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Pride Month

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It's that time of year again, the sun is shining, the temperature is rising, and the Rainbow Flags are out. That's right it's LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. For context on the long acronym here is what each letter stands for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/ Queer, Intersex, and Asexual and the + stands for any of the multiple other sub-groups within the Queer Community.

June has been celebrated as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month since 1970 following the Stonewall Inn Riot in June of 1969. On June 28, 1969 police raided the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan in New York City. A riot ensued and this uprising helped to start the modern day fight for LGBTQIA+ rights in the USA. However, it was not until 1999 that

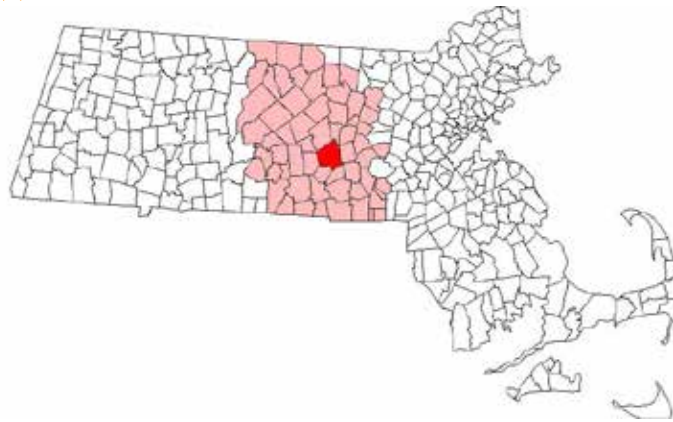
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LGBTQIA+ Pride Month was officially recognized by the federal government. In the 1960's homosexuality was criminalized in most of the USA and therefore places that were known to be "gay bars" and establishments that people identifying as queer or homosexual frequented were faced with recurring raids
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Community Statistics

Worcester South District

1479 Number of Recordings in May 2024

\$425k Median Home Value

42.5% Homes Owned vs. Rented

85,215 Total Housing Units

734 Density (Houses per Square Mile)



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by police forces. The raid on the Stonewall Inn marked a turning point where members of the LGBTQIA+ community began to fight back and demand basic human rights that they were being denied. In the following years, starting in 1970, cities across the country began holding their own "Gay Pride" marches to commem-

Community Church and the Worcester Homophile Organization, which was formerly known as the Worcester Gay Union. Now, nearly 50 years later, from Worcester's first Pride Week, the tradition continues with a large festival in downtown Worcester and two weeks of LGBTQIA+ centered events for all different age groups. While



First Pride Parade In Worcester 1975

orate the Stonewall Riots. The first march in Boston was held in 1971 and the first in Worcester was in 1975. The first Worcester Gay Pride parade was organized by the Metropolitan

most cities celebrate Pride in June Worcester's festival and Pride Week are held in early September. This is due to the large amount of colleges in this area, so as to accommodate the student

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bodies coming in from other areas and allowing them a chance to partake in the festivities. Other events held in Worcester for Pride include events like movie nights for the LGBTQIA+ youth and the "Rainbow Lunch Club and Rainbow Supper Club" sponsored by the Worcester LGBTQ+ Elder Network. Information on the lunch and supper club events are available on the ESWA (Elder Services of Worcester Area) website. In 2003, Massachusetts became the first state in the country to recognize same-sex marriage following the ruling of State Supreme Court case Goodridge vs. Department

of Public Health. The first marriage licenses for same-sex couples were issued in 2004. As of 2015, same-sex marriage is legal in all fifty states due to a ruling from the Supreme Court. Pride is a wonderful time of the year where you are able to fully and unapologetically be who you are, love who you love and find a community that accepts you as you are. The struggles continue but we face these challenges head on, and trusting always that love wins over all. For more information on Pride events in Worcester you can visit the Pride Worcester website at: prideworcester.org



During the Stonewall Inn nightclub raid the crowd attempts to impede police arrests outside the Stonewall Inn. The Stonewall Inn was frequently raided by police but this time it was different. The crowd outside began to push back against the police oppression. Many homeless LGBTQ youth who slept in Christopher Park joined in.

Grilled Chicken Tacos



Ingredients:

- ¼ cup vegetable oil, plus more for oiling the grill grates
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- Kosher salt
- 1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 3)
- Shredded cheese, pickled jalapenos,
- Shredded lettuce and/or salsa for serving

Directions:

1. Prepare grill for medium heat.
2. Mix the oil, chili powder and 1 teaspoon salt in a small bowl to make a paste. Pound the chicken between 2 pieces of plastic wrap to about ½ inch thick. Rub the chicken all over with chili paste
3. Lightly oil the grill grates. Grill the chicken until firm to the touch and cooked through, flipping once, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Set aside to rest for 5 minutes, then cut the meat into strips. Warm tortillas on the grill.
4. Serve with the toppings and enjoy.

Dreams Word Search

D R R E B A E F R E Q U E N T
 M I E N G R K I S E U G A V O
 S C E P F T A E N T S W E A T
 L O D E R C W I M A G I N E O
 E N A R M E A P N L F E A R T
 E F F S A N S W E R S A R I C
 P U E P L E A S A N T D B T I
 W S D I R O N F I H A A L L D
 A I U R E E F J U O H C I U E
 L N E E M O H N O A N H O T R
 K G R I E N E T G Y I L S S P
 I O F Z M M G E A N A U T I M
 N E O S B P N E D E O B O P L
 G D E C E A A E N I R E L V E
 R U C E R N R F R L Y B I E N
 C H A R A C T E R T H E B E D

FADE	PERSPIRE
FEAR	PLEASANT
FREQUENT	PERDICT
FREUD	RECUR
HABIT	REMEMBER
HINDER	SERIOUS
IMAGINE	SLEEPWALKING
LATE	STRANGE
LOUD	SUDDEN
MESSAGE	SWEAT
NIGHTMARE	VAGUE



Bird Feeder Recipe

Ingredients:

- **Mix together the envelope of gelatin with 1/4 cup of water and bring to a simmer while stirring. Continue stirring until the gelatin is dissolved.**
- **Remove from heat and let cool for a minute.**
- **Stir in the 3/4 cup birdseed, adding a little more if there is liquid still in the bottom of the pan.**
- **Lay your cookie cutters out on wax paper and fill half way with the birdseed mixture.**
- **Cut your twine, knot the end and push the knot down into your birdseed.**
- **This is what your finished product will look like.**



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 11:30 am
Spencer Senior Center
68 Maple Street, Spencer, MA 01562

Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:45 am
Douglas Senior Center
331 Main St, Douglas, MA 01516

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:30 pm
Upton Senior Center
9 Milford St, Upton, MA 01568

Friday, June 21, 2024 9:00am – 3:00pm
Veteran's Inc. Stand Down
69 Grove Street, Worcester, Ma 01605

If there are any senior centers or other local groups that would like to hear and learn about, deeds, trusts, life estate and possible pitfalls, please reach out to us. Call or email Peg Freeman at (508) 368-7005 or email margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us to schedule.