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2007 BOSTON PRIDE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL PLAZA

Festival to move from the Boston Common; Parade route likely to change as well

Boston – The 2007 Boston Pride Festival will be held at the Boston City Hall Plaza on Saturday, June 9, 2007. This marks a change in venue for the Pride Festival, which is usually held on the Boston Common. “A new location for the 2007 Pride Festival will likely mean a new Parade route as well,” adds Linda DeMarco, President of Boston Pride. The Pride Parade traditionally ends at the Festival venue: details for the 2007 Parade route have yet to be finalized.

Following the Mayor’s decision to renovate the historic Boston Common over the coming year, senior city officials have been working closely with the Boston Pride Committee on a new venue for the 2007 Pride Festival. Yesterday, city officials approved the Pride Committee’s request to move the Festival to City Hall Plaza. “We are very fortunate to be able to work with a city administration that is so responsive to the LGBT community’s needs,” says DeMarco. “City officials have been incredibly supportive through this process, particularly Patti Papa from Special Events and John Bailey from Parks and Recreation.”

The Pride Festival is one of two flagship events held during LGBT Pride Week in June (the other being the Pride Parade). The Festival is where the crowds lining the Parade route converge once the Parade is over. At the Festival site, the LGBT community and its allies can enjoy live music, delicious food and drink, and plenty of Pride-related merchandise.

About Boston Pride

The Boston Pride Committee works to enhance the visibility of Boston's LGBT community through a week of events each June, in conjunction with year long activities, to promote LGBT awareness, dignity, and understanding.

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