

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WEEU-AM

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Provided are news stories broadcasted during the weeks of July 1 through September 30, 2021, either live or pre-recorded which focusing on daily or topical concerns and providing listeners with up to the minute information, directions or solutions.

Week of July 5, 2021

- We also had a Monday story on holiday travel and the return trip home phase.
- An effort called "The P-3 Initiative" has the mission to establish public-private partnerships in order to fix aging bridges.
- Three different stories on American Rescue Plan funding being released to Pennsylvania communities, with mentions of different municipalities in each story.
- Berks County Government is conducting a recreational survey now until the end of July.
- Reading Police received over 200 calls regarding illegal fireworks discharges within city limits, and police also confiscated 16 airborne fireworks.
- Pennsylvania Turnpike officials announced this week a toll increase is set to take effect in 2022.
- The Board of Directors of "Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Berks County" was named by the BBBSA national entity as "Board of the Year".
- We had stories on the first days of leadership for West Reading Police Chief Glenn Granitz, who appeared on "Feedback" this week.
- We also had stories on the hot weather including some heat advisories.
- The EPA is intent on holding a public meeting concerning cleanup at the former Exide battery plant site in the Laureldale area.
- A Fleetwood man was charged by Federal authorities for his alleged involvement in the January 6th U.S. Capitol unrest.
- City of Reading and Berks County Government officials this week announced they will provide financial support for the Reading Fightin' Phils for Major League Baseball mandated upgrades to minor league ballparks.
- A three-alarm fire caused severe damage to an office building in Spring Township on Thursday.
- A motorcycle crash, that shut down Route 422 in Exeter Township Thursday, resulted in the bike's driver being sent to a hospital.
- Governor Wolf led a minimum wage rally in Philadelphia.

--State officials reminded residents receiving unemployment benefits that job search requirements will be reinstated next week.

--Friday night, I received an Amber Alert about a two-year old boy from New Jersey being abducted, allegedly by his father.

Week of July 12, 2021

-Reading Hospital reported no patients with Covid-19 for the first time in more than a year

-Reading City Council and Berks County Commissioners agree to put up 3 million dollars each for improvements to First Energy Stadium

-Strong thunderstorms knock out electric service to about 7 thousand Berks residents

-A Fleetwood man is ordered to remain in jail pending his trial for his role in the January riot at the U-S capitol

-A Muhlenberg Township man is arrested for murdering his girlfriend at their apartment

-A Pottstown woman is charged with supplying alcohol to teenagers involved in a fatal crash

-Arrests made in connection with Meth ring operating in Berks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

-Local doctor says more people have become addicted to drugs and alcohol during the pandemic

-Man sentenced to life in prison for fatal shooting in Reading in July of 2018

-International Food Festival scheduled for Penn Street in Reading in September

-District Attorney gives and update on investigation into home invasion-murder in Wyomissing last year

-Klein Transportation announces return to service 7 days a week between Berks County and New York City

Week of 7/19/2021

-A voting rights rally was held 7/17 in Reading

-The congressional redistricting process began in the House State Govt. Committee

-Gov. Wolf was in Reading to talk about additional funding in the state budget for early childhood education

-A husband and wife were killed in a fire at their Amity Twp. home

-Air quality alert issued because of smoke from western wildfires

-Severe thunderstorms knock out electric service, clear the smoke out of the air

-A consulting firm says Reading needs to enforce double parking ordinances and improve usage of parking garages

-Efforts continue to stop the Spotted Lantern Fly

-Kutztown Univ. used as a backdrop to announce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative at the 14 State-owned universities'

-Berks County officials visit New Jersey voting equipment storage

facility

-Norristown woman cited for causing eight vehicle pileup on the Pa. Turnpike near the Morgantown exit

Week of 7/26/2021

-A State Senate committee held a hearing on conditions for healthcare workers as a result of the pandemic

-A Lancaster County man was convicted of raping a young girl several time at locations in Reading

-A local agency celebrates the anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act with a display of art by disabled artists at the Goggleworks

-Reading human trafficking ring broken up

-Pennsylvania's 2 U-S senators comment on the 1.1 trillion dollar infrastructure bill

-Drexel University opens it's Medical School in Wyomissing

-Pennsylvania's covid vaccination rate levels off as Berks prepares to close the vaccine center in Muhlenberg Township

-The Reading-based Olivet Boys and Girls Club will hold back to school vaccine clinics in August

-Berks County covid cases increase slightly with the Delta variant.

-A second suspect in reading murder last December has been arrested

-Thunderstorms knock electricity in Berks County, spawn tornadoes in Bucks County

-Fire at a home in Reading kills a woman and a child

Week of 8/2/2021

-A third person died as the result of a fire in Reading the week before, victims include a woman and two children

-The Berks County Fair, formerly the Reading Fair, ran this week

-West Reading woman charged with leaving her one year old baby in a locked car on a hot day

-The possibility of passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia came up during a state House committee hearing

-A 2 car accident closes route 183 in Bern Township for four hours

-New Covid-19 cases reported in Berks County because of Delta variant

-Enrollment at State owned Universities, including Kutztown, expected to be lower because of Covid-19 and other factors

-Health insurance rates expected to go up statewide for Pa. residents using the Affordable Care act and Pennie marketplaces

-Local medical professionals comment on spread of the Delta variant in Berks County

-Murder charges against a Pottstown man dismissed

-Colebrookdale Township man sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison for killing his brother

-Employees at 4 Berks County nursing homes ordered to get Covid-19

vaccine or risk losing their jobs

- Penn State Berks and Alvernia University issue mask mandates for 2021-22 academic year

- Bethel Township man killed in 1 car accident in the township

- Jazzfest kickoff event scheduled for 8/12

Week of 8/9/2021

- Berks County's Coronavirus cases have substantially increased with more cases of the Delta Variant.

- A Sunday deadline was approaching for applying for affordable health care coverage through the state's insurance exchange "Pennie"

- A meeting was held this week on a citywide study on public parking in Reading.

- Construction work took place Tuesday on the Route 422-West Shore Bypass.

- New roundabouts were planned for Route 222 in Northern Berks.

- Reading City Council was looking to authorize a fund transfer for graffiti removal.

- We also had stories on this week's heat wave.-

There were also stories on Wednesday's powerful storms that toppled trees and wires, and the storms also caused multiple power outages.

- Stories were also aired on a walk set for later this month to benefit the homeless in the Greater Reading area.

- A dedication was held on a new youth baseball stadium in Reading.

- Stories also aired promoting testings of emergency systems on Wednesday, including "Wireless Emergency Alerts" systems on cell phones.

- The Wyomissing School Board this week voted to implement a mask mandate for when schools reopen.

- Stories also aired about the start of the ten-day Boscov's Berks Jazz-Fest presented by "Berks Arts", formerly known as the Berks Arts Council.

- There were also stories about a vaccination clinic for dogs in response to large numbers of Parvovirus cases in Reading. Parvovirus is a highly-contagious and potentially-deadly virus that originates from feces.

- The Greater Reading Chamber Alliance has announced its support for the Federal Infrastructure Bill that passed in the U.S. Senate. Consideration is pending in the U.S. House.

- New Census population numbers released this week showed Reading has moved up to being the fourth largest city in Pennsylvania, a spot previously held by Erie. Reading's population in 2020 was 95,112, reflecting an eight percent increase.

- The Western Berks Water Authority had to make emergency repairs at its treatment plant Friday, and they called on customers to conserve water while the repairs were being made.

- New reopening guidance was released for Downtown Reading's two major entertainment venues, Santander Arena and The Santander Performing Arts Center.

- Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan held a town hall to address the Delta Variant.
- Reading and Berks County governments announced they will be reinstating mask requirements at its government facilities.
- The Reading School District was praised by the Wolf Administration for its efforts to get teachers and students vaccinated.

Week of 8/16/2021

- 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 it's 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 8/30/2021

- Remnants of Hurricane Ida brings 4 to 7 inches of rain to Berks County, causing flooding and numerous power outages
- Ida floods roads in Southeastern Pa, including major highways in Philadelphia
- Tornadoes from Ida confirmed in Montgomery, Chester and Bucks Counties
- Met-Ed line workers and other employees sent to Louisiana to help restore power after Ida

- Army Corps of Engineers lowered the level of Blue Marsh Lake in anticipation of Ida
- The last of Berks County schools open for the 2021-22 school year
- Barta announces the closing of it's transportation center in downtown Reading for a week to make repairs
- Reading officials ordered to drain city-owned Bernhart Dam in Muhlenberg Township because of structural deficiencies
- Reading Fire officials confirm a natural gas leak contributed to an explosion and fire at a home on north 10th Street
- State Representative Barry Jozwiak takes Governor Wolf to task for implementing a mask mandate for schools after previously stating he would not do so
- A former Berks County School Superintendent held for trial for allegedly threatening a school board member
- A Reading man is arrested for the murder of a Wyomissing man more than two years earlier
- City of Reading receives a 3.3 million dollar grant for residential lead paint remediation
- A former coal-powered electric generating plant in Cumru Township is sold and will be converted into a plastic recycling facility
- Coverage of the 18th Taste of Hamburg-er Festival in Hamburg

Week of 9/7/2021

- The grand opening of the museum at the childhood home of Pulitzer Prize winning author John Updike in Shillington is scheduled for October 2nd
- Tips for Berks Co. residents whose property was damaged by remnants of Hurricane Ida available from the state
- Governor Wolf toured areas of Montgomery Co. damaged by rain , flooding and tornadoes from Ida, seeking federal disaster aid
- Montgomery County officials recommend outdoor mask wearing because of increase in Covid cases
- Coatesville police officer treated at Reading Hospital after being stabbed
- Officials celebrate the 20th anniversary of Santander Arena in Reading
- Wolf administration school mask mandate takes effect, local school districts comply, others join a lawsuit
- Police investigate social media threat against the Oley Valley School District over the mask mandate
- Sparks from a metal grinder ignite a fire that destroys a garage in Ontelaunee Township
- Strong thunderstorms bring heavy rain and straight line winds a week after Ida, bringing down trees and knocking out power
- Reading woman found guilty of shooting her boyfriend to death
- Reading Hospital revises in-patient visitation policy because of Covid increases
- Reading native and award winning actor Michael Constantine dies at age 94

- Eagles play by play announcer Merrill Reese is a guest on Mornings With Mike
- WEEU high school sports announcer Bob Mc Cool inducted into Berks Co. Chapter of the Pa. Sports Hall of Fame.

Week of 9/13/2021

- 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 covid-19 cases

Week of 9/27/2021

- 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



RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT 3rd Quarter - 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
July 3, 2021	Budget	-Governor Tom Wolf -State Rep. Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh)
	COVID-19	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Physician General, PA Dpt. Of Health -Allison Hess, VP of Health Services, LIFE Geisinger, Wilkes-Barre
	Public Safety	-Josh Shapiro, PA State Attorney General
July 12, 2021	Election	-Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General
	Education Funding	-Governor Tom Wolf -Rep. Carol Evans-Holl (D-York) -Mindy Sweitzer, Principal, Phineas Davis K-8, York County School District -Noe Ortega, PA Education Secretary
	Wildlife/Agriculture	-Rachel Handel, Communications Director, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
July 19, 2021	Politics	-President Joe Biden
	Environment	-Hayley Book. Special Adviser to the Secretary on Energy and Climate, Department of Environment Protection -Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler) -Rep. Greg Vital (D-Delaware/Montgomery)
	COVID-19	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Dr. Vasu Singh, Medical Director, Health Insurance Division, UPMC

July 26, 2021	Public Safety/USPS	-Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General
	COVID-19	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Secretary of Health -Kim Jackson, Licensed Practical Nurse
	COVID-19/Children Safety	-Meghan Clark, Chief Operating Officer/VP of Finance Whitake Center, Harrisburg -Meg Snead, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services -Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting PA Physician General
July 31, 2021	COVID-19	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Health Secretary -Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting PA Physician General
	Politics/Visit to PA	-President Joe Biden
	COVID-19/Economy	-Governor Tom Wolf Sam Guo, Owner, Silantra Asian Street Kitchen, Lancaster -Rep. Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster)
August 7, 2021	Crime/Economy	-Attorney General Josh Shapiro
	Politics/Legislative Districts	-Jenny Henry, Statewide Strategist, Free the Ballot! -Salewa Ogunmefun, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Voice
	COVID-19	-Alex Reinhart, Assistant Teaching Professor of Statistics and Data Science, Carnegie Mellon University
August 14, 2021	COVID-19/Vaccinations	-Governor Tom Wolf -Dr. Michael Ripchinski, Chief Clinical Officer, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
	Economy/Jobs	-Dennis David, Secretary, PA Dpt. Of Community And Economic Development -Rick Stafford, Professor of Public Policy, Heinz College -Representative Mary Jo Daley (D-Montgomery)
	Economy/Business	-Dwan Walker, Mayor, City of Aliquippa, PA -Deborah Grass, Act 47 Coordinator, Aliquippa, PA



August 21, 2021	Education	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Secretary of Health -Noe Ortega, Secretary, PA Department of Education
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture -Senator Elder Vogel (R-Lawrence/Butler/Beaver), Chair, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
	Health/Blood Donation	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting PA Physician General -Dr. John Nobiletti, Medical Director, American Red Cross Greater Pennsylvania Region
August 28, 2021	Drug Addiction/Opioid	-Jen Smith, Secretary, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs -Dr. Chuck Barbera, Emergency Medicine Physician, Reading Hospital-Tower Health
	Education	-Noe Ortega, PA Secretary of Education -Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent, Mt. Lebanon School District
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture -Jane Clements, CEO, Feeding Pennsylvania
September 4, 2021	COVID-19/Education	-Governor Tom Wolf -Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health
	Unemployment/Jobs	-Jennifer Berrier, Secretary, PA Department of Labor And Industry -Inez Titus, Deputy Secretary, Office of Income Maintenance, PA Department of Human Services
	Environment/Weather	-Ruth Miller, Communications Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

September 11, 2021	Environment/Emergency Declaration	-Randy Padfield, Secretary Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
	Education	-Governor Tom Wolf -Senator Amanda Cappelletti (D-Delaware/Montgomery)
	9/11	-Tim Lambert, Multi-Media News Director, "Morning Edition" host, WITF, Harrisburg
September 18, 2021	COVID-19	-Dr. Michael Ripchinski, Chief Clinical Officer, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital -Alison Brown, Acting Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Economy	-Timothy DeFoor, Auditor General, Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania
	Public Health	-Jane Clements, CEO, Feeding Pennsylvania -Meg Sneed, Acting Secretary, Department of Human Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
September 25, 2021	COVID-19	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Physician General Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Climate/Environmental	-Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, PA Department Of Environmental Protection (DEP) -Alison Acevedo, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, PA Department of Environment -Yasmin Gramian, Secretary, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
	Tourism	-Carrie Fischer Lepore, Deputy Secretary for Marketing, Tourism and Film, PA Department of Community and Economic Development -Frances Wolf, First Lady, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania