



Welcome to *The Rainbow Connection!* A monthly newsletter highlighting programs, upcoming events, and more, brought to you by Rainbow Rose Center, serving York County's LGBTQIA+ Community.

June 1, 2024

Welcome to Pride Month!

Happy June 1st! You know what that means! It's the official start to Pride Month! All month long we get to celebrate what it means to be queer or an ally and remember what it took to get here today.

Here at the Rainbow Rose Center we are excited to announce that we will have our first ever Pride Weekend!

Friday, June 21st: The festivities start on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. with our first [York Pride Ambassador Pageant](#). [Get your tickets](#) and be sure to come see who will be chosen to represent the Rainbow Rose Center throughout the year!

Saturday: Pride commences at 11:00 a.m. back inside the York Fairgrounds! This year we have close to 200 vendors, an interactive area, four tattoo artists, and [The Kinsey Sicks](#) headlining! Not to mention a full lineup of entertainment throughout the day! Make sure to [check our website](#) for more entertainment information! Many thanks to [Explore York](#) for making this year's event possible - We're happy to have York County Pride made here in York!

And as if this wasn't enough, we added on our very first [Pride After Party!](#) Come for a night of dancing and entertainment! Our headliner Paytra comes to us from New York. She brings a blend of pop and hip-hop with R&B, alternative, funk, and soul influences from the '90s and '70s. So [get your tickets](#) early or at the door and enjoy a night of fun with us!

But, the weekend is still not complete!

Sunday: Join us Sunday morning for a [Pancakes for Pride Breakfast](#) at Heidelberg UCC between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a Free Breakfast!

To keep up to date on the latest information and Pride Month events please make sure to check out our Pride Events page on our [website](#) and follow our NEW [Pride Facebook Page!](#)

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Is excited to announce that



will take place at the
York Fairgrounds

On June 22, 2024

[Click here for all things Pride!](#)

Other Pride Events Throughout York County

First Friday and Pride Pop-Off Party in Downtown York!



First Friday

Friday, June 7 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Downtown York, PA

Join the Rainbow Rose Center in Downtown York for First Friday. This is a celebration of Downtown York, PA shops, restaurants, cultural venues and nightlife hot spots. From 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., downtown shops and restaurants host special events, offer refreshments and promotions, and sponsor live entertainment. For more information, visit: [Downtown York First Friday](#).

Pride Pop-Off Party

Friday, June 7 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Royal Square District
109 S. Duke St.
York, PA

June's First Friday will kick off Pride in York! Come celebrate with the girls, gays, and theys, and dance your evening away!

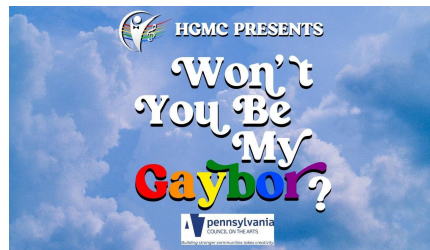
There will be a live DJ set from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. with a drag show starting at 7:00 p.m., hosted by York's favorite queens: Tragedy Stackhouse and Sible Sible Stackhouse! For more information, visit: [Pride Pop-Off: A Queer Block Party](#)



Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus - "Won't You Be My Gaybor?"

Saturday, June 8 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Heidelberg United Church of Christ
47 W. Philadelphia St.
York, PA

Join us Saturday, June 8 at Heidelberg United Church of Christ as we explore themes of love, community, and the importance of mental health. As always, our shows are free and open to viewers of all ages! For more information, visit [HGMC- "Won't You Be My Gaybor?"](#)



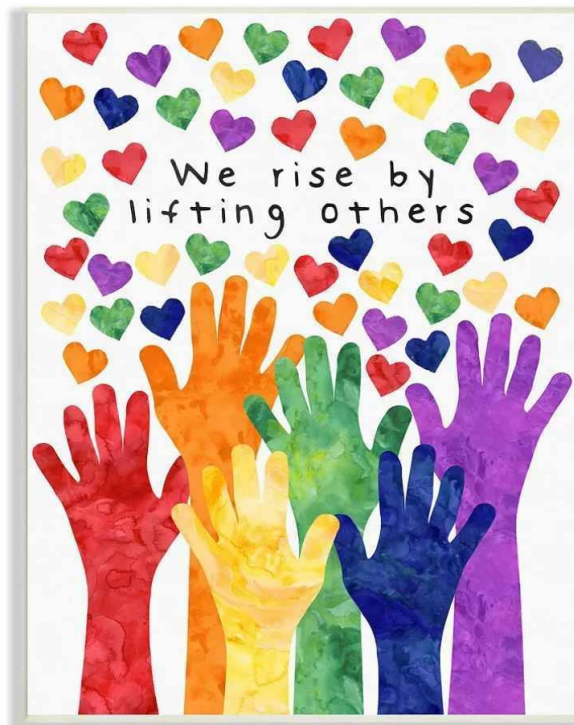
Pride Themed Paint Night at Union Lutheran

Thursday, June 13 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Union Lutheran Church
408 W. Market St.
York, PA

Please join the Rainbow Rose Center and Union Lutheran Church as we come together to host a Pride Month Paint Night!

We are asking for a \$5 donation to cover all supplies and instruction. If you have your own supplies, or cost would be prohibitive, the event is totally free!

[Learn More about the Paint Night](#)



Fundraisers Throughout Pride



Gift Horse Brewing Company Fundraiser for Pride

Saturday, June 15 | 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Gift Horse Brewing Company

117 N. George St.

York, PA

Please join the Rainbow Rose Center as we get ready to celebrate all things Pride! Gift Horse Brewing Company will graciously be donating 50% of all drink sales & 50% of select food menu items to the center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit: [Gift Horse Brewing Company Fundraiser for Pride](#)



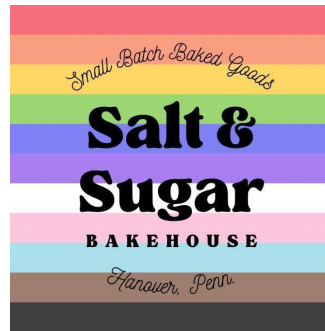
Thursday, June 27 -
Parade at 6:00 p.m.
Game 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
WellSpan Park
5 Brooks Robinson Way
York, PA

Pride at the Park

Join the Rainbow Rose Center and continue to celebrate Pride Month with Pride at the Park. The York Revolution will play against the Long Island Ducks in this fundraiser for the Rainbow Rose Center.

A portion of every ticket sold through the button below will go to the center so that we may continue to serve York County's LGBTQIA+ community. Scroll to June 27th and purchase tickets through this link only please!

[Get Your Tickets Supporting the Rainbow Rose Center!](#)



Salt & Sugar Bakehouse Pride Fundraiser

Our friends at Salt & Sugar Bakehouse in Hanover are holding a Pride fundraiser sale at their shop to benefit the Rainbow Rose Center on June 15th. In addition, they are donating a portion of the proceeds from their Over the Rainbow cookie all month long!

[Find out More Here](#)

Organizational Announcements!

Rainbow Rose Center Office Hours

Sunday	4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Monday	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday	4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Thursday	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Friday & Saturday: CLOSED



Visit the Rainbow Rose Center During Our Office Hours

The Rainbow Rose Center offers regular open office hours. Come by and use our computers, browse our gender affirming closet, check out our lending library, and more!

All resources and services are yours to use for free!

We're Hiring!

[Job Opportunities](#)

The Rainbow Rose Center (RRC) is seeking our first Executive Director and full time staff member! This is an outward-facing role with primary responsibility for strategic leadership, working with the Board of Directors, fundraising, community engagement, and staff management/human resources, while also providing high-level oversight of all programs and services and finances, grants, and operations for the organization.

Committee and Board Opportunities!

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for Board and committee members for the following committees:

Programs Committee - The Programs Committee is looking for new committee members and co-moderators for several of our support groups.

If you are interested in joining our Programs Committee or co-moderating one of our support groups, please contact Jennifer PageWise at jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org

Fundraising Committee - The Fundraising Committee is looking for new committee members to help raise money for the RRC, create new fundraising ideas, make introductions to prospective financial supporters, and tell your story to potential sponsors.

For more information contact Nate Tile at 717-801-4482 or ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org

Marketing and Communications (M&C) Committee Chair - The M&C Chair, as a volunteer board member of the RRC, is responsible for developing a marketing plan and coordinating our marketing and publicity efforts. These activities include establishing and maintaining a wide media presence, including on professional networking sites to build a presence in the business community as well as social media for our consumer community. The M&C Chair might also help the board in developing press releases, and will coordinate marketing activities and website maintenance.

For more information, contact Tesla Taliaferro at ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org

Program Schedule

The Rainbow Rose Center offers several programs, meetings, and support groups both virtually and in person. Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly.

To check out the current dates and times of our meeting offerings, click on the Calendar button below.

[Calendar](#)

Health Note

The Rainbow Rose Center's monthly Health Note spotlights a healthy living topic of importance to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Our June Health Note is all about how Pride can be healthy for you! Read more by clicking the button below.

[Health Note](#)

Community News!

Take the 2024 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment Survey!



Funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment is a biannual survey conducted to evaluate health needs, health disparities, and barriers to care impacting LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians.

The PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment collects data on healthcare experiences, nutrition, exercise, tobacco use, drug and alcohol use, sexual health, mental health, and food and housing security.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

LGBTQIA+ Artists Needed



Gather 256 is a neighborhood bistro and art boutique in the WeCo District of Downtown York, and they are having a group show for Pride Month!

They are looking for LGBTQIA+ artists to submit their work. The aim is to showcase local LGBTQIA2S+ artists and bring the queer community together to celebrate Pride Month. It is open to artists of all ages, and you may submit up to 3 separate pieces.

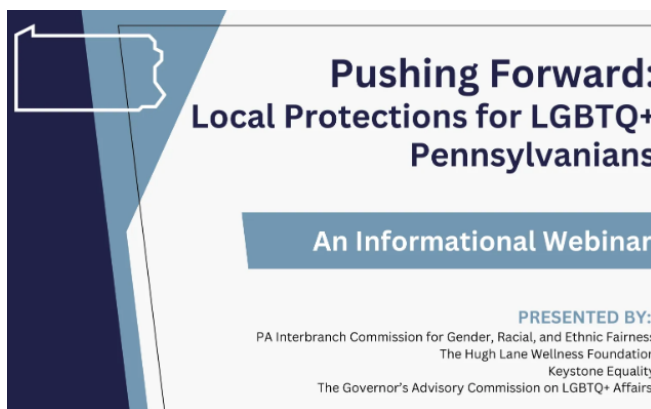
The deadline for submitting is June 5th. They will let you know if your work is accepted by June 7th. The opening for the show will be on June 21st, with a reception and opportunity for an artists' talk.

If you have any questions, reach out to Em Castronuovo (they/them), the curator, at gather256curator@gmail.com.

[Link to Apply](#)

Pushing Forward: Local Partners for LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians - An Informational Webinar

The Governor's Advisory Commission on LGBTQ+ Affairs is hosting a webinar on Localized, Non-Discrimination Ordinances in July. Register Now by clicking on the button below!



[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

[Read More Community News](#)

2024 Sponsors

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. We're excited to welcome back [WellSpan Health](#) as an Organizational Sponsor - they truly represent what it means to be an Advocate for York County's LGBTQIA+ Community!



WellSpan Health's mission is to provide exceptional care for all and they strive to understand and respect the differences of everyone in their care. All of WellSpan's team members own a part in creating an environment where colleagues and patients feel safe, respected, and valued.

[Learn More About Who Supports Us](#)

We will continue to welcome additional 2024 sponsors throughout the year. Their support ensures that the Rainbow Rose Center has the funds for the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves.

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