

Get Out and About on Levy Prairie

Sunday, April 21st
2:00 - 5:00pm



Join us for our second outing with Spring on our heels. This gathering will take us along the recently opened trails at the Levy

Prairie section of Barr Hammock Preserve, part of the county's conservation program. Please plan for the weather with sunscreen, water, hat and snacks to keep your energy up. The trail has sections of shade and several areas in the sun. We plan on the afternoon start time so as to allow the day to cool as we enjoy our hike.

Barr Hammock Preserve was acquired through the Alachua County Forever Program to acquire, improve and manage environmentally sensitive lands to protect water resources, wildlife habitat and natural areas suitable for resource based recreation. Helen will provide binoculars for viewing enjoyment and the natural setting will provide the beauty of the day. Meet in the parking lot 2pm.

Directions:

1. North or south on US441 to Wacahoota Road
2. West on Wacahoota Road over I-75 (no exit to or from I-75)
3. First left after overpass on SE 11 Drive
4. South on SE 11 Drive to preserve trailhead/parking*

* Overflow parking available along SE 11 Drive

QuARC (Queer Anti-violence Relationship Conversations)

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm



Join Peaceful Paths advocates for an educational workshop series on intimate partner violence (IPV) in LGBTQ relationships.

Workshops will be held at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month beginning April 2. Topics will include an introduction to intimate partner violence specific to LGBTQ relationships (April 2 and May 7), healthy relationship skills (June 4), communication and conflict resolution (July 2) and community resources (August 6).

The workshops are free and open to all members of the community, including LGBTQ folks, friends, family members, allies, educators, and service providers.

Additional advocates will be available for confidential counseling, safety planning, or individual conversation should you need to speak to someone in private or if the workshop triggers anything for you.



Location: Alachua County Library
Headquarters, 401 E University Ave,
Gainesville

www.peacefulpaths.org

TV NEEDED



PCCNCF needs a TV for various group's programs and three movie nights a month. Many of you have probably been to an event here where the TV was used for a presentation. The large screen TV that was donated to the center years ago came to a sudden sad end a few months ago. Since then we've been relying on the generosity of COLORTYME and Terry Fleming to loan TV's when needed but that's only a short term fix. We need you to step up and help us find someone to donate a TV, at least 60". Or you can do what one member has done and contribute toward the purchase of a new TV. We want to continue these programs but can only do so with your help. To contribute just note "TV" on the donation slip enclosed and return it with your check. If you have a TV to donate please call or email the center.

Please remember PCCNCF in your will/trust.

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Our Times Update



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Masquerade Merriment



A community event for social justice

First annual Gainesville *Jest for Laughs!* Masquerade Party

Friday, April 5th from 9pm to midnight
at Cellar 12 (12 SE 2nd Ave)



Celebrating April as *Jest Fest!* Month,

Masquerade Merriment is an Official *Jest for Laughs!* Event

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, The Alachua County Branch of the NAACP and the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry are partnering to host this kickoff event for the City of Gainesville's month long celebration of *Jest Fest!*



Alachua County Branch
of the NAACP



Pride Community Center of
North Central Florida



Alachua County Coalition for
the Homeless and Hungry

This annual Masquerade Party will celebrate Gainesville and raise money for these three organizations working for social justice. Party admission, valet parking, door prizes, music by Jazz Bandits, a contest with prizes for the best costumes, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar—a spectacular evening out for only a \$50 admission price. Tax deductible because you're supporting three great nonprofit organizations.



For tickets or more information contact one of the above organizations. visit our website at masquerademerriment.org, give us a call at 352-327-3400, visit our Facebook page, or send an e-mail to: masquerademerriment@gmail.com

Human Rights Council Urges County Commission to Provide Protections for the LGBT Community in Alachua County

During the public comment period on March 26th Flo Turcotte and Terry Fleming addressed the Alachua County Commission on behalf of the Human Rights Council of North Central Florida (HRCNCF) and urged the commissioners to extend the county Human Rights Ordinance to include protections for sexual orientation and gender identity. Flo and Terry insisted that “the time is now” to protect all Alachua County residents. Flo offered three scenarios which highlighted the inequities faced by Alachua County residents depending on whether they live in Gainesville where protections already exist or outside the city limits where county residents face discrimination in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. Terry described a recent poll showing strong nationwide support for employment protections for the LGBT community and asserted that local laws protecting LGBT residents are instrumental in attracting businesses that pay better than average wages. The HRCNCF requests were supported by Mallory Wells, Public Policy Director for Equality Florida, who also spoke at the County Commission meeting. Mallory pointed out the many cities and counties in Florida where these protections are already provided and reiterated the need of the protections for attracting good businesses to Alachua County. This matter is being referred to the county attorney for the writing of an ordinance and the community will be watching to see how the County Commissioners vote when it is returned to the commission for consideration.



PCCNCF Selects 2013 Pride Theme:

“Come Out As You Are”

Show your Pride by entering the Gainesville Pride 2013 Logo Design Contest!

\$200 Cash Prize for the design selected by PCCNCF for use as our official 2013 logo. This logo will appear on our 2013 t-shirts, website, Pride Program, and other promotional literature.

The specifications are as follows:

- 11” by 12” maximum size
- Six colors maximum (including black)
- Submit finished color copy along with electronic file (preferably vector graphic) on CD or DVD
- Design should at least contain the words “Gainesville, FL” & “Pride” & “2013”
- Design should be visual representation of Pride 2013 theme: “Come Out As You Are”
- All submissions become the property of Pride Community Center of North Central Florida.



All designs must be submitted to Pride Community Center at 3131 NW 13th St, Suite 62 by 7:00pm on **May 9th**. For questions about the logo contest, please e-mail pridectr@bellsouth.net.

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida

3131 NW 13 St, Ste 62
Gainesville, FL
(352) 377-8915

Hours of Operation

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

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Website:

www.gainesvillepride.org

Upcoming Community Events:

Apr 2, 6:30pm: **Queer Anti-violence Relationship Conversations - QuARC**
(at Headquarters Library)

Apr 5, 9pm: **1st Annual Gainesville Jest for Laughs! Masquerade Party** (at Cellar 12)

Apr 6, 10pm: **Queerotic Dance Party**
(at The Courtyard)

Apr 10, 7pm: **Gaynesville Queer Reading Group** (at Civic Media Ctr)

Apr 12, 7pm: **Trans Movie Night**

Apr 16: **City of Gainesville Mayoral Run-off**
(Remember to Vote!)

Apr 16, 7pm: **PFLAG Gainesville Meeting**
(at United Church of Gainesville)

Apr 21, 2pm: **Get Out & About on Levy Prairie** (at Barr Hammock Preserve)

Apr 23, 6:30pm: **“The Changing Face of Caregiving”**

Apr 26, 7:30pm: **Gay Movie Night**

May 7, 6:30pm: **Queer Anti-violence Relationship Conversations - QuARC**
(at Headquarters Library)



SAVE THE DATE!

July 13: Hairball Variety Show

Aug 24: Show Bois Drag King Show

Oct 26: Gainesville Pride Parade & Festival

“The Changing Face of Caregiving”

Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

David Huckabee of the Alzheimer’s Association, Central and North Florida Chapter will be speaking on the changing role of the caregiver in our society. Information will be given on the issues the caregivers commonly face as well as strategies to deal with these issues. While the presentation will focus on persons with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, all caregivers and/or potential caregivers are invited to attend. There is no charge for this presentation. For more information, please call the Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900.

Presentation will be held at the Pride Center.

“Women’s Dinner & a Movie” is currently on hiatus!

Volunteers are needed for this monthly event to continue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at pridectr@bellsouth.net.



UF’s Pride Awareness Month

Pride Awareness Month, otherwise known as “PAM,” is an annual month-long series of events focused on highlighting the culture and lives of the individuals that make up the LGBTQ community at the University of Florida.

PAM Events:

- Apr 1, 7pm: Chris Stedman, Huffington Post Gay Voices writer & author
- Apr 3, 10-3pm: Paint your Orgasm
- Apr 4, 7pm: Fashion Show
- Apr 9, 7pm: Film: *Puccini for Beginners*
- Apr 10, 7pm: The Friends of Dorothy, a Drag Show

- Apr 12, 9am-5pm: Bridging Gaps: An Interdisciplinary Conference on LGBT Issues
- Apr 15, 7pm: Film: *We Were Here*
- Apr 17, 7:30pm: Queer Prom
- ♦ Apr 19, 6pm: Lavender Graduation

www.ufpam.org