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RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT 2nd Quarter - 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	Guests / Speakers
April 3, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health
	Min. Wage Increase	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Labor and Industry -Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny) -Richard Gegick, Former Server/Bartender, Pittsburgh Area
	President Visit/ Infrastructure	-President Joe Biden
April 10, 2021	COVID Testing	-Lindsey Mauldin, Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Response, PA Department of Health
	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Labor & Industry
	Environment	-Sen. Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming), Chair, Environmental Resources and Energy Committee -Ann Swanson, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission
April 17, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health -George Fernandez, Founder/CEO Latin Connection
	COVID/Health	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health -Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Election Security	-Veronica Degraddereid, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of PA (interviewed by RPA Reporter Mark Sims)

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April 24, 2021	Police Reform	-Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia) -Sen. Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia)
	Wage Increase/ Frontline Workers	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry -Tom Welby, Chief of Staff, Representative Marty Flynn (D-Lackawanna)
	Rural Internet Access	-Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, Chair of Senate Communications and Technology Committee (R-York) -Sen. John Kane, Minority Chair (D-Chester/Delaware) -Sen. Anthony Williams
May 1, 2021	COVID-19 Vaccinations	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Brook Ward, President/CEO, Washington Health System
	Limit of Governor Authority	-Teresa Miller, Senior Adviser, PA Department of Human Services -Russel Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -State Rep. Emily Kinkead (D-Allegheny)
	Highway Safety	-Lt. Colonel Scott Price, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, PA State Police -Melissa Batula, Acting Deputy Secretary for Transportation, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Craig Shuey, Chief Operating Officer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
May 8, 2021	Limit of Governor Authority	-Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) -Kevin Molloy, former Dauphin County Emergency Management Director
	Increase in Minimum Wage	-Rep. Manuel Guzman (D-Berks) -Rep. Malcom Kenyatta (D-Philadelphia)
	Agriculture Emergency Response	-Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -Dr. Kevin Brightbill, PA State Veterinarian

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May 15, 2021	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry
	Housing/Eviction Moratorium on Evictions	-Meg Sneed, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
	Agriculture/Food Security	-Russell Redding, Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture -Luz Colon, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Council on Latino Affairs -Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks)
May 22, 2021	Minimum Wage Increase	-Gov. Tom Wolf
	COVID-19 Vaccinations	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Health
May 29, 2021	House Bill 963/Sexual Abuse	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting PA Secretary of State
	Minimum Wage Increase	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Peter Barber, President/CEO/Co-Owner Two Dudes Painting Company, Lancaster, PA -Jennie Groff, CEO/Co-Owner, Stroopies, Inc, Lancaster, PA
	CHIRP Program/Restaurant Recovery	-Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Department of Community & Economic Development -Steve McKnight, Chairman/CEO, Altoona Blair Development Corporation (ABDC) -Matthew Pacifico, Mayor, Altoona, PA -Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner
June 5, 2021	COVID Mitigation Measures	-Eric Tice, Superintendent, SCI-Somerset -Melissa Hainsworth, Superintendent, SCI- Laurel Highlands -Jennifer Schrock, Correctional Healthcare Administrator, SCI-Laurel Highlands
	Education/Charter School Plan	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Dr. Demaris Rau, Superintendent, School District of Lancaster -Rep. Mike Sturia (D-Lancaster)

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	Workforce Development/ Unemployment	-Susie Pushkar, Chief Program Officer, Partner4Work -Jessee McCree, CEO, South-Central PA Works
June 12, 2021	Resolution to Terminate Emergency Declaration	-Rep. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster), House Speaker -Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre/Mifflin), House Minority Leader
	Public Education Funding	-Gov. Tom WolfRep. Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia/ Delaware), House Democratic Leader -Sen. Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), State Democratic Leader -Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Montgomery/ Philadelphia)
	Unemployment Compensation Program/Online	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry
June 19, 2021	House Bill 300/Fairness Act	-Rep. Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny) -Sen. Brian Sims (D-Philadelphia) -Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (D-Philadelphia)
	House Bill 1300/Voting Rights	-Rep. Russ Diamond (R-Lebanon) -Gov. Tom Wolf -Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting PA Secretary of State
	Unemployment Compensation System	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry
June 26, 2021	Senate Bill 1300/Voter ID	-Rep. Seth Grove (R-York), Chair, House State Government Committee -Rep. Margo Davidson (D-Delaware), Democratic Chair, State Government Committee
	Vice President Visit to Pittsburgh	-Vice President Kamala Harris
	Agriculture/Spotted Lanternfly	-Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -Rick Roush, Dean, Penn State College Of Agriculture Science

Provided are news stories broadcasted during the weeks of April 19 through June 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. – Page 5

Week of April 19, 2021

- -Victory parade for Reading High School State Basketball Championship Team
- -Maxatawney Township Warehouse Project Update
- -Olivet Boys and Girls Club Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic
- -Johnson and Johnson Vaccine Update for Pa.
- -Opening of the Berks County Vaccine Call in Center
- -Cannabis Festival in Kutztown
- -Community Accessible Testing and Education (CATE) Mobile Vaccination clinic comes to Reading
- -Two Vehicle Accident in Rockland Township sends Several People to Hospitals
- -Shooting Suspect Arrested
- -Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center Moves Covid Testing Site
- -Pa. State System of Higher Education Commits to Recruiting More People of Color
- -Pa. Primary Election Ballot Questions
- -Reading School District Students Return to In-Person Learning
- -Schuylkill Valley and Exeter School Districts Covid Outbreaks
- -New City of Reading Downtown Coordinator
- -Sink Hole Opens on Penn Street in Reading
- -PA Teachers First Amendment Rights
- -Crime Victims Rights Week in PA.
- -Lehigh County Convenience Store Shooting
- -Tolls on Pa. Interstate Highways
- -Missing Amish Woman's Body Found in Lancaster Co.
- -Child Sex Abuse Bill Update
- -State Grants for Transportation and Recreation Projects in Berks Co.
- -Pa U-S Senator Pat Toomey Republican Infrastructure Bill
- -Covid Relief Funding for Berks Co. Hospitality Industry
- -Reading Gun Buy Back Program
- -Walkup Vaccine Clinics in Reading

Week of April 26, 2021

- -Legislation to donate 5 dollars to cancer research when renewing driver's license
- -Gov. Wolf in Berks Co. to talk about efforts to vaccinate the home bound
- -Fleetwood and Hamburg Memorial Day Parades are on this year
- -Berks Cares Vaccine Center accepting appointments
- -Reducing runoff pollution from Pa Farms
- -Exeter School District vaccine clinic opening
- -Reading City Council Panhandling ordinance
- -Reading City Council agreement with Hope Rescue Mission to keep Downtown clean
- -World War Two weekend returning this year
- -Work zone Safety Week News Conference in Greenwich Township
- -Exeter, Schuylkill Valley and Reading schools closed because of Covid-19
- -Blue Ribbons of Respect, Law Enforcement Appreciation

- -Food processing worker protection legislation
- -Kutztown University student arrested for carrying an explosive device
- -Reading Loading Zone ordinance

Week of April 26, 2021

- -The Berks Cares Covid-19 Vaccine Center opens, bur fewer than 100 people show up
- -Reading Parking Authority user data breach
- -Oley Valley School District receives State Farm to School Grant
- -Reading School District closes Northwest Elementary School for Covid outbreak
- -State Sen. Judy Schwank sponsors bill to extend milk "sell by" date
- -Pottstown man sought for shooting and wounding a man at a Reading bar
- -Albright College announces plans to fully reopen after Covid-19
- -Reading man found guilty of murder in fatal 2018 shooting
- -State Sen Bob Mensch introduces bill to create savings account for 1st time home buyers
- -Reading Fightin' Phils season opener
- -Reading man stabs his wife to death during a domestic incident
- -State Rep. Jim Cox bill requiring job search for unemployment recipients approved by committee
- -Reading police investigate a shooting at a city supermarket
- -Reading and Muhlenberg Township Memorial Day ceremonies set
- -League of Women Voters of Berks County provides candidate info for May 18th primary election
- -Berks Co. Commissioners discuss creating a County-wide health department

Week of May 10, 2021

- --Berks County officials announced Covid-19 relief funding applications were being accepted from hospitality industry businesses affected by the pandemic.
- --Members of the State House Policy Committee paid a visit to Reading Monday to tout a
- "Pennsylvania Rescue Plan", an offshoot of President Biden's rescue plan to stimulate economies.
- --A groundbreaking was held in Exeter Township for a new Magisterial District Judge's office.
- --Stories promoting the absentee ballot deadline ahead of the Pennsylvania Primary.
- --Reading City Council's passage of a new law against aggressive panhandling.
- --Reading Mayor Eddie Moran held a news conference to announce the reopening of City Hall.
- --Reading City Council also introduced a new parking procedure by implementing stalls, along with fines for parking outside the lines. Either final approval or rejection will come later.
- --Reading City Council also heard a proposal for a new fire station at 9th and Marion Streets. Officials hope to have a groundbreaking in the Fall.
- --On Wednesday, a trench collapse occurred in Wyomissing that unfortunately took the life of a water utility worker. Crews were working on the water pipes.
- -- A story on local-level gas prices and demand for gas following the Colonial Pipeline cyber-attack.
- --There were also stories on the state-level offerings of agricultural grants for Pennsylvania school districts.
- -- Emergency repairs to water lines in Maidencreek Township.
- --Wyomissing officials announced during the week its pool operations and its concerts and movies in the park will resume, with safety protocols in place.
- --The Berks County Commissioners on Thursday gave an update on drop-box access for absentee ballots.
- --A suspect in a late April murder incident in Reading was returned to Berks County from New York City.

- --The Reading Charter Board launched an investigation into allegations that Mayor Eddie Moran improperly fired its Solicitor/Attorney.
- --Pennsylvania's mask requirement has been removed for fully-vaccinated individuals.

Week of May 17, 2021

- > -Penn Dot Road projects for the week
- > -Reading City Hall mask mandate
- > -A bill to amend the State Constitution changing the date to start new terms of the legislature
- > -New Unemployment Computer System workshops
- > -Primary Election Races and Results
- > -Bechtelsville house fire ruled accidental
- > -Pa. U-S Senator Pat Toomey talks about meeting with Biden
- > Administration officials about infrastructure
- > -State Senate hearings on plan to merge some State-owned universities
- > -Push to vaccinate more Berks County residents
- > -Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles exhibit honoring Rosie the Riveter
- > -Reading Liederkranz hosts event to recognize Berks County police officers
- > -Two Exeter School District elementary schools close because of Covid-19
- > -Brandywine Hts. School District Covid vaccine clinic for district students
- > -Man's body found on industrial property in Pottstown

Week of May 24, 2021

- --One local Congressman, Dan Meuser, called for reforms on issuing unemployment compensation benefits and called for sending able-bodied Americans back to work.
- --State labor officials announced work search requirements will resume in July for those receiving unemployment benefits.
- --One other U.S. House member, Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, talked about her recent vote to form a January 6th Commission to investigate the attack on the Capitol.
- --A water main break shut down Route 61 in Muhlenberg Township on Monday and into all day Tuesday and early Wednesday. The break caused damage to the roadway itself.
- --The City of Reading and The Berks County Redevelopment Authority received blight remediation grants.
- --The Berks County Commissioners authorized a study to possibly create a County Health Department.
- --The City of Reading and its police department vowed to take aggressive measures to impose fines or make arrests for late-night noise at the Pagoda.
- --City Officials also announced this week fixes will be made to the four-sided clock at 5th and Penn Streets, particularly the one clock face that has stopped operating.
- --A Texas-based firm announced it has acquired land in Bethel Township for constructing three new industrial buildings, creating jobs for our area.
- --A second pothole fixing blitz took place on Wednesday on some Reading city streets.
- --Reading City Councilwoman Donna Reed posted on Facebook Tuesday about a possible move of the Reading Public Museum, and it prompted a response from Reading School District officials. The Reading School District owns the museum but it's managed by a museum foundation.
- --A task force was formed in Montgomery County to find missing children.
- --Some heavy storms passed through Berks County on Wednesday, causing damages and power outages.

- --Pennsylvania's Health Secretary announced Thursday the state's masking order is set to be lifted by June 28th, or when 70-percent of the adult population is fully-vaccinated.
- --Reading Police Chief Richard Tornelli held a news conference Thursday to mark the 100th day of participation in "Operation Cease Fire", a multi-agency partnership that has a common goal to combat gun violence.
- --The State Senate State Government Committee began hearings on redrawing Pennsylvania's Congressional Districts.
- --Montgomery County authorities filed charges against a Royersford woman who allegedly stole more than 150-thousand dollars from a non-profit she worked for.
- --Tower Health updated its visitor policy for Reading Hospital.
- --Final flu season numbers were released Friday by the state.
- --State labor officials announced on Friday a new benefits system will be up-and-running by June 8th, prompting a transitional phase and a website shutdown for the week of May 31st.

Week of May 31, 2021

- -Memorial Day ceremonies in Berks County
- -Deadly Reading fire investigation
- -Maidencreek Township Fire
- -Two homes destroyed in Windsor Twp. fire
- -City Council woman Donna Reed comments on First Energy Stadium improvements
- -State Senate Dems. bill on fracking regulations
- -Berks County Industrial Development Authority grant
- -City Council approves police contract
- -Spraying for the Spotted Lantern Fly
- -Reading police make an arrest in a recent shooting
- -Pottstown Independence Day events
- -Muhlenberg Twp. car dealership fire
- -Montgomery County historical grants
- -Dog rescued from well
- -Meat packing plant in Montgomery County reopens after hacking
- -World War 2 Weekend at Reading Regional Airport
- -Santander Arena announces first concerts since Covid-19 closing
- -Exeter Twp. man sentenced in death of infant daughter
- -Urban Aq. Grants available
- -Authorities investigate murder-suicide in Wernersville
- -Changes to 2021 Schuylkill River Sojourn

Week of June 7, 2021

- -Update on state budget negotiations with Sen, Judy Schwank
- -Legislation introduced to create an Election Audit Bureau
- -Pottstown woman pleads guilty to murder
- -Lower Alsace Twp. power outage
- -State Senate hearing on how to improve nursing homes
- -Berks Family Detention Center rally
- -Wilson School District Equity policy
- -Renovations begin at historic one room Epler School House
- -Parents ask Exeter School Board to end mask policy for children
- -Pa. offers Farmer's Market vouchers for low-income senior citizens

- -Daughter arrested for stabbing her mother
- -Man who assaulted and robbed an elderly Mount Penn man arrested
- -Humane Pa. Freedom Center for Animal Life Saving announces reopening
- -Kutztown University offers summer Covid-19 Vaccine clinics
- -Three area bowling alleys sold to a national chain
- -Recycling center in Muhlenberg Township sold
- -Investigation of fatal fire in Reading in May ruled accidental
- -One resident critically injured in fire at another Reading apartment building
- -Berks County Earth Day celebration
- -Maxatawney Townsjip warehouse project approved
- -Berks County Commissioners award more Covid relief funding to hospitality industry
- -West Lawn man arrested after standoff with police
- -Montgomery County man sets off explosives destroying 3 homes

Week of June 14, 2021

- -Police arrest a suspect in a stabbing in Colebrookdale Township
- -Fire destroys a barn in Maxatawney Township
- -Couple escapes from a fire at their South Heidelberg Township home.
- -Man who was rescued from his burning Reading apartment the previous week dies
- -Bill introduced by Berks County State Senator Judy Schwank would increase fees for dog licenses
- -Florida man killed when his car is struck by a tractor trailer in Jefferson Twp.
- -Reading City Council passes ordinances to remove illegal vehicles from city streets
- -Reading man arrested on drug charges after two-month investigation
- -Reading police investigate a shooting on Hudson Street
- -Exeter Township couple killed in accident in Lancaster County
- -Boyertown School Board approves 2021-22 budget
- -Berks and Lehigh County State Representative Gary Day talks about a bill to protect seniors
- -Berks County Commissioner Christian Leinbach says local bars and restaurants helped by Covid relief funding
- -Opposition to tolling Interstate Highway bridges, including I078 bridge in Lenhartsville
- -West Reading's 27th annual Art on the Avenue

Week of June 21, 2021

- -Fireworks safety tips
- -Illegally discharged fireworks start fire on the roof of a Reading commercial building
- -Spring Township man arrested for a stabbing during a domestic incident
- -Local governments asked to apply for federal lead paint remediation grants
- -Berks Military History Museum adding a Holocaust Education wing
- -Condemned West Reading apartment building being repaired
- -Pottstown fire kills Lauer's Park Elementary School Counselor and her family
- -Reading's Schlegel Park Pool repairs delay the opening
- -Berks County residents urged to explore agricultural careers
- -Schuylkill Valley School District Superintendent resigns for undisclosed reasons, gets big severance package
- -50 year old Berks County murder case being reopened
- -Berks Co. Commissioners to end Covid-19 emergency declaration
- -Dog trained to detect spotted lantern fly egg masses

- -Reading, Exeter and Boyertown School Boards adopt 2021-22 budgets
- -U-S Supreme Court sides with Schuylkill County high school cheerleader who was suspended after profanity laced social media post
- -Reading School District buys former Reading Outlet Center site to build a new school
- -Humane Pa. reopens after two-million-dollar renovation project

Week of June 28, 2021

- -Reaction from Berks County State Lawmakers to Gov. Wolf's signing of the new budget
- -How Senior citizens can keep cool during the heat wave
- -The heat wave produced a new record high temperature of 99 degrees in Reading
- -Man convicted of murder in the 2018 death of a Reading man
- -West Reading's new police chief is sworn in
- -Reading City Council approves funding for a skate park on Canal Street
- -Berks County lifts Covid-19 emergency declaration
- -Pennsylvania U-S Senator Pat Toomey continues working on bipartisan infrastructure bill
- -Reading Police Chief Richard Torinelli reminds residents of city's fireworks ordinance
- -The Berks Military History Museum holds ground breaking ceremony for new Holocaust museum and education center
- -Reading woman pleads guilty to participation in scam to steal 300 thousand dollars from seniors
- -State Department of Health urges 35 thousand Berks resident to get second dose of Covid vaccine
- -Rt, 61 in Muhlenberg Township reopens more than 24 hours after water main break
- -Florida officials investigating to find out if someone voted in Berks County and Florida in November 2020 election
- -Berks county Independence Day celebrations

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