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Dear Friends of Pride,

Happy Holidays! Here's wishing you, your family, and your friends a joyous holiday season and a bright and prosperous 2007. Speaking of the New Year, Pride '07 promises to be a very big year for Boston Pride. The Pride Festival will be moving to a new location at Boston City Hall Plaza and the Pride Parade route is likely to change as well. We've also chosen our theme for the year: "ASK. TELL. Proud to Serve Our Community, Our Country, Our World." Please see below for details.

Also remember to regularly check [www.bostonpride.org](http://www.bostonpride.org) for news and updates on Pride 2007. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to other LGBT community members and our allies. If you have any question or comments, please contact us at [info@bostonpride.org](mailto:info@bostonpride.org) or on the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

Thank you,  
The Boston Pride Committee

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- 1- New Venue for the 2007 Pride Festival

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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. Recently, 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."

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## 2- Theme for Pride 2007

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We are very proud to announce our theme for 2007:

ASK. TELL.

Proud to Serve Our Community, Our Country, Our World.

The LGBT community is an integral part of society at every level of organization: community, country, and the world. We are your doctors, lawyers, teachers, leaders, engineers, custodians, bankers, and bakers. We are proud of our service and we are happy to share our lives with you. Just ask, and we'll tell! Please consider this theme when building your float and organizing your parade contingent--an award will be given to the group that best adapts this theme in the parade.

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## 3- Dates for Pride Week 2007

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The 2007 Boston Pride Week will run from Friday, June 1, 2007 through Sunday, June 10, 2007. The flag raising at City Hall will be on Friday, June 1, 2007; Pride Day at Faneuil Hall will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, 2007; finals for the Pride Idol Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007; the Parade and Festival will be on Saturday, June 9, 2007; and the Jamaica Plain Women's Block Party and the Stuart Street Block Party will be on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

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## 4- How you can get involved

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Do you want to help out? We are always looking for new talent and drive, so let us know that you want to be part of the WORLD'S LARGEST ALL-VOLUNTEER PRIDE ORGANIZATION. Come to one of our meetings or contact [volunteer@bostonpride.org](mailto:volunteer@bostonpride.org).

The Boston Pride Committee is actively seeking Board members to help guide this quickly-growing organization. Board members with skills in a wide variety of professional areas are sought, including fund raising and large-event planning. For more information, to receive an application, or to set up a meeting with the current Board, please contact us at [president@bostonpride.org](mailto:president@bostonpride.org) or 617-262-9405.

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## 5- Pride Meetings

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The Boston Pride Committee meets on Tuesdays, at 6:30pm, at the Wainwright Bank Community Room, 155 Dartmouth Street in Boston (next to Back Bay T Station). Meetings are open to anyone, and we welcome your participation.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

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6- About Boston Pride

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The Boston Pride Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Members of the Committee include:

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"The Boston Pride Committee, Inc., serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and ally community, 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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