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# Our Times Update



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**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 pm**

*(Doors open at 7:30pm)*

PCCNCF will once again host QueerBall Variety Show at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 4225 NW 34th St, Gainesville. QueerBall is a fundraiser for the center as well as an opportunity for everyone in the community to come together and have some fun! There will be a Cash Bar and admission tickets include munchies during intermission and free cover charge that same night at The University Club. This event is sponsored in part by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville.

Tickets: \$12/advance; \$15/door

*Tickets available at: Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St Ste 62, or Wild Iris Books, 22 SE 5th Ave, Gainesville*

**If you are interested in performing for this event, please contact us at 352-377-8915 or [pccncf@pccncf.org](mailto:pccncf@pccncf.org).**

## Want a Booth at Pride Fest?

**On October 22nd, the 2016 Gainesville Pride Festival will feature live musical entertainment, kid's activities, and over 100 vendors.**

**Each year there is an increase in festival attendance with around 5000 visitors in 2015. In fact, due to the continued growth, the festival now begins an hour earlier!**

**With so many vendors in previous years, late vendors were turned away, so don't wait. Request your application today! Just call 352-377-8915 or go to [www.gainesvillepride.org](http://www.gainesvillepride.org). Application deadline is October 8th.**



## Attention Advertisers!



Don't miss your opportunity to advertise in the 2016 Pride Guide!

3,500 copies of this program will be distributed throughout North Central Florida and beyond.

Since the Pride Guide is often used throughout the year to find LGBT supportive businesses and organizations, this is a great place to advertise your business, group, or campaign.

**Rates start as low as \$55**

Contact us at [pccncf@pccncf.org](mailto:pccncf@pccncf.org) for info. Deadline for ads and payment is Aug 29th.

## Upcoming Community Events:

Aug 1, 7pm: Transgender Social Group

Aug 10, 6pm: Gainesville Equality Youth  
*(at Downtown Library)*

Aug 13, 6pm: Community Game Night

Aug 15, 7pm: Transgender Social Group

Aug 16, 7pm: PFLAG Gainesville *(at UCG)*

Aug 20, 8pm: QueerBall  
*(at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall)*

Aug 22, 7pm: TranQuility Meeting - "Fun Haircare Evening" *(at HealthStreet)*

Aug 24, 6pm: Gainesville Equality Youth  
*(at Downtown Library)*

Aug 26, 7:30pm: Gay Movie Night

Aug 29: Deadline to Purchase Ads in Pride Guide

# Recent PCCNCF Events

During June and July, the LGBT+ community came together for events that occurred as a result of the mass shooting at Orlando's Pulse club. When we awoke Sunday, June 12th, to the horrific news many of us felt the need to be with family, to grieve and try and make some sense of this. PCCNCF held a community gathering Sunday afternoon, where counselors from the Alachua County Crisis Center were on hand to offer support and crisis counseling when needed. 40 or 50 people came through our doors to sit and meet for a short time or longer.

The next evening over 1,000 folks packed the Gainesville City Hall courtyard for a vigil organized by the Pride Community Center. With our community partners Trinity MCC, Stonewall Democrats, HRCNCF, Equality Florida, and United Church of Gainesville, we joined together and honored the 49 victims of the deadliest mass shooting in recent US history.

On July 11th, more than 25 people attended a meeting where GPD Chief Jones introduced 3 officers as liaisons to our community. The meeting's goal was to better communicate with Gainesville's LGBT+ and minority communities and was the first of many such meetings to be announced. The participants, both community members and police officers, felt the exchange was a good start.

PCCNCF had been planning the Anniversary Party to celebrate the 2015 US Supreme Court Same Sex Marriage decision since the beginning of the year. With the shooting at the Pulse club just 12 days before June 24th, we had to decide whether to hold the event or not. After extensive heartfelt discussion we chose to continue with a scaled back program. It was understood that some felt it was too soon to attend anything that felt like a celebration while others felt we must recognize our victories even while we mourned our dead. There was a good presence of public officials showing support for the LGBT+ community and many citizens in attendance. We will continue to celebrate our victories and honor our lost latinx community members. Repercussions from the mass shooting at the Pulse club will be felt for many years to come.

## Pride Awards Nominations

It's not too early to begin thinking about who you'd like to nominate for the 2016 Spirit of Pride Awards! The Awards Dinner is an annual Pride Days event to honor three individuals and a business or organization who have contributed to our community.



Each recipient is recognized for outstanding involvement, support, and contribution to the LGBT community in Gainesville and/or North Central Florida. Nominations for the awards can be made by anyone.

To submit a nomination, email [awards@gainesvillepride.org](mailto:awards@gainesvillepride.org) and include the name and a very short biography about the individual.

**Nomination Deadline:  
September 12<sup>th</sup>**

## PRIDE 2016 T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE!



**ONLY  
\$15**

**These black t-shirts are made of 100% Cotton & available in various sizes ranging from Small to XXXXL.**

## COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

JOIN A DIVERSE GROUP OF GAMERS FOR BOTH NEW AND CLASSIC GAMES.



BOARD GAMES

DICE GAMES

CARD GAMES



PLAY OURS OR BRING ONE TO TEACH US!

GROUP MEETS ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT PCCNCF, 3131 NW 13TH ST, GAINESVILLE, FL 32609.



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