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House of Representatives Citation

Withereas, celebrating the achievements made in and by communities is important for understanding the social, economic, cultural and political progress of our Commonwealth; and

Whereas, established in 1993 as Pride in the Park, Lehigh Valley Pride offers a vibrant community event honoring the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community with celebrations, information, vendors, merchants, artisans, business services, community groups, games and live entertainment; and

Withereas, in 2017, Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley merged with the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, strengthening the annual celebration for future growth; and

Whereas, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center focuses on making the Lehigh Valley more equitable through their LGBTQ+ Education Institute; and

Whereas, for it's 30th Anniversary, LV Pride is honoring the request of the community to be more visible and accessible, as such the celebration is on the move; and

TEMPERES, this year Lehigh Valley Pride will be held at the SteelStacks in Bethlehem on August 20, 2023 to again celebrate LGBTQ arts, culture and community, integrating local and national talent and placing a bright spotlight on vitality of life in the Lehigh Valley.

Dow therefore, we, Representative Peter Schweyer, Representative Mike Schlossberg, Representative Jeanne McNeill, Representative Joshua Siegel and Representative Steve Samuelson extend our appreciation to the volunteers, staff and sponsors who make this exciting community event possible; and

Direct, a copy of this Proclamation be presented at Lehigh Valley Pride 2023.

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Peter G. Schweyer
State Representative
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
134th Legislative District

Welcome to the 30th Anniversary of Lehigh Valley Pride!

Today we are celebrating the Lehigh Valley's beautiful and vibrant LGBTQ+ community our community. We are celebrating 30 years of love, 30 years of Queer Joy, and 30 years of Lehigh Valley Pride.

Our team at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has worked tirelessly to bring you the

Lehigh Valley's largest and most inclusive Pride festival to date! We've learned from the early leaders of our movement that when we stand shoulder to shoulder we build an ever-stronger and more diverse community.

I was born and raised right here in the Lehigh Valley, and I know just how important celebrations like Lehigh Valley Pride can be for young, queer kids living in the Valley. Today they get to witness the joy of community, as thousands of LGBTQ+ people come together to celebrate as their authentic selves. They get to see their future selves - they get to see what's possible.

The monumental achievement of Lehigh Valley Pride's 30th year is not lost on us at Bradbury-Sullivan Center - I want to thank all of the community leaders and organizations who have played a role in making Lehigh Valley Pride a cherished tradition over these past 30 years. We would not be here today without your hard work.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is a radically inclusive Queer space based in the Lehigh Valley. Our Center fosters Queer joy & liberation. Prioritizing the most marginalized populations throughout Pennsylvania, we provide innovative programs, services and experiences for our LGBTQ+ siblings through connection, education, culture and healing.

We envision a community who demands equity and creates a pathway for LGBTQ+ people to thrive and experience Queer joy.

The entire Bradbury-Sullivan Center team is here today, and we have tables all throughout the festival grounds, so please feel free to chat with us if you'd like to learn more about our Center or get involved with our programming!

And please consider donating to our Center today so that we may continue to provide safe and affirming community-building services and have another 30 years of Lehigh Valley Pride!

I am so excited for you all to see the hard work of my team come to fruition and to experience the Joy that comes when our community gathers together in the spirit of true Queer love. Please be sure to wander the festival and check out all that we've put together for you. Thank you all for celebrating with us, and happy Pride!

- Ashley L. Coleman (she/her)
Executive Director,
Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

Thank you for joining us at the 30th Anniversary of Lehigh Valley Pride!

I am thrilled to be able to spread Queer joy throughout the Lehigh Valley this year and expand our celebration to include a flag-raising in Easton and a parade in Allentown. I am proud to be part of the growth of this event and to provide resources to members of our community who might not have had access to them before.

One of my favorite parts of Pride is seeing Queer families enjoying a safe and welcoming space. Watching Queer families play, laugh, and enjoy one another warms my heart and brings me to happy tears. Too often, we do not see Queer families represented or existing happily in the world. Today allows families to be themselves in a safe and inclusive space. That is why, at today's festival, I am most excited for you all to get to experience Youth and Family spaces and programming!

As a Queer person, it is my mission in life to exist in spaces that are not Queer. I am not afraid to be out, open, and loud about my Queerness, even in places where it may be unfamiliar. Creating a space where our community can be safe and comfortable in their authenticity brings me joy, meaning, and purpose.

I am incredibly grateful for the public servants of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton, who have worked diligently to help us orchestrate and execute all our Pride events. Thank you to our volunteers; it takes a community to make an event of this scale possible, and we are so grateful that you took time out of your busy schedules to support us.

- Christian Orr (he/they)
Senior Events Manager,
Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center



MAIN STAGE

2:10 - 2:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks by Ashley L. Coleman
2:15 - 2:20 p.m.	Festival Introduction Emcee Boom Boom
2:20 - 3:30 p.m.	Music Set DJ Deluxx
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Drag Performance Elektra Fearce St. James
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Music Set DJ Deluxx
4:00 - 4:10 p.m.	Stand-Up Comedy Tan Hoang
4:10 - 4:15 p.m.	Performance MC Boom Boom
4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Performance D'Neah Allen
4:30 - 5:20 p.m.	Music Set DJ Deluxx
5:20 - 5:30 p.m.	Drag Performance VinChelle
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Drag Power Hour Local performers hosted by VinChelle
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Vogue Exhibition Chi Chi
7:30 - 7:45 p.m.	Vogue Ball
7:45 - 8:15 p.m.	Headliner Performance Meryahcology
8:15 - 8:30 p.m.	Fireworks

YOUTH STAGE

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Kid friendly Pop music playlist
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Interactive Art Piece Allentown Art Museum
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Drag Queen Story Time VinChelle
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Children's Parade hosted by Clan Ann
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Drag Queen Story Time Miss Amie Vanitè
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	DaVinci! superCOOLness Science Show: DaVinci Science Center
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Setup Time Lehigh Valley Girls Rock
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Lehigh Valley Girls Rock Gets LOUD! LVGR celebrated its tenth annual Get LOUD Camp this summer!
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Deborah Mortimer Reading If You Give a Girl a Puppy
8:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Music and glo sticks

CINEMAS

Theater 1:

Shrek & shrek 2

2:00 p.m. 5:20 p.m.

3:40 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Theater 2:

Kiki

2016 • Documentary • not rated

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Showing 1
4:00 - 6:15 p.m.	Talk Back with Chi Chi
6:30 - 8:05 p.m.	Showing 2



Pride Central - Information, volunteer/press check-in, first aid, lost & found, emotional support services, ASL interpreters, Spanish interpreters, large print Pride guides, and wheelchair chargers

Wellness Way - Vendors who provide services that improve your mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing.

Sober Dance Party - Restrooms, mocktails & non-alcoholic beverages, drag performances by Elektra Fearce St. James (4:45 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.) No individuals under the age of 18 or alcohol permitted

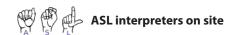
Accessibility Zone - Seating area. Priority to pregnant people, elders, and those with ADA need

Pet Park - Water dishes & waste stations available

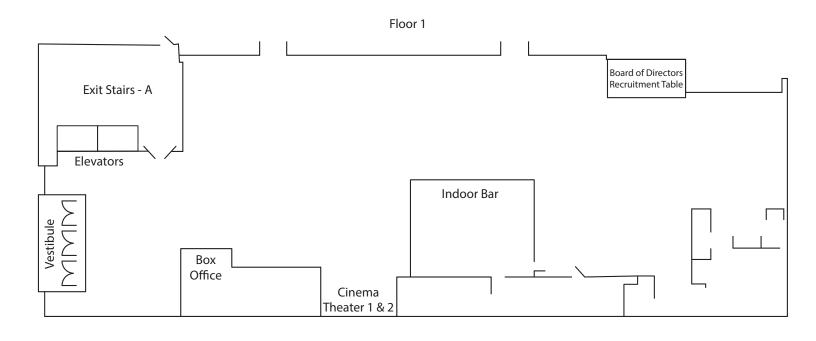
Teen Space - (ages 14-17) Silent Disco, video game truck, peeps-mobile, glitter bar, selfie station, arts & crafts tables

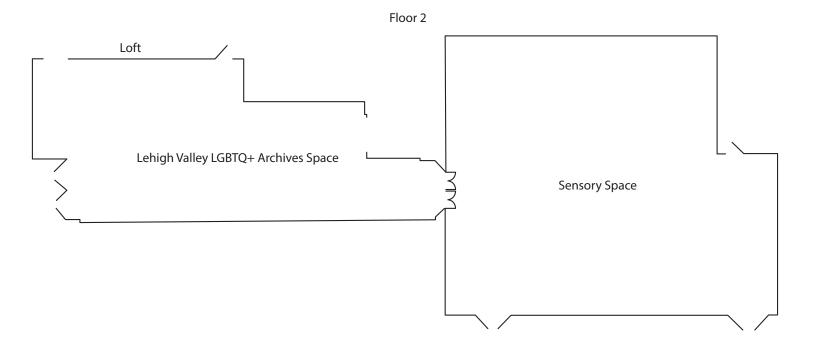
Youth Space - (ages 4-13) Youth Stage, bubble zone, sprinklers, bounce house, face painters (2:00 - 5:00 p.m.) therapy dogs (3:00 - 7:00 p.m.) No pets allowed in the therapy dog area

Baby Zone - (ages birth - 3) Restrooms, chest feeding area, diaper changing, kids crafts, entertainment area featuring PBS shows, and play area with toys and seating. Bottled water available



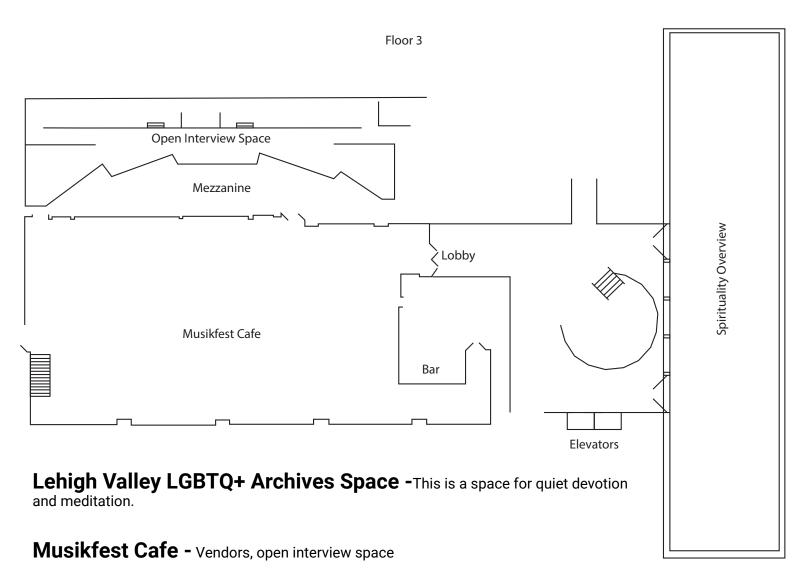
ARTSQUEST CENTER





Lehigh Valley LGBTQ+ Archives Space - The Archives exist to collect, preserve, and provide access to the rich LGBTQ+ community history of the Lehigh Valley.

Sensory Space - This space is made with neurodivergent LGBTQ+ people in mind, but all people are welcome. Please refrain from bringing in outside food, but please enjoy the complimentary snacks and water provided by Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center.







August 20 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. VOGUE Lounge: 28 N 10th St, Allentown, PA 18101

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PERFORMERS

Meryahcology (they/she) is a fresh new-school take on your favorite 90's and 00's Neo-soul and R&B. With inspirations spanning from Jill Scott, Raheem DeVaughn, and Musiq Soulchild, all the way to Janelle Monae, Angel Haze, and H.E.R. Meryahcology brings you range and attitude wrapped in sheer love of music as a space for healing, enhancing, and proclaiming one's most authentic and favorite self. Their music reflects the raw, real, sometimes painful, and ultimately beautiful intersection of blackness and queerness. Beyond music, Meryahcology is an Africana Studies professor, holds a BA in Africana Studies, three Masters degrees (Public Administration, Public Policy, and Cultural Studies), and is working towards a doctorate in Education.



EMCER

They heavily infuse their academic work into their music and art, becoming known and revered by their students and closest colleagues at their institution as an intellectual artist. You can find them on Instagram @Meryahcology

MC Boom Boom is a graduate of Bowie State University and two-time Student Government Association President and University Council member. Having over nine years of community outreach experience. His passion to uplift and excite others is unmatched. He is a community organizer, personality, and Ballroom advocate. Making his mark on entertainment and community culture in the DMV, he is best known for his work with Miss Black USA, Radio One Blitz as a correspondent, "UGLIES" on BRTB TV, POSE on FX, Host of CheerStarz of America, Voice and Commentating on HBO LEGENDARY, and having been a Commentator for Rihanna Super Bowl Halftime Show. He has hosted over 1000 shows nationwide! Kirk is an active member of the House of Balenciaga as well as other aspects of the House & Ballroom community. His work within the community health

space is proving to be an out of the box way to get people involved in education and safe space building.

VinChelle is a multi-talented performer whose career has skyrocketed since she moved to the city of brotherly love! Originally from Nashville, TN, Vinchelle moved to Philadelphia to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Theatre from the University of Arts, as well as to pursue her dreams as an entertainer! After winning Philadelphia Drag Wars back in 2015, Vinchelle very quickly made a name for herself in the local Drag Scene and was headlining shows within the year! She was named Philadelphia's Drag Queen of the Year in 2017. This self-proclaimed "Tribal Queen" combines comedy and dancing to bring a fierce and friendly energy to the room that leaves you wanting so much more! From singing, to dancing, to comedy, Vinchelle is a triple threat and isn't shy about showing it!



Tan Hoang is a stand-up comedian, actress, and performer originally from Vietnam, and currently based in Philadelphia. Hoang was a regular performer at Good Good Comedy in Philadelphia, where she showcased for 2019's Comedy Central's "Up Next". She's performed in the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, Bechdel Test Festival, Five Dollar Comedy Week, Blue Heaven Comedy Festival, Cannonball Festival, and was featured in 2022's The Very Big Very Asian Comedy Festival. She's opened for such acts as Jon Daly, Whitmer Thomas, and ALOK. She can be seen performing all over Philadelphia, and currently hosts the popular monthly showcase Tattooed Momedy the last Tuesday of every month at Tattooed Mom's on South Street.



DJ Deluxx the OG when you mention the Philadelphia LGBTQIA nightclub scene, you can't get far without talking about Deluxx. She has been holding down the scene as a local tastemaker for 25+ years. Starting as a professional DJ at the age of 15, Deluxx has been consistent in a field where DJs come and go. She has been on FM radio in Philadelphia, played every major venue for the hottest promoters, and has even been a promoter herself spearheading The Main Event Philly, a Philadelphia-based event company, that has brought over 15,000 LGBTQ people together in various safe spaces since opening its doors in 2010. In addition to organizing events and playing as a DJ for large crowds, Deluxx also spends her time DJing for local schools, corporate clients, and is the go-to LGBTQIA wedding DJ in Philadelphia. Deluxx is a veteran DJ that can rock any crowd - any size, genre, and occasion.



MUSICIAN

D'Neah Allen (*she/they*) also known as Dee Smoov or Deeno, was born in Queens, New York. She grew up in an African American, Irish & Dominican household that was already filled with so much talent from before they were even born. From the moment they opened their mouth, they realized they had that "little sazon", as their Mema would say. Their mother was an R&B singer who sang background for artists like Donnie McClurkin and Mariah Carey. Their father was a vocal couch who taught artists like Faith Evans.

Aside from the guitar, D'Neah also plays the piano and the congas which was self-taught through countless nights of practicing non-stop. Their unwavering drive to pursue a life in the music industry has landed them opportunities to perform live at places like DROM, Old Mill Pub, Lehigh Valley Pride, Pride Festival of Stroudsburg, and many more iconic venues! In addition, she has released several singles and their first album in 2021 called "Hollywood".



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Say Their Name Memorial

Trans Lives Lost Memorial Art Installation

In the past 30 years, too many of our transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive siblings across the state have lost their lives to violence. Unfortunately, hundreds but more likely thousands of deaths are unrecorded due to identity erasure and systematic oppression. Today we say their names, so they cannot be forgotten.

In celebrating 30 years of Pride here in the Lehigh Valley, we must also mourn 30 years of lives lost. Through a memorial art installation at Lehigh Valley Pride 2023, we honor and remember lives taken from our community; not just the names we know but also those who are unknown.

The data for this project was collected from a variety of sources including Eastern PA Trans Equity Project, HRC, GLAAD, and more. To create the statistics we share here, our team considered hundreds of records from these sources. We considered the details shared about our lost community members, the context in which they lost their lives, and location so that we could specifically highlight members of our Pennsylvania LGBTQIA+ community. The methods for data collection and analysis are presented below.

From 1993 to 2023 at least 618 transgender, nonbinary, and gender expansive people have been murdered or died due to homicide, or violence, or negligence in the United States. Of those lives lost, 432, and possibly more, were people of color with black, latin, Asian, or indigenous heritage. We acknowledge that this is likely an underestimate, as information on race and ethnicity is often not available in records of these deaths. For 112 victims included in this memorial, our team did not have information about the victim's race or ethnicity.

We have lost 27 transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive members of our community to violence here in Pennsylvania. At least 24 were people of color.

In Memoriam

Transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people of color who lost their lives to violence in Pennsylvania; 1993 to 2023.

Amariey "Myara" Lej - Wilkinsburg - 2022

Angel Naira - Aliquippa - 2021

Chyna Carrillo - New Wilmington - 2021

Diamond Jackson-McDonald - Philadelphia - 2022

Diamond Williams - Philadelphia - 2013

Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells - Philadelphia - 2020

Elisha Chanel Stanley (Elisha Diamond) - Pittsburgh - 2019

Erica Keel - Philadelphia - 2007

Jasmine Cannady - Ambridge - 2021

Jeffrey "JJ" Bright - Ambridge - 2021

Jermaine Christopher Scott - Philadelphia - 2009

Kiesha Jenkins - Philadelphia - 2015

Kyra Cordova (Kyra Kruz) - Philadelphia - 2012

London Kiki Chanel - Philadelphia - 2015

Maddie Hoffman - Malvern - 2022

Mar'Quis "MJ" Jackson - Philadelphia - 2022

Maya Young - Frankford - 2016

Mia Green - Philadelphia - 2020

Michelle "Tamika" Washington - Philadelphia - 2019

Miia Love Parker - Chester - 2022

Nizah Morris - Philadelphia - 2002

Shantee Tucker - Philadelphia - 2018

Stacey Blahnik Lee - Philadelphia - 2010

Whispering Wind Bear Spirit - York - 2021

Visit to learn about our methods and sources:

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COMMUNITY GROUPS





A Space for Aces

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A casual discussion group for asexual, graysexual, demisexual, and aromantic folks, as well as anyone who finds themselves under the umbrella of asexuality.



Parents of Trans Kids (POTK)

Meets **virtually** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

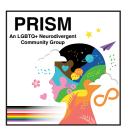
Monthly support group for parents of transgender children of any age led by a parent of a trans child.



Bereavement Support Group

Meets **virtually** every 4th Tuesday of the month 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

A professionally-led monthly support group for LGBTQ people who have experienced loss.



Prism - An LGBTQ+ Neurodivergent Community Group

Meets **virtually** every 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Prism is a group for neurodivergent LGBTQ+ people to gather, build community, and share support. We celebrate neurodiversity and embrace our individual unique perspectives.



Breathe - A Queer Spirituality Support Group

Meets every 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Anyone is welcome! Let's build a community centered on exploring fulfilling ways to empower each other's inner strength and peace.



The Shadez Collective

Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A Community Group for BIPOC & Queer folks of the greater Lehigh Valley. This is a space for community members to come together and celebrate, commiserate, network and organize.



Bisexual, Pansexual, Queer Community Group

Meets every 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A casual, drop-in community discussion group for anyone who identifies as bisexual, pansexual, queer, or any other non-monosexualities in the Greater Lehigh Valley.



Transfeminine Community Group

Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monthly peer-led casual drop-in discussion group for individuals who identify somewhere on the feminine spectrum and were not assigned female at birth—including transgender women, and transfeminine folks.



Lehigh Valley Lesbians

Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A casual community discussion group for anyone who identifies as lesbian or a bisexual woman in the Greater Lehigh Valley.



Transmasculine Group

Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Peer-led casual discussion group for people who were assigned anything other than male at birth but now reside somewhere on the masculine spectrum - i.e. transguys and transmasculine non-binary people.

All programs are for 18+ unless stated • Zoom options available • Times are Eastern Standard Time • Live closed captioning available • Restrictions may apply for some services

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