about plans to toll the I-78 bridge in Lenhartsville to pay for repairs
- Election Day comes and goes with few contested races in Berks County
- A small plane that left Reading Regional Airport for Massachusetts never reaches it's destination
- A former Montgomery County sheriff's deputy is sentenced to prison for importing fentanyl from China and distributing it across the U-S through the Postal Service
- Fire damages two adjoining homes in Birdsboro, no injuries reported
- Berks County D-A John Adams joins State Sen. Judy Schwank and State Corrections officials to announce a program to help released convicts apply for a pardon
- Reading City Council learns the city is on track to leave Act 47 next summer
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran hosts a public meeting to get input from residents about how to spend 61 million dollars in federal American Rescue Plan funds
- Congressman Dan Mueser who represents part of Berks County says President Biden's Build Back Better plan will hurt the economy
- Two people have been arrested in connection with a fatal shooting in Pottstown in October
- A Covid-19 vaccine for kids is approved, a local pediatrician explains why it's important for kids to get vaccinated
- Berks County reports 170 new cases of Covid on Wednesday, the most for one day in the last 3 weeks
- Governor Tom Wolf visits Allentown to push his workplace plan to promote employee safety, paid sick leave and call on lawmakers to raise the minimum wage
- Ground is broke for a new fire station at Ninth and Marion Streets in Reading
- Two Lancaster City police officers are fired for allegedly submitting fake vaccination cards
- Wyomissing-based Penn National Gaming loses value because of association with sports book operator accused of sexual misconduct

**Week of NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

- Reading Police say a man wanted for a weekend shooting in the city that left one dead and one wounded over the weekend was later arrested in Puerto Rico
- Fire damaged an apartment building in Robesonia Sunday, but no one was injured
- A State Representative from the Pottstown area talks about new legislation to improve services for veterans suffering from P-T-S-D
- The deadline for residents in Montgomery and Chester Counties to apply for federal assistance because of damage from Tropical Storm Ida is extended to December 10th
- A small earthquake rattles the Sinking Spring area on Sunday, while another is reported in the Leesport area Friday
- Reading City Council hears a proposal to change the way tickets are issued for parking violations

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- A former West Reading Borough Councilman is sentenced for a second robbery at a local pharmacy
- Reading Hospital and other Tower Health facilities begin administering Covid-19 vaccines to kids between 5 and 11 years old
- Two men from Arizona are arrested in Berks County for allegedly transporting illegal immigrants
- Governor Tom Wolf to the Berks Community Health Center in Reading to urge residents to get vaccinated
- Preparations continue for the Reading Holiday Parade on November 20th
- Berks and Montgomery County State Senator Katie Muth chairs a policy meeting to proposed an end lifetime parole for non-violent offenders
- Berks and Schuylkill County State Senator Dave Argall chairs a State Government Committee hearing to review a new congressional district map drawn up by a citizens group
- Berks County deputies and U-S Marshals arrest a fugitive wanted in Florida for arson
- The Muhlenberg School Board severs ties with the National School Boards Association over the NSBA letter asking for assistance from the F-B-I to address threats to school board members
- Reading Public Works Department employees put up the City's artificial Christmas tree
- Veterans' Day ceremonies and observances are held throughout Berks County
- The Berks County Veterans Affairs Department urges local Veterans to take advantage of services available to them
- State Police cite a Cumberland County man for causing a two car crash in I-78 early Monday morning
- Violins of Hope exhibit in Berks County comes to an end with a Reading Symphony Orchestra concert

**Week of NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

- Fire caused a million dollars in damage at a Buddhist Temple in Hereford Township
- Reading Mayor Eddie Moran is sued by the former City Solicitor for sexual harassment
- The Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America collects more than 63 thousand pounds of food for Helping Harvest Food Bank during Scouting for Food drive
- Two school districts and a private school in Berks County have implemented a state sponsored Covid testing program while 2 other districts have applied to be part of the program
- An Allentown man is charged for causing a head on collision on Rt. 222 in Maidencreek Township in September
- A Boyertown area man is arrested for allegedly stabbing his father
- A Berks County Jury finds a Reading man not guilty in the drug overdose death of another man
- A tractor trailer crashes into a house on Rt. 222 in Maxatawney Township, no serious injuries reported
- Another tractor trailer strikes a business in Brecknock Township, no injuries reported
- Three People arrested for illegal sale and purchases of guns in Montgomery, Philadelphia, Bucks and Lehigh Counties
- New security cameras along a section of the Schuylkill River trail in Reading are up and running
- A Muhlenberg Township man is sentenced to 25 to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to murdering his girlfriend
- A Pottstown man pleads guilty to raping a woman and is sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison
- An outbreak of Covid-19 forces students at Mount Penn Elementary Center to learn virtually for 2 weeks
- A New York man facing terroristic threats and harassment charges in Reading charged with threatening the wife of a Berks County judge
- Berks County State Rep. Dan Maloney's bill to establish a First Responders' Day in Pennsylvania on September 27th every year is approved by the House and signed by Governor Wolf
- The United Way of Berks County surpasses it's 2021 campaign goal by 100 thousand dollars
- The Berks County Commissioners get their first look at the 2022 county budget-no tax increase
- West Reading Police Chief Glenn Granitz resigns 6 months after taking the job
- The Reading Blues Fest is back after it was canceled last year because of Covid-19
- A Bern Township man is killed when his car crashes into a tree and bursts into flames

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**Week of NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

- The number of Covid-19 cases in Berks County saw its biggest increase since the delta variant surge
- Tower Health announced the closing of all urgent care facilities on Sundays beginning Nov. 28th
- East Penn Manufacturing in Richmond Township is fined by OSHA for safety violations after the death of an employee
- As the U-S Senate considers President Biden's Build Back Better plan, Pa. Senator Pat Toomey says it will cause inflation to climb even higher
- Tower Health announces an agreement to sell Brandywine Hospital and Jennersville Hospital in Chester County to Canyon Atlantic Partners
- Wyomissing-based Penn National Gaming announces it will open the Hollywood Casino-Morgantown facility on December 22nd
- Alvernia University and the Salvation Army of Reading give away more than 15 hundred turkeys and food boxes at separate events ahead of Thanksgiving
- Various agencies offer free Thanksgiving dinner to needy Berks County residents
- Governor Wolf targets Reading and 8 other Pennsylvania cities in his Pa. Litter Action plan to clear streets and parks of trash
- An Exeter Township man is shot and killed in broad daylight on Penn Street in Reading, the suspect remains at large
- A Norristown man is sentenced to 4 to 8 years in prison for an armed robbery in Pottstown in September of 2018
- Gas prices in Berks County average 3 dollars and 62 cents a gallon going into the Thanksgiving weekend, a dollar, 13 more than last year
- State Police announce stepped up patrols and checkpoints to catch unsafe drivers during the holiday weekend
- The Reading School District hires Dr. Jennifer Murray, a long time district teacher and administrator, to be the next Superintendent
- The Berks County Parks and Recreation Department announces it will open it's Holiday Lights display at Gring's Mill Recreation Area starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Week of NOVEMBER 29, 2021**

- A 16 year old boy from Mohnton is killed when he crashed his motorcycle into a mailbox and a utility pole near Morgantown
- Parts of northern Berks County got less than half an inch of snow, but its enough to count as the first measurable snowfall of the season
- Reading City Council agrees to pay for the removal of the city-owned Bernhart dam in Muhlenberg Township
- A 10 year old boy was accidentally shot and killed by a man target shooting on his property in Hereford Township
- The trial of a Fleetwood man charged in the U-S Capitol Riot is scheduled for April 11
- An Exeter Township man is the only one injured in a four vehicle accident on Route 12 in Reading
- Berks County State Rep. Mark Gillen tests positiv for Covid-19
- No injuries were reported in a two alarm fire at a home in West Reading
- Reading Area Community Collenge plans to open a high quality child care facility on campus
- The Montgomery County D-A appeals a State Court ruling to release Bill Cosby to the U-S Supreme Court
- The State Department of Health opens a free drive-thru Covid testing site in Bern Township
- One Person was wounded in a shooting on Ritter Street in Reading
- U-G-I announces a rate increase for natural gas customers as of Dec. 1
- Tower Health urges residents to donate blood to address a shortage of blood supplies
- A small electrical fire at 13th and green streets in Reading sends students home early
- Fire fighters from Berks and Lancaster Counties help put out a house fire in Elverson, Chester County
- Congressman Dan Meuser criticized President Biden's plan to release millions of barrels of oil from the strategic reserve
- Two Reading men are arrested in the October murder of an Exeter Township resident over a drug debt

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- Two people, including a student are arrested for trying to gain access to the Clock Tower at Kutztown University's Old Main Building
- A ceremony is held to light the Reading Christmas tree and the Menorah at 5th and Penn Streets
- The Holiday Lights Display at Gring's Mill opens
- One additional item, the Reading Fightin' Phils baseball team received a seven-and-a-half million dollar state grant for ballpark improvements in order to meet MLB standards. Otherwise, there was a good chance the team would have moved out of Reading after over 50 years. The grant was announced on Friday December 3rd, 2021

**Week of DECEMBER 6, 2021**

- A 15 year old boy was treated at a local hospital after he was shot in the face last weekend in Pike Township
- Police arrested a Tulpehocken Township man for throwing his 4 month old baby to the floor during an argument with his girlfriend
- Berks and Montgomery Co. State Senator Katie Muth leads a Democratic Policy meeting on how to improve access to drug treatment facilities
- Pottstown Police arrest a borough man for shooting and killing another man
- The Berks County Military History Museum holds a ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor
- With fewer Pearl Harbor survivors remaining, a Berks County veteran relays stories told to him by his father, who survived the attack
- Reading officials raise the POW-MIA flag at the Pagoda
- The Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education says the state must provide more money to state-owned universities, such as Kutztown, to help lower the cost of a college education
- Reading City Council approves an agreement to raise trash and recycling fees in 2022
- The Reading Fightin' Phils get seven and a half million dollars from the state for improvements to First Energy Stadium
- Berks County Deputies arrest a man who previously was convicted of Home Improvement Fraud for doing it again
- Three Reading Police Officers suffered minor injuries breaking up a fight among students at Reading High School, three students arrested
- The Berks County District Attorney's office donates 56 thousand dollars in drug forfeiture money to upgrade security cameras at all four branches of the Reading Public Library system
- A man from Puerto Rico is identified as the man who died in a crash on Interstate 78 in Greenwich Township while fleeing from police
- A former Berks County Doctor accused of child pornography now faces a lawsuit filed by one of his alleged victims
- Residents of Montgomery and Chester Counties now have until January 10th to apply for federal assistance for flood damage from Tropical Storm Ida
- Safe Berks gets a state grant, holds a fund raiser to continue services for victims of domestic violence
- A Pennsburg woman dies in a fire at her home
- Tower Health announces it will close Brandywine Hospital and Jennersville Hospital in Chester County after a deal to sell the facilities falls through
- Pa. First Lady Frances Wolf visits Berks County to announce American Recovery Plan funding for food banks across the state
- Berks Co. Emergency Services Director warns Reading Hospital and Saint Joe's Medical Center are being overwhelmed because of a spike in Covid-19 cases
- Wyomissing Football Coach Bob Wolfrum talks about this year's state championship game on Mornings With Mike