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New Report: Patchwork of State Parentage Laws Leave LGBTQ Families at Risk

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"Love makes a family," the saying goes—but for a host of rights and protections, legal ties between parents and children are what matter. For many LGBTQ parents, however, paths to obtaining or securing these parentage ties are unclear, expensive, humiliating, and lengthy, leaving their children vulnerable, as a new report describes.

"Relationships at Risk: Why We Need to Update State Parentage Laws to Protect Children and Families," from the Movement Advancement Project (MAP), in partnership with COLAGE, Family Equality, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), notes that among the 18 million

LGBTQ adults in the United States, nearly one in three are raising children under the age of 18. A legal parent-child relationship, or "parentage," is critical for access to a variety of rights, protections, and regular responsibilities, such as picking up a child at school, getting them medical

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The LGBTQ+ Pride Parade Returns

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) - The biggest Pride parade in New England returned to Boston on Saturday after a three-year hiatus, with a fresh focus on social justice and inclusion rather than corporate backing.

Marchers cheered, danced and held signs representing various causes during the two-hour event, while people along the sidelines cheered back. About 10,000 marchers signed up



Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. Photo by Bay Windows Staff.

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Lynn's Alex Newell wins a Tony Award



Alex Newell accepts the award for best performance by an actor in a featured role in a musical for "Shucked" at the 76th annual Tony Awards on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the United Palace theater in New York. (Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP)

Bay Windows Staff

At the 76th annual Tony Awards on Sunday night, Alex Newell, a Lynn, MA native, won a Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical for their performance in Shucked.

Newell said in their acceptance

speech:

"Thank you for seeing me Broadway. I should not be up here as a queer, non-binary, fat, Black, little baby from Massachusetts... and to anyone that thinks that they can't do it, I'm going to look you dead in your face that you can do anything you put your mind to."

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& TRANSGENDER PRIDE CELEBRATIONS

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before registration was shut down, according to organizers.

Mason Dunn, 37, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, said the crowd was diverse: "All different gender identities, all different race, ethnicity, age, ability. We're seeing a really great representation."

Some participants memorialized transgender people who died because of bias or hate in the U.S. by carrying signs with one of their names in

the parade, Dunn said.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, one of the nation's first two openly lesbian governors, said ahead of the parade that she was excited to participate.

"This is a particularly special one to be marching in this year and at this time where we see states and some governors going backward, taking away equality, taking away freedoms, demonizing members of the LGBTQ community, hurting them, banning books, banning shows, banning access to even health care," Healey said.

The parade's return came amid growing hostility to LGBTQ+ people in parts of the

country. Some states have limited drag shows, restricted gender-affirming medical care and banned school library books for their LGBTQ+ content.

Though Boston's parade happened the second weekend of Pride Month, many other large cities - including New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Denver and Minneapolis - hold their main marches on the last weekend of June. Some cities host their events throughout the month or even at other times of the year. In Europe, Rome and Athens also held pride parades Saturday, as did Indianapolis; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and several other U.S. and global cities.

In Washington, President Joe Biden welcomed hundreds to the White House for a Pride celebration that had initially been scheduled for Thursday but was postponed because of poor air quality caused by Canadian wildfires.

"So today, I want to send a message to the entire community - especially to transgender children: You are loved. You are heard. You belong," Biden said.

Saturday was Boston's first Pride parade since 2019. The hiatus began with COVID- 19 but extended through 2022 because the organiza-

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care, planning for their education, custody, and inheritance. It also helps protect against abrupt, potentially damaging separation from one parent if the other dies or the parents divorce.

Hundreds of thousands of children are born each year via assisted reproduction, however, and many of their families must navigate “complicated, costly, and time-consuming processes” to be recognized as legal families, the report says. For LGBTQ families, too, not all pathways to parentage are available in all states. This can leave children without legal ties to one or more of their parents.

Naomi Goldberg, deputy director of MAP and the report's lead author, told me in an interview, “Even as a lesbian mom who moved from one state to another in the past few years and a policy researcher who has tracked LGBTQ laws for 15 years, I was surprised by the confusing and complicated patchwork that exists for LGBTQ families.”

She observed, “I think many people assume that with marriage equality nationwide, LGBTQ parents no longer face challenges in family recognition. Unfortunately, as this report shows, it is not the case.”

Even married LGBTQ parents' rights are being challenged, the report relates, as in a recent Oklahoma case where a judge ruled that a married, nongenetic mom who was on her son's birth certificate had no parental rights to the child she and her wife created and were raising together, but their sperm donor did.

And marriage equality itself is under threat. “This report became far more urgent following the *Dobbs* decision a year ago, in which the security of marriage equality was questioned by several U.S. Supreme Court justices,” Goldberg added. “Having pathways to secure legal parentage for LGBTQ parents that are independent of the marital status between parents is vital for ensuring all children, regardless of who their parents or the circumstances of their birth, have legal, stable, and secure ties to the parents who love and care for them.”

Some states, such as Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Colorado, have recently modernized their laws to clarify and simplify paths to parentage for all families today. “This is really important and exciting work that has real, positive, tangible impacts on families,” Goldberg said.

Most states, however, are playing catch-up. Goldberg observed, “Many policymakers are concerned with the wellbeing of children in our country. For those lawmakers, I hope the report, plus conversations with LGBTQ parents in their communities, will grow their understanding of how many families, including and especially LGBTQ families, are utilizing assisted reproduction and that for these families, in many states, securing legal ties between parents and children remains difficult.”

States, however, “don't need to recreate the wheel or start from scratch,” she said. She pointed to the 2017 Uniform Parentage Act, a model law developed by the bipartisan Uniform Law Commission, as “best practice law that can be adapted to individual state needs



to provide legal security for all children and families.” Among other things, this version of the UPA ensures that state parentage laws remain constitutional by providing equality and paths to parentage for LGBTQ families. “Seven states have already adopted it, while others have adopted significant portions,” Goldberg noted (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington). Five more (Hawaii, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Pennsylvania) have introduced bills to do so.

For LGBTQ parents, Goldberg hopes the report offers a reminder of “how critical it is for all parents to secure parentage to their children, even if they’ve been parenting them since birth and/or for years!”

As the report explains, “Being listed on a birth certificate alone does not conclusively establish parentage.” This is why “many families obtain a court judgment confirming parentage, which must be given full faith and credit and recognized across state lines.” One resource that the report recommends is “LG-

BTQ+ Paths to Parentage Security” (lgbtqparentage.org) a brief guide that GLAD and I recently developed to help LGBTQ parents navigate their options.

Goldberg also wants LGBTQ parents to help drive broader change. “It is surprising to many people to know how expensive, time consuming, and invasive it can be for many LGBTQ families to secure legal ties,” she said. “I hope that more LGBTQ parents will talk openly with their elected officials about the process they undertook to establish parentage in hopes that we can update parentage laws across the country to ensure that all children have the security they need to thrive.”

Read the MAP report at: mapresearch.org/2023-parentage-report (Full disclosure: I offered some feedback on an early draft of this report.)

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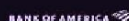
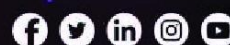
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Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 8PM
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"I rise to commemorate the start of Pride Month by honoring the one and only queen of drag, RuPaul. RuPaul Charles has become an American phenomenon and an icon. Nobody has more charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent."

—Congressman Robert Garcia on the floor of the House of Representatives.

It may be Pride Month, but I'm in an undisclosed country where being gay can get you stoned...with real stones! Happily, within the confines of my bucolic, clothing-optional resort, I'm surrounded by Bel Ami-type studs who barely speak a lick of English—but have no problem licking anything else. It's important to remember that there are real heroes out there doing the hard work, while I'm getting real hard and letting others do the work.

California State Senator Scott Wiener invited my friend Sister Roma to the state legislature in Sacramento to kick off Pride Month. Roma is one of the most visible members of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence—the chalky-faced drag and trans nuns who have been providing service and humor since 1979. When Roma approached the podium, many Republican senators beat a path to the door. "If they really took the time to get to know her, they'd understand why I nominated her for this honor," said Senator Wiener. Roma was overcome and said, "I came this close to crying, and if this makeup runs, I'm done."

The Sisters were also formally invited by the Los Angeles Dodgers for Pride Night, which takes place on June 16th. Days later, they were disinvited due to pressure from the right. Gay Night was bad enough, but drag nuns were pushing things too far. A few more days passed, and the invitation was reinstated. Former Vice President Mike Pence was beside himself. "Having been raised in a Catholic family, the Dodgers' decision to invite the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a hateful group that blatantly mocks Catholicism, to their event next month is deeply offensive." I always find it interesting when a straight man is obsessed with conversion therapy and drag queens, while calling his wife "mother". It's all so Anthony Perkins!

Someone else who wasn't happy was Senator Marco Rubio. His disappointment was somewhat abated by news that the Dodgers will once again host Christian Faith Night on July 30th. Now, I find THAT deeply offensive. But I ain't protesting. Because, frankly, if we're able to have Pride Night, then the Christians should be able to have their night. I do wonder if it's too late to book some lions to greet them in the stadium...

In a trend I predicted, another former "Bachelorette" contestant has come out of the closet. Josh Seiter, who competed for the affection of Kaitlyn (not that one), says he is bisexual. Josh attributes his sexual leanings on being homeschooled! Actually, it's his tardy realization, which he attributes to being homeschooled. His parents were born-again Christians, and he had no exposure to any other path. "I always knew as an early teen I was different sexually, I just didn't think I had the vocabulary to articulate what that difference was." I'd love to know how he scored on his SATs! But that's not his biggest bombshell. Josh worked as an exotic dancer, and is currently dating a stripper named David. He also admits that he worked as an escort under the name Andrew Dean. "I was a male companion for women with the escorting site Cowboys4Angels. I have never been one for men." Homeschooling really didn't teach him much—he would have made exponentially more money with male clients!

I've slept with my share of strippers, to say nothing of porn stars (and happy anniversary to my beloved Kurt Young). One of the most prolific and successful gay porn stars is the iconic Jeff Stryker. Recently, Stryker posted a throwback photo from 2007 in Provincetown with Bruce Vilanch and a number of others. He wrote, "My Friends, I have a confession to make...I love Bruce

Vilanch, I have for decades, No heart is bigger and no heart loves me more..." Lovely, right? He then followed it up with a comment, "Damn it Bruce, Don't let Betty White come between us." Problem is—the woman between them was Rue McClanahan! Needless to say, gay fans corrected him in droves.

I spent much of last week telling you about theatre in London. This week, we turn to domestic stages. Just before I left the States, Lea Michele was out of "Funny Girl" again due to Covid—how very 2022! With her time in the show coming to an end, she's looking to the future. She'd like to stay in NYC and is eyeing a revival of "Chess". That musical has had a troubled history in the US, and rumor has it a new version with Michele could be a hit.

Meanwhile, Lea's alternate in "Funny Girl" has already booked her next gig. The much-lauded Julie Benko will join the cast of Barry Manilow's "Harmony" when it hits Broadway's Barrymore Theatre on October 18th.

Lea's bestie, Jonathan Groff, attended a Beyoncé concert in Cardiff with hottie Ncuti Gatwa, best known as the incoming "Doctor Who". We're told the two met when Groff filmed a guest-starring role on the iconic British series, which returns in November. We're told the two "hit it off"—whatever that means.

Another twosome people may soon be talking about is Lukas Gage and Zachary Quinto. Wait a minute—how did someone we never heard of a couple years ago get top billing? The two appear in the flick "Down Low", which is described thusly: "A deeply repressed man, the uninhibited young man that gives him a happy ending, and all the lives they ruin along the way." The film was written by Gage (hence the billing) and features star turns by Audra McDonald, Judith Light and Simon Rex—well, two star turns and some pandering. It did well at SXSW and is currently looking for distribution.

Our "Ask Billy" question is a throwback to last week. Jeff in Los Angeles asks, "I can't believe you went to London and didn't see 'A Little Life'. I was sure you'd be able to get ahold of James Norton's dick."

That is my specialty. But tickets to that show were harder to get ahold of than the aforementioned member. The play has been a smash—and one must give some credit to the very sexy Norton's nude scene, which has gotten quite a bit of attention. "There's still a block when it comes to male nudity, about the penis, and what it looks like, and its size and its shape—and all these things of which we as a culture are still very wary over," says James. He added, "We're scared of the penis," which has never been my experience. "Men, I think, we're far more obsessed with it. I mean, women I've asked are like, 'I don't care, you know, it's just a penis, whatever.'" This says more about James's than the women he's asking. So, sorry, we don't have a clear shot of his penis. We've got some snaps that have been somewhat censored, and I'm happy to share them on BillyMasters.com.

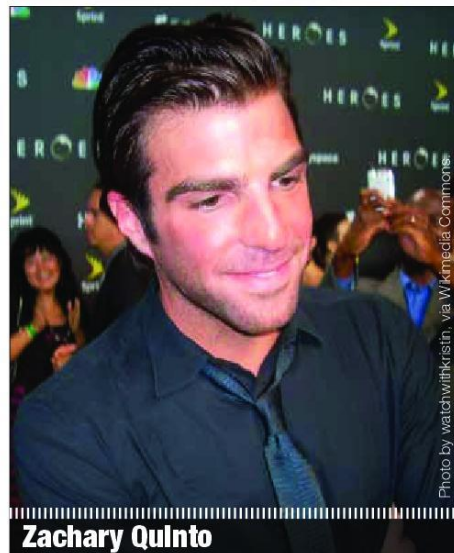
When I'm happy to share a penis—no matter the size—it's definitely time to end yet another column. While on my endless journey, I continue to update www.BillyMasters.com—the site that is proud all year long. If you have a burning query, dash it off to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before someone finds out how many licks it takes to get to the center of Billy Masters. Here's a hint—the world may never know. So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



State Senator Scott Wiener



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FRIDAY, JUNE 16

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS: WHITNEY & FRIENDS

8p, New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston, MA
<https://www.bgmc.org/2022/08/03/whitney-friends/>

CLUB CAFÉ FRIDAYS PRIDE EDITION

Friday, June 16 10p - 2a Moonshine at Club Café, 209 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA
<https://www.clubcafe.com/club-events/fridays-pride-060223/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS: WHITNEY & FRIENDS

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CLUB CAFE SATURDAY

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FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1P-3P

Amesbury Pride
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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2P-5P

Arlington LGBTQIA+ Pride
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TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2P

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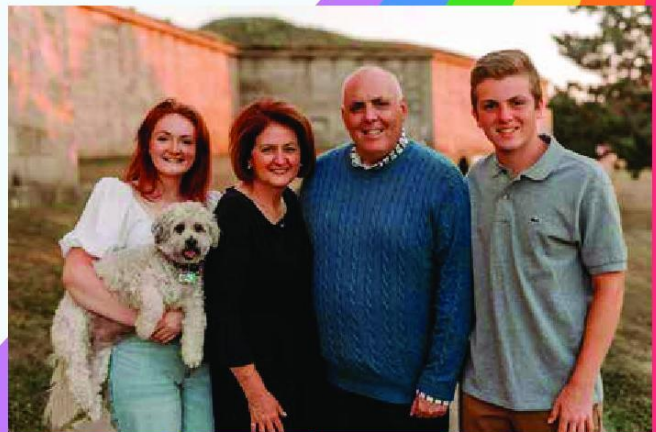
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FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 9P

Twerk Fridays Pride Block Party
EGO Providence, 73 Richmond St, Providence, RI
https://www.instagram.com/p/Crw64s9ID5s/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 12P

47th Rhode Island PrideFest & Illuminated Night Parade
Providence Innovation District Park, 120 Peck St, Providence, RI
<https://prideri.org/pridefest/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 10P

RI Pride Block Party
Platforms Dance Club, 165 Poe Street Providence, RI
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ri-pride-block-party-tickets-634161011657>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 6:30P

SK Pride Family Game Night
Broad Rock Middle School, 351 Broad Rock Rd, Wakefield, RI
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sk-pride-family-game-night-tickets-639692957857>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 11A

Newport Pride 2023
Great Friends Meeting House, 21 Farewell St, Newport, RI
<https://www.newportout.com/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 8P- FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1A

Pride Week: Femmes and Thems Night!
Breezeway Pub, 14 Pearl St, Manchester, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1200158900692745/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 6P-8:30P

Lebanon Opera House Pride Celebration
Colburn Park, North Park St, Lebanon, NH
<https://lebanonnh.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=35573>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1P-7P

Queer Art Extravaganza at Manchester Pride
Veterans Park, 723 Elm St, Manchester, NH
<https://queerlective.com/pages/manchester-pride-2023>

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 5:30P-6P

Claremont PRIDE Flag Raising
Broad Street Park, Broad St, Claremont, NH

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 5P-9P

White Mountains Pride at Flatbread Company
Flatbread Company, 2760 White Mountain Hwy, North Conway, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/events/905091010784436/>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 5P-8P

PRIDE Bowling Night
Meyer Maple Lanes Bowling Alley, 125 Maple Ave, Claremont, NH

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 9A

Drag Story Hour
Conway Public Library, 15 Greenwood Ave, Conway, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1365928570616687/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 4P

Drag Story Hour, Pope Memorial Library, 2719 White Mountain Hwy, North Conway, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/events/957560298760379/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 10A-4P

White Mountains Pride Festival
North Conway Community Center Park, 78 Norcross Cir, North Conway, NH

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 7:30P-8:30P

Rainbow Bridge Lighting
Central Square Lynn, Beneath the Commuter
Rail Bridge, 1 Exchange St, Lynn, MA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 6P-8:30P

Pride Paint Nite
The Galleries at LynnArts (GALA), 25 Exchange St, Lynn, MA

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 6P-8P

Pride Zumbathon
Demakes Family YMCA, 40 Neptune Blvd, Lynn, MA

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 6P-9P

Youth Pride
Frederick Douglass Memorial Park, 1-15 Exchange St, Lynn, MA

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 12P-1P

United Lynn Pride Marching Group
Shetland Park, 27 Congress St. Salem to Salem Commons

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, TIME TBD

Rainbows on the River
Stoneham Boat Center, 1147 Western Ave, Lynn, MA

LYNNFIELD

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 6:30P-8:30P

MarketStreet Lynnfield Pride Yappy Hour
MarketStreet Lynnfield, 600 Market Street, Lynnfield, MA

MALDEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, TIME TBD

Malden Pride
Coytemore Lea Park, Mountain Ave, Malden, MA

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SUNDAY JUNE 17, 1-3P

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NORTH WORCESTER COUNTY

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 11A

NoWoCo Pride Parade & Festival
Main St, Boulder Dr & Riverfront Park
<https://nowocopriderg.org/pride-2023>

PEABODY

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 7P-9P

PRIDE Trivia Night: General Knowledge
Granite Coast Brewing Company, 77 Main St unit b, Peabody, MA
<https://www.facebook.com/events/978806203277770/>

READING

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 3P-6P

Reading Pride Parade and Celebration
Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Ave, Reading, MA

<https://business.readingreadingchamber.org/events/details/reading-s-3rd-annual-pride-parade-1519?calendarMonth=2023-06-01>

REVERE

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 9P

Revere Pre-Pride Party
La Maquina, 367 Revere Beach Blvd, Revere, MA
<https://www.facebook.com/events/702572055003531/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2P-6P

Revere Beach Pride Block Party 2023
500 Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1403433507114830/>

SALEM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS IN JUNE, 5:30P

"Rainbow Stroll" Walking Tour
Downtown Salem, MA
<https://www.salemghosttours.com/Pride.html>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2P-4P

LGBTQ+ Movie Event: "Love Simon"
Children's Program Room - Ground Floor, Salem Public Library, 370 Essex St, Salem, MA
<https://salemplassabetinteractive.com/calendar/lgbtq-movie-night-love-simon/>

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 6:30P-8:30P

Drag Night for LGBTQ+ Youth
NAGLY Salem, 2 East India Sq, Witch City Mall #121, Salem, MA

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 7P-8:30P

North Shore Pride Interfaith Service
Tabernacle Church, 50 Washington St, Salem, MA

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 7P-11P

North Shore Pride Pre-Pride Dance Party
Colonial Hall, Rockafellas (2nd Floor), 227 Essex St, Salem, MA
<https://northshorepride.org/event/north-shore-pride-pre-pride-dance-party/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 11A-4:30P

North Shore Pride Festival
Salem Common, N Washington Sq, Salem, MA
<https://northshorepride.org/event/north-shore-pride-festival/>

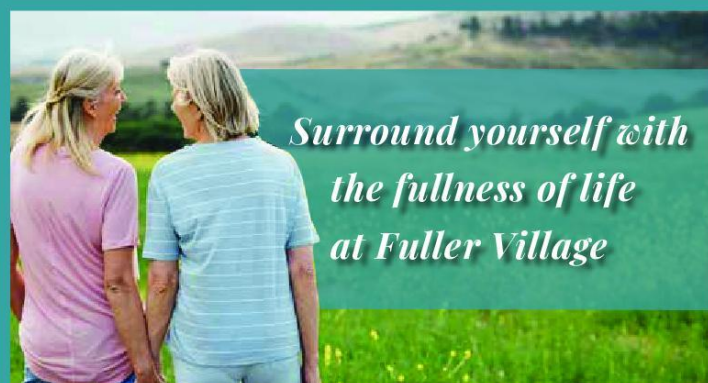
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 12P-1P

North Shore Pride Parade
Shetland Park, 27 Congress St, Salem, MA
<https://northshorepride.org/event/north-shore-pride-parade-3/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 5P-8P

North Shore Pride Youth After Party
NAGLY Salem, 2 East India Sq, Witch City Mall #121, Salem, MA

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Pride

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tion that used to run the event, Boston Pride, dissolved in 2021 under criticism that it excluded racial minorities and transgender people.

Boston Pride for the People, the new group formed to plan Boston's parade, came together last September to create a more inclusive, less corporate festival, said Jo Triglio, vice president of Boston Pride for the People.

Despite being the first state to legalize same-sex marriage, Massachusetts isn't immune to attacks on LGBTQ+ people, according to Janson Wu, executive director of GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders, or GLAD.

He pointed to protests targeting drag shows and harassment against children's hospitals and physicians that provide gender-affirming health care.

"The return of Boston Pride with new and grassroots leadership is incredibly important, especially now with rising attacks against the LGBTQ community," Wu said.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, a Democrat, welcomed the parade's return, saying it's important for Massachusetts and Boston to be "a bulwark on the frontlines in a moment of rising hate."

Neon Calypso, 30, a Boston drag queen and trans woman of color who performed Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" at a Statehouse raising of the Pride flag Wednesday, said she's baffled by those trying to marginalize drag performers.

"It's unfortunate that there are states and poli-

ticians that people empower that see something that's so welcoming and accepting as something that's negative," she said. "A lot of those people who are protesting the shows, if they went, they would actually see that it's not what they say."

One of the oldest Pride events in the country, this year's parade traveled a bit shorter route than in past years, beginning at Copley Square and ending at Boston Common with a festival for families, teens and older community members. A second event for the over-21 crowd was planned at City Hall Plaza with alcohol, a disc jockey and dancing.

Boston Pride for the People focuses on empowerment, celebration, commemoration and education, and seeks to counter Pride parades and celebrations nationwide that have become too commercial and too focused on appealing to people with privilege, said Triglio, who uses the pronouns they and them.

"The more you have corporations involved, the more they are looking for money and that caters to the privileged," they added. "When you have a Pride that is too commercial, it becomes a party and you lose the social justice aspect to it."

They said Boston Pride for the People reviewed corporate funders using a number of criteria, including whether they donated to anti-LGBTQ+ lawmakers.

Employee groups were welcome to march, but corporations weren't.

"We really did start by looking forward to how we could best serve the LGBTQ community in greater Boston and really all across New England," Triglio said.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 11A-12P

North Shore Pride Drag Brunch
The Derby Restaurant, 189 Washington St., Salem, MA
<https://northshorepride.org/event/north-shore-pride-drag-brunch-3/>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 5P-7P

Drag King Story Hour
NAGLY Salem, 2 East India Sq, Witch City Mall #121, Salem, MA

SOMERVILLE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 5P-8P

Big Gay Dance Party
Union Square Plaza, 3 Otis St, Somerville, MA
<https://sommervilleartscouncil.org/art-sunion/2023/biggaydance>

WALTHAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 7P

The Queer Lens: Photographers in Conversation
Virtual, hosted by the Rose Art Museum
<https://www.brandeis.edu/rose/programs/2023/non-binary-lens-photographers-in-conversation.html>

WILMINGTON

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 11A-1P

Wilmington Pride 2
Wilmington Farmer's Market, 140 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 12P-3P

PRIDE Picnic in the Park
Visitor Center Park, 14 North St, Claremont, NH

Join us for lawn games, arts and crafts, and family activities.

We will have ice cream and you can bring a picnic lunch and blanket to celebrate PRIDE with friends and neighbors.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2P

Nashua Pride Festival
229 Main St, Nashua, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/events/251439860757069/>

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 12P

Capital City Pride Family Picnic
Kimball Jenkins School of Art, 266 North Main Street Concord, NH
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/capital-city-pride-family-picnic-tickets-613497947877>

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 6P

Pride After Party
Bank of New Hampshire Stage, 16 South Main Street Concord, NH
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-after-party-tickets-613513253657>

MAINE

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 10A- FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 5P

Youth Pride ArtLab Show
Center for Maine Contemporary Art, 21 Winter St, Rockland, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/youth-pride-artlab-show/>

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 10:30A- MONDAY, JUNE 26, 11:30A

Pride Month at the Children's Museum & Theater of Maine
The Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine, 250 Thompsons Point Rd Portland, ME
<https://www.kitetails.org/events-calendar/pride-month>

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 4P-7P

2023 Pride Bath Art Hop
Front and Center St, Bath, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/2023-pride-bath-art-hop/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 8P

Pride Month Screening: The Matrix
The Strand Theatre, 345 Main Street, Rockland, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/pride-month-screening-the-matrix/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 10A-6P

Free Weekend: Pride
Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square Portland, ME
<https://www.portlandmuseum.org/events/calendar/pride2023>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1P-5P

Pride Portland Parade & Festival
Parade at Monument Sq, Portland, ME
Festival at Deering Oaks Park, Portland, ME
<https://prideportland.org/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 3P-7P

Pride Aroostook Festival
39 Chapman Rd, Presque Isle, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/pride-arostook-festival/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 4P-12A

Pride Bar Crawl - Portland, ME - 6th Annual
Andy's Old Port Pub, 94 Commercial Street, Portland, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-bar-crawl-portland-me-6th-annual-tickets-474353392767>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 8P- SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1A

Queer As In... A Pride Dance Party For
Queers Of All Stripes
Flask Lounge, 117 Spring Street Portland, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/queer-as-in-a-pride-dance-party-for-queers-of-all-stripes-tickets-642579822547>

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 11A-5P

Bucksport Pride
Bucksport Waterfront Walkway, Bucksport, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/bucksport-pride/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 12P-5P

Strut Pride Tea Dance feat. Amanda Lepore
The Inn On Peaks Island, 33 Island Avenue Portland, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/strut-pride-tea-dance-feat-amanda-lepore-618-tickets-586137130937>

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 7P-10:30P

Official Bangor Pride Drag Show & Dance
Party presented by HEAL & Launchpad
Bangor Arts Exchange, 193 Exchange Street Bangor, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/official-bangor-pride-drag-show-dance-party-presented-by-heal-launchpad-tickets-633995175637>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 10A-12P

Lincoln County Unity & Community Pride
Veterans Park, Newcastle, ME
<https://www.outmaine.org/event/lincoln-county-unity-community-pride/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 11A-12P

First Annual Gorham Pride Celebration
Gorham Gazebo, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME
https://www.pressherald.com/forecaster/forecaster-calendar/?_escaped_fragment_=/show/#!/details/First-Annual-Gorham-Pride-Celebration/11670325/2023-06-24T11

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 11A-4P

2023 Bangor Pride & Festival
Downtown Bangor, 100 Broad St, Bangor, ME
<https://allevents.in/bangor/2023-bangor-pride-parade-and-festival/200024161637200>

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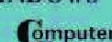
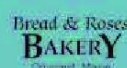


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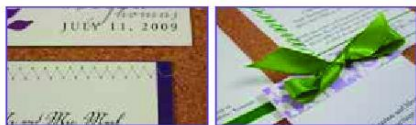
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Eastport Pride
Eastport, ME
ArtWalk. Performances by Heavenly Hash, Minor Characters, and Curbside Queens. Mobile Silkscreen Studio. Paw Prints for Pride. Happy Hour (cash bar). Moonlight Movie.
<https://downeastrainbowalliance.com/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 6P-11:30P

Eastern Maine Pride Party
Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Avenue Brewer, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-maine-pride-party-tickets-570620791147>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 10A-4P

Lubec Pride
Lubec, ME
Performances by Pink Capos, Milk & Honey Rebellion, Curbside Queens and Tomalley. Amateur Drag Brunch. Parade. OK Play! Mobile Silkscreen Studio
<https://downeastrainbowalliance.com/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1P

June L-A LGBTQ+ Nature Walk - Pride Beach Party!
Camp Gustin, 58 Loon Pond Rd, Sabattus, ME
<https://allevents.in/sabattus/june-l-a-lgbtq-nature-walk-pride-beach-party/200024575183702>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 8A-4:30P

28th Maine Child Welfare Education Conference
Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street Bangor, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/28th-maine-child-welfare-education-conference-registration-629291005337>

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 5A-8P

Out & Proud INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED **hike** at Baxter State Park
Baxter State Park, 64 Balsam Dr Milinocket, ME
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-proud-intermediateadvanced-hike-at-baxter-state-park-tickets-599447582857>

VERMONT

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 8P

The Depot, 50 Kingman Street Saint Albans City, VT
PRIDE Evening Drag Show: Studio 54-Drag Does Disco Divas! @ The Depot(21+)
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-evening-drag-show-studio-54-drag-does-disco-divas-the-depot21-tickets-456463714257>

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 6P-7P

Pride Shabbat
1189 Cape Cod Rd, Stowe, VT
<https://www.jcogs.org/event/pride-shabbat.html>

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 7P-9P

Pride Poetry Night
Fox Market, 3070 US-2, East Montpelier, VT
<https://www.pridecentervt.org/venue/fox-market/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 9A-5P

Rutland County Pride Festival
Center St, Rutland, VT
<https://www.pridecentervt.org/event/rutland-county-pride-festival/>

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 3P-4P

Speakout and Sign Preparation
The Teen Center, 77 Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT
<https://www.middpride.org/events/speakout-and-sign-preparation>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 5P-9P

American Flatbread Benefit Bake for Middpride
American Flatbread, 137 Maple St, Middlebury, VT
<https://www.middpride.org/events/american-flatbread-benefit-bake-for-middpride>

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 4P

New North End Children's PRIDE Parade!
New North End, Burlington, VT
<https://allevents.in/burlington/new-north-end-children%E2%80%99s-pride-parade/200024655667405>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 12P-5P

Rainbow-Palooza Pride & Vegfest
21 Fairground Rd, Springfield, VT
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rainbow-palooza-tickets-621937751557>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 12P-10P

Bethel Pridefest Camivale 2023
Bethel Recreation Center, 115 Pleasant St, Bethel, VT
<https://www.pridecentervt.org/event/bethel-pridefest-carnivale-2023-2/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 3P-6P

Gender-Affirming Clothing Swap
The Teen Center, 77 Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT
<https://www.middpride.org/events/gender-affirming-clothing-swap>

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 7P

People's Pride 2023: The Resistance
Oakledge Park, Burlington, VT
<https://allevents.in/burlington/peoples-pride-2023-the-resistance/200024318507725>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 12P-5P

Q-Mob: Bennington Pride: Parade and Block Party
Downtown Bennington Historic District, Main St Bennington, VT
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/q-mob-bennington-pride-parade-and-block-party-tickets-643327990337>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 12P-7P

NEK Pride Fest 2023
Downtown Newport, VT
<https://www.pridecentervt.org/event/nek-pride-fest-2023/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1P-7P

Middlebury Pride 2023
Downtown Middlebury, Main St, Middlebury, VT
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/middlebury-pride-2023-tickets-516895186417>

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1P-4P

2023 Vermont Mad Pride Day March and Celebration
Battery Park, Battery Park Extension, Burlington, VT
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-vermont-mad-pride-day-march-and-celebration-tickets-640066475057>

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 9:30A

WRJ PRIDE HIKE! W/ Gren Mt. Queer Hiking Club
Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St, White River Junction, VT
<https://www.facebook.com/events/906199500490870/>

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 7:30P

WRJ Pride Big Gay Movie Night
Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St, White River Junction, VT
<https://allevents.in/hanover/wrj-pride-big-gay-movie-night/200024575132847>

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 6P-11P

WRJ Pride Piano & Queer-aoke
Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St, White River Junction, VT
<https://allevents.in/hanover/wrj-pride-piano-and-queer-aoke/200024575132345>

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 11A

WRJ PRIDE 2023 PARADE!!!
Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St, White River Junction, VT
<https://allevents.in/hanover/wrj-pride-2023-parade/200024575132646>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 12P

2023 Pride Vermont Parade & Festival
Burlington Waterfront, Burlington, VT
<https://allevents.in/burlington/2023-pride-vermont-parade-and-festival/200024611758217>



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