
BOSTON PRIDE NEWSLETTER Vol. 2 No. 1 - January 2007

Dear Friends of Pride,

Happy New Year! All of here on the Pride Committee wish you the very best in 2007. In the year ahead, we resolve to bring you the best Pride Celebration ever, and we're working hard to do it! There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved--the closer we get to June, the greater our need for volunteers. So, come on down to our weekly meetings--6:30pm Tuesdays, in the Community Room of the Wainwright Bank in the Back Bay.

Also remember to regularly check 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 or on the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

Thank you,
The Boston Pride Committee

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1- Parade Applications Online

With Pride only a few months away, it's time again for pondering the all-important question: what's the best way to rock out in the Pride Parade? Your first stop should be www.bostonpride.org to download an application. For the fourth year in a row, we are NOT RAISING THE APPLICATION FEE (in fact, the fee for student groups has been reduced); but a late fee will apply after March 17th, so don't delay! The deadline for applications is June 2nd. Email parade@bostonpride.org with questions, or call 617-262-9405.

Please note that the Parade route is changing this year due to the City of Boston's planned renovations of the Boston Common. The new route is will be announced shortly, so please remember to check our website and future editions of this newsletter for details.

2- New Venue for the 2007 Pride Festival

The 2007 Boston Pride Festival will be held at the Boston City Hall Plaza on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

3- Theme for Pride 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.

4- Dates for Pride Week 2007

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.

5- Bonjour, Paris!

As part of Boston Pride's continuing efforts at outreach--local, national, and global--we met with the organizers of Paris Pride. The meeting covered community activism, fundraising, logistics, volunteers, and worldwide Pride collaboration.

6- How you can get involved

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 one of the WORLD'S LARGEST ALL-VOLUNTEER PRIDE ORGANIZATIONS. Come to one of our meetings or contact 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 or 617-262-9405.

7- Pride Meetings

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 23, 2007.

8- About Boston Pride

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

- Keri Aulita - Vice President, Board of Directors
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- Danny Tyrrell - Festival

"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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