We look back at the best Florida Matters conversations of 2021
December 28, 2021
Excerpts from four episodes are featured in our recap, ranging from topics like the redevelopment of Tropicana Field to mental health during a pandemic. (Growth and development, minority issues, environment, politics, mental health, LGBTQ issues)

We recap COVID-19 across Florida in 2021
December 21, 2021
Host Steve Newborn discusses the virus and its impact throughout the year with Dr. Kevin Sneed of the USF Taneja College of Pharmacy and Julio Ochoa, editor of Health News Florida. (Health, politics, business)

We look at the impact of redistricting before Florida lawmakers meet next month
December 14, 2021
The redistricting process will be an important part of the legislative session that starts next month. (Politics, minorities, business)
Months after the major Piney Point spill, the phosphate industry's impact stills looms large
December 7, 2021
The spill from the former phosphate plant in Manatee County earlier this year was a cautionary event. But the country's largest producer of phosphate currently has plans for a new mine in southern Florida. (Environment, politics, growth)

We highlight the latest Unequal Shots story on African Americans and mental health during the pandemic
November 30, 2021
Steve Newborn talks with Stephanie Colombini, who wrote the story, as well as two community advocates. (Minorities, health, politics)

The Tampa Bay region is becoming a major destination for technology companies
November 23, 2021
Business magazine Forbes recently ranked Tampa as the top emerging tech city in the country. (Business, technology, growth)

As mental health effects of the pandemic linger, a local 211 center still sees high call volumes
November 16, 2021
We check back in with Clara Reynolds, CEO of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, for another frank conversation about what her center continues to hear from callers. (Mental health, pandemic, families, minorities)

With a new mayor decided for St. Petersburg, Rick Kriseman reflects on eight years in office
November 9, 2021
Kriseman and host Steve Newborn discuss his legacy including the city's environmental progress and revitalization. (Politics, sports, transportation, environment, minorities, growth)

Food insecurity is still an issue in Tampa Bay, even as the pandemic seems to wane
November 2, 2021
Thomas Mantz of Feeding Tampa Bay says he expects the economic effects of the pandemic on food security to last for years. (Hunger, poverty, volunteering, business, farming)

We explore Tampa Bay's hurricane preparedness, 100 years after the Tarpon Springs hurricane
October 26, 2021
Is Tampa Bay better prepared now for a major hurricane? (Disaster preparedness, business, politics, transportation, history)

Angry parents have derailed Sarasota school board meetings. Two board members tell us what's next
October 19, 2021
The meetings turned into rowdy affairs with some parents who loudly voice their opinions on the mask mandate and critical race theory. (School boards, politics, civility)

St. Pete's mayoral candidates share their plans for the city at a virtual debate. We break it down
October 12, 2021
We highlight segments from a recent virtual debate hosted by the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus. (Politics, minorities, transportation, environment, health)

FEMA’s flood insurance program is implementing a new rating system. Premiums for most Florida homes are set to rise

October 5, 2021
Risk Rating 2.0 is the first major change to the National Flood Insurance Program since the 1970s. We highlight segments from a recent virtual debate hosted by the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus. (Insurance, global warming, sea level rise, politics, growth)