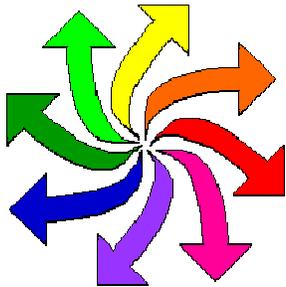


# Our Times

## Special Issue



## Hairball Variety Show Arrives Saturday, August 9th!

Although Gainesville's major LGBT Pride events are not scheduled until October, PCCNCF is proud to continue the tradition of the Annual Hairball Variety Show, now in its eleventh year! Hairball is back and better than ever on Saturday, Aug. 9th, and features many of Gainesville's most talented performers donating their time, energy, and talent to help fund this year's GLBT Pride Days activities.

Hairball 11 features emcee extraordinaire: Lady Pearl! The show is being held at the Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St, in Gainesville. Doors open at 7:30pm with the Variety Show running from 8:00 to 10:00pm.

Tickets are \$20.00 and include a free drink ticket, munchies during intermission, and free cover charge that same night at The University Club. Tickets may be purchased from board members, at Wild Iris Books, or at the Pride Center. Seating is limited; this event has sold out in the past, so get your tickets early.

The Hairball Variety Show is a major fundraiser for PCCNCF. Your contributions to the Hairball are tax-deductible and help us to fund other events such as Gainesville PRIDE Days and the street banner project in October.

Clear your calendar and tell your friends. The Hairball is coming! For more information call the community center at 352-377-8915, go to [www.gainesvillepride.org](http://www.gainesvillepride.org), or send us an email at [pridectr@bellsouth.net](mailto:pridectr@bellsouth.net).

Do you want to attend this fabulous event but find yourself short on funds? No worries - you can volunteer! Call or email us for more info.

### Pride Community Center of North Central Florida

3131 NW 13 Street,  
Gainesville, FL (352) 377-8915

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday - Noon to 4 p.m.

#### **Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 5383, Gainesville, FL 32627

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**Website:** [www.gainesvillepride.org](http://www.gainesvillepride.org)



### **Upcoming Community Events:**

**Tues. Aug 5th - Bingo**

**Sat. Aug 9th - Hairball 11**

**Fri. Aug 29th - Gay Movie Night**

# Fight to Save Gainesville LGBT Rights Protections Continues

Proponents of a Gainesville charter amendment that would wipe out antidiscrimination protections based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" are claiming they have enough signed petitions to get the measure on the city ballot next spring. But it's still unclear that they have enough valid signatures -- the Supervisor of Elections has 45 days to certify the results.

The antigay political committee calling itself "Citizens for Good Public Policy" had 90 days to garner 5581 valid petitions from Gainesville voters. By the Tuesday, July 29, deadline, they claimed to have almost 8600 petitions, though there has been thus far a validation rate of 72% and falling as petitions continue to be checked and verified by the Supervisor of Elections office.

Equality Is Gainesville's Business, a political committee formed to oppose the antigay charter amendment, is encouraging people to contact people they know who may have signed the charter amendment unwittingly, not knowing that it is really about prohibiting the city of Gainesville from protecting its citizens from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

"The petition revocation process is still avail-

able up to the day the Supervisor of Elections certifies the results," said Bob Karp, a member of Equality Is Gainesville's Business. He said he is encouraging people to look at the public-records list of petition signers and contact anyone they know who might want to revoke their petition.

To revoke a petition, the signer simply needs to go the Elections Office, 111 SE 1st Ave., from 8:30 to 5:00 weekdays, fill out a simple one-page form, and pay a 10 cent fee.

"Each signed petition is one less petition gathered," said Karp.

Regardless of whether the required petition count is reached, Karp said organizing efforts are well underway to fight a potential ballot measure that would be unprecedented in Gainesville and around the nation.

"Taking away the ability of the City of Gainesville to protect its transgender and gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens is a huge setback," said Karp. "I'm confident that Gainesville voters will vote in support of equality and fairness for all its residents, and not succumb to fear mongering and scare tactics."

Karp urges anyone who wants to get involved to call him at 352-371-5920 or email bob-karp@gmail.com.

## Congratulations, Christian Griffin!



Many thanks to all who participated in the Pride 2008 Logo Contest. Christian Griffin's fabulous artwork was chosen for this year's PRIDE logo. This image will grace our Pride 2008 T-shirts which will be on sale for \$15 at Hairball 11, at the Pride Center, and on the website: [www.gainesvillepride.org](http://www.gainesvillepride.org).

Don't miss out. Purchase yours today!!