



# EGN

## Erie Gay News



On August 20, Mayor Schember and his Chief of Staff Renee Lamis, alongside members of the Mayor's LGBTQ+ Council met with U.S. Senator Bob Casey to discuss how Erie is a welcoming, equitable, and inclusive community

### **CNN LGBT Presidential Town Hall**

*from Erie Dems LGBTQIA Caucus*

Please join the Erie County LGBTQ Democratic Caucus and the Erie County Democratic Party on Thursday, October 10, 2019 for the Democratic Party Presidential Candidate LGBTQ Town Hall from 8 to 10 pm at the Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie PA for a viewing party. Note: the full forum runs from 7 to 11:30 pm and doors will open at 6:30 for any who wish to watch the full forum.

### **Asexual Awareness Week Oct 20-26**

*from Marshall John Blount*

Asexual Awareness Week or Ace Week was created in 2010 to spotlight our community and celebrate the progress we have made as a community throughout the years. I've recently accepted to be part in helping run the Ace Week Facebook page throughout Ace Week 2019 (October 20th to October 26th). Ace Week is also

joining forces with Asexual Outreach (a non profit organization), which will help us further our mission in raising awareness and give us new tools and resources to use. 2019 is shaping up to be a huge year in Ace history. To my fellow Aces in Erie and around the world, we are really being heard loud and clear.

See the online version of this article for links to Ace resources.

### **Chipotle/Identity fundraiser at Peach St on Oct 17**

*from EUP/Identity*

EUP/Identity will have a fundraiser on Thursday, October 17 from 5-9 PM at Chipotle, 6611 Peach St, Erie PA. Show the attached flyer in the online version of this article or tell the cashier that you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds donated to Identity, Edinboro University's LGBTQIA+ organization.

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.



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# Community News

## Harvest for Justice Catholic Women's Retreat Oct 19

*from Harvest for Justice*

Harvest for Justice, a fall retreat for lesbian / bisexual / queer/trans Catholic women & women friends, will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Mount St. Benedict, 6101 E Lake Road. The event is sponsored by the Women of Dignity & Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, & Ritual (WATER). The event is being held simultaneously in various cities. The local contact for registration is Breanna at [bmekuly@emmauserie.org](mailto:bmekuly@emmauserie.org). There is a suggested donation of \$15 and coffee and lunch will be provided.

From the organizers: We will bring together Catholic LGBTQI women & women friends to build community. We will pray, sing, & reflect together. We will share what is happening in our local areas. We will increase awareness of our needs & gifts. We will collaborate with LGBTQI friends. On this day, we will connect our groups by phone for a short sharing.

## 14th Annual Pink Party Weekend at Zone Oct 11-13

*from Michelle Michaels*

The Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA, will be hosting the 14th Annual Pink Party Weekend will be held Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13. The fundraiser includes a bake sale, gift baskets, and a show on Sunday. All proceeds go to StringsforaCURE Foundation [stringsforacure.org](http://stringsforacure.org). StringsforaCURE is an Erie, PA based 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing education, comfort, financial assistance and emotional support directly to breast cancer patients. The Face show cast will host a Pink Party Benefit Show on Sunday, October 13 at 9 PM, rather than the usual monthly Face show.

## Free Smoking Cessation Classes Nov 5-26

*from UPMC Hamot*

The four-week smoking cessation class offers individuals a step-by-step plan for quitting smoking. The goal is to make quitting a less stressful experience and help smokers learn better ways to cope with situations that ordinarily trigger ... lighting up.

Classes will be held Tuesdays, Nov. 5 to 26 from

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*Basket Raffle drawing at 2018's Pink Party Weekend. This year's Pink Party Weekend is October 11-13! Photo by Michael Mahler.*



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6 to 7 p.m. They are Free! and the location is Sterling Square, 3330 Peach St., Entrance C, Lower Level, Erie, PA 16508.

Registration is required. To register or for more information, call 814-877-2981.

## Intersections of Equality Symposium on Nov 16

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality*

The 2019 Intersections of Equality Symposium will be at the Black Conference Center on the campus of Penn State Behrend, on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Panels will address LGBTQ issues at the intersections of health care, art, therapy, legal rights, and alliances with government, corporate, and non-profit organizations. Featured speakers include LECOM medical students and faculty, Heather Denning, Program Director of Art Therapy at Mercyhurst University, the artists MANDEM, a Cleveland based trio whose work was featured at the LGBT Art Show this summer, Renee Lamis (Erie Mayor's Chief of Staff), Tesha Nesbit Arrington (Director, Diversity and Inclusion and Community Outreach, Erie Insurance), and Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, one of Pennsylvania's openly gay elected officials. Plenary speakers will be announced by the end of September. CEUs will be available through Penn State for professionals at the cost of \$35 for the day. Registration and symposium fees will be listed on the GEAE webpage and social media when we launch admission. Organizations interested in staffing a table fair should contact GEAE, as space is limited (and will go fast). The 2019 Intersections of Equality Symposium

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## 3rd Annual HIV Awareness Walk

*from Erie County HIV Task Force*

About 45 people attended the 3rd Annual HIV Awareness Walk on September 16 in Frontier Park, including Erie City Mayor Joe Schember. The event was organized by Erie County HIV Task Force. There was coverage by both local TV news crews.

## Mayor's Advisory Council meeting on Sep 6

*by Michael Mahler*

The Mayor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Council met on September 6. Tyler Titus and Michael Mahler provided an update on the Governor's PA Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, which had met the month before in Erie.

In late July, documentation was submitted to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) to improve Erie's Municipal Quality Index (MEI). It is expected that because of the City of Erie passing the conversion therapy ban in June and other initiatives, that we will expect to see a rise in our score.

A logo was selected for the City of Erie's LG-



*Participants at 3rd Annual HIV Awareness Walk on Sep 16 in Frontier Park. Photo by Joy Henry.*

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BTQ+ website, which includes links to resources and info about council members.

Action teams were created to work in specific areas where there are gaps including health care, aging, youth/education, economic development, and diversity, equity & inclusion. Tentative coordinators were found for most of these action teams, and participation on action teams is encouraged for general community members.

The council will be nominating/appointing a president, vice president, and secretary. This will take place by electronic vote, and is expected to be finalized by the next meeting.

After discussing upcoming events and news, the next meeting of the advisory council was set for Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 PM.

## Board Members sought for NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc

*from NW PA Pride Alliance Board of Directors*

NWPA Pride Alliance is looking for applicants to fill positions with our board of directors. NWPA Pride Alliance is seeking to diversify its membership to best address the needs of the LGBT community, persons of all sexual orientations, gender identifications, marital status, ethnic backgrounds and educational experiences are welcome to apply. All positions are unpaid, volunteer positions. We are looking for people who want to become more involved with the LGBT community, working with our members to extend outreach to the community as a whole.

Board members organize events within the community, represent the LGBT community at local events, and work with local businesses and organizations to raise awareness of LGBT issues. Board

members meet the second Saturday of each month at 11 AM and additionally as needed in preparation for specific events.

Advisory panel members are to provide guidance for the board of directors in specific matters upon request. Meetings will be as needed and may be irregular. Specific areas of expertise being sought are accounting, legal counselor, community education, publicity, medical backgrounds and nonprofit administration. The board of directors will seek advice from the advisory panel on issues as they arise.

If you are interested, please send a resume that outlines your experience and qualifications by Sunday, December 1 to [president@nwpapride.org](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). All resumes will be considered, please note if you wish to apply for membership to the board of directors or advisory panel. You can only hold one of these position, but you may apply for more than one. Applicants for the Board of directors will be contacted for a mandatory interview with the board to be scheduled after the resume is received.



**Deadline for Next EGN issue  
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## Speakeasy Singalong on August 21

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality*

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped make Greater Erie Alliance for Equality's Speakeasy Sing-Along Part 2 on August 21 at Room 33 Speakeasy & Cafe, 1033 State St, Erie PA, a VERY FUN, SUCCESSFUL evening! The event could not have taken place without the help & commitment of GEAE's Board of Directors (especially the Events Committee) & Advisory Council, the guest bartenders, the businesses that generously made donations for the raffles, the volunteers who worked the evening, DJ Josh Walters, and everyone who attended! Your support is overwhelming & greatly appreciated! Thanks to the bartending team - The Schroeck Sisters + 1 (Renee Schroeck Schlosser, Natalie Schroeck Kreidinger, Laura Bishop, Suzanne Schaaf Lichtenwalter)

THANKS AGAIN!

A special thank you to Jake Huefner, Cathy Stachera, Laura Misko, Jo Anna Connell School. and Strong Vincent Middle School.



*Raffle winners at GEAE's Speakeasy Singalong on August 21 at Room 33.  
Photo by Michael Mahler.*

**Check out [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)  
for more photo galleries!**

## EGN Distributor Update Due Oct 11

*Erie Gay News* is updating our list of distributors. If you are currently a distributor, please email us at [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com) or call (814) 456-9833 to let us know that we are getting you the correct number of copies before Friday, Oct. 11. If you are not currently a distributor, but would like to be, please contact us by Oct. 11. The distributors of our monthly print edition are listed at our web site. We are happy to list those who carry *EGN*!

## Lake Erie Gala November 20th-24th

Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group will host their Annual Lake Erie Gala Nov. 20th-24th at Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA. This is a four day event that begins Wednesday with dinner and bowling, bus tours of attractions in the area, dinner, dancing, Open Mic Talent and Karaoke Night, vendors on Saturday (open to public), and a farewell breakfast on Sunday morning. There will be photo thumb drives for sale at the breakfast. This is a social affair, so there is a lot of chatting with other transgender people. A chance to relax, meet new friends and do a little dancing. Info: [lakeriegala@gmail.com](mailto:lakeriegala@gmail.com) and [erisesisters.ning.com](http://erisesisters.ning.com)

## Dining Out For Life WNY Oct 1

Dining Out For Life, an annual HIV fundraiser, will be held at various restaurants in Western NY on Tuesday, October 1, and benefits Evergreen Health Services. Southern Tier restaurants that will be donating a percentage of proceeds include Brazil Craft Beer & Wine Lounge, Ellicottville Brewing Company West, Forte, Labyrinth Press Company, and Landmark Restaurant.

## PA & Erie HRC Town Hall on Oct 17

On Thursday, October 17 from 6-8PM at Blasco Public Library, 160 E Front St, Erie PA, The PA Human Relations Commission and the Erie County Human Relations Commission will hold a town hall meeting to educate the community on their rights when filing with either of our agencies. We will offer information on protected classes, jurisdiction, filing procedures and the process when a complaint is filed. The community will have the opportunity to meet staff from both agencies, file a complaint and voice their concerns. Contact Renee Martin at 717-856-5971 or [renmartin@pa.gov](mailto:renmartin@pa.gov)

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# Calendar

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[www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

**Sep 26 (Thu) - "Superstore" Season 5** 8 p.m., NBC

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**Sep 27 (Fri) - "Transparent: The Musicale Finale"**

Amazon Prime Video

**Sep 27 (Fri) - "Judy" national release** #JudyTheFilm

**Sep 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - Closing Weekend** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) .jonespond.com.

**Sep 27 (Fri) - Drag Show** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Sep 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters and Brothers September Social at Maxi's** (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM. We would really love to have a nice group this month! Let us know if you're coming! Look at it as a nice get together before Gala in November! Venue Phone: (814) 833-1116. Email: lakeeriegala@gmail.com. Browse to

<http://eriesisters.ning.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.belairclarion.com/>.

**Sep 29 (Sun) - Rebecca Mae's Drag Brunch** (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 AM - 2:30 PM. Phone: (814) 384-1582. Venue Phone: (814) 452-3000. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/rebecca-maesdragbrunch/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.bourbonbarrelerie.com/>.

**Oct 2 (Wed) - S.W.A.T. season premiere** (CBS) 10 PM. Browse to <https://www.cbs.com/shows/swat/>. B

**Oct 3 (Thu) - Erie Regional GSA meets** (Blasco Memorial Erie County Public Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. Venue Phone: (814) 451-6900. Browse to venue web site <http://www.erialibrary.org/>.

**Oct 4 (Fri) - G2H2/ERIE - Fall** (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 8 PM. Happy Hour Venue Phone: (814) 452-3000. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54742829807>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/693459501162573/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.bourbonbarrelerie.com/>.



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buffet 8pm to 10pm



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**Oct 4 (Fri) - Drag Bingo** (Erie Art Museum, 20 East 5th St, Erie, PA 16501) 7 PM. It's bingo, but with a hell of a lot more pizzazz! Between games enjoy performances by Erie's favorite queen Rebecca Mae and others. Cash bar, prizes and more. Register online or over the phone. \$30 for non-members and \$15 for members. Entrance fee covers your first five cards. Additional cards \$3 each. Register today! Membership is just \$15 for first-time individual. Become a member and get the member ticket for the same price as a non-member ticket. Phone: (814) 459-5477. Browse to <http://www.erieartmuseum.org>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/878023582555783/>.

**Oct 6 (Sun) - "Batwoman" Season 1** 8 PM The CW

**Oct 6 (Sun) - "Supergirl" Season 5**, 9 p.m., The CW

**Oct 7 (Mon) - Last Day to Register to Vote in Pennsylvania General Election**

**Oct 7 (Mon) - All American season premiere** (CW) 8 PM.

**Oct 8 (Tue) - The Flash season premiere** (CW) 8 PM.

**Oct 9 (Wed) - Riverdale season premiere** (CW) 8 PM.

**Oct 10 (Thu) - Democratic Party Presidential Candidate LGBTQ Town Hall Viewing Party** (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Please join the Erie County LGBTQ Democratic Caucus and the Erie County Democratic Party for the Democratic Party Presidential Candidate LGBTQ Town Hall from 8 to 10 pm for a viewing party. Note: the full forum runs from 7 to 11:30 pm and doors will open at 6:30 for any who wish to watch the full forum.

**Oct 11 - 13 (Fri - Sun) - 14th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. Annual fundraiser. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

**Oct 11 (Fri) - Charmed season premiere** (CW) 8 PM.

**Oct 13 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels Pink Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 9 PM. FB: The Zone

**Oct 13 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News October 2019 print edition** [eriegaynews.com](http://eriegaynews.com).

**Oct 16 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner #76** (Molly Brannigans, 506 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 6:30 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. Phone: (814) 384-9785. Venue Phone: (814) 453-7800. Email: [eripeter@gmail.com](mailto:eripeter@gmail.com). Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BearsDoDinnerEriePA/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.mollybrannigans.com/>.

**Oct 17 (Thu) - Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission & Erie County Human Relations Commission Town Hall** (Blasco Memorial Erie County Public Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. See article in this issue. Contact: Renee Mqartin. Phone: (717) 856-5971. Venue Phone: (814) 451-6900. Email: [renmartin@pa.gov](mailto:renmartin@pa.gov). Browse to <https://www.phrc.pa.gov/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.erielibrary.org/>.

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**Oct 18 (Fri) - David Sedaris** (Mercyhurst University, Erie PA) [miac.mercyhurst.edu](http://miac.mercyhurst.edu)

**Oct 18 (Fri) - Zone Divas Halloween Spooktacular** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 PM. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

**Oct 18 - Nov 3 (Fri - Sun) - Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show"** (Arlene's Broadway on Buffalo, 236 Buffalo Street, Conneaut, OH 44030) The musical that inspired the 1975 classic cult film, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" follows innocent couple Brad and Janet as they seek shelter at a mysterious old castle on a dark and stormy night, where they encounter transvestite Dr. Frank 'N' Furter, his "perfect" creation Rocky, and an assortment of other crazy creatures. Show dates are October 18 - 20, 25 - 27, November 1 - 3. The final performance is a matinee; all others are evening shows. Phone: (440) 599-7529. Email: [hilltopr@broadwayonbuffalo.com](mailto:hilltopr@broadwayonbuffalo.com). Browse to <https://www.broadwayonbuffalo.com/>.

**Oct 19 (Sat) - An Evening with Paula Poundstone** (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, 116 East Third St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 8 PM.

**Oct 22 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St., Erie, PA) 7PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. Venue (814) 455-4009. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com)

**Oct 25 (Fri) - Rocky Horror Picture Show** (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, 116 East Third St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 10 PM.

**Oct 27 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Samhain** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16508) Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. Phone: (814) 720-1560. Venue Phone: (814) 864-9300. Email: [senior.druid@wlg-adf.org](mailto:senior.druid@wlg-adf.org). Browse to <http://www.wlg-adf.org/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.uuerie.org>.

**Oct 27 (Sun) - 11th Annual Diversity Worship Service** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16508-2540) 11 AM. Contact: Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty. Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: [communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com). Browse to <http://communityunited.church/>.

**Oct 27 (Sun) - Mrs. Fletcher (HBO)** 10:30 PM.

**Nov 7 (Thu) - Gender and Sexuality Club (GASE) - 13th Annual Drag Show** (Penn State Behrend - McGarvey Commons, 5103 Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563) 7 PM. Phone: (814) 898-7162. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/PSBTrigon/>. Browse to venue web site <http://psbehrend.psu.edu/>.

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## Awareness Days

**Oct - LGBT History Month** First celebrated in 1994 in October. It was declared a national History month by President Barack Obama in 2009. The month was created with the intent to encourage openness and education about LGBT history and rights.

**Oct 11 (Fri) - National Coming Out Day** Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. First celebrated in 1988. Browse to <http://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day>.

**Oct 15 (Tue) - National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day** The Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA), the Hispanic Federation and other organizations organize this day to build capacity for non-profit organizations and health departments to reach Latino/Hispanic communities, promote HIV testing, and provide HIV prevention information and access to care. #NLAAD Browse to <http://www.nlaad.org/>.

**Oct 17 (Thu) - Spirit Day** Each year on Spirit Day, millions go purple to support LGBTQ youth. #SpiritDay Browse to <http://www.glaad.org/spiritday>.

**Oct 20 - 26 (Sun - Sat) - Asexual Awareness Week** See article in this issue. Browse to <http://www.asexualawarenessweek.com/>.

**Oct 26 (Sat) - Intersex Awareness Day** Commemorates the first intersex protest, which took place in Boston, MA. Browse to <http://intersexday.org/en/>.

## Upcoming

**Nov 2 (Sat) - Rufus Wainwright** (Mercyhurst University, Erie PA) [miac.mercyhurst.edu](http://miac.mercyhurst.edu) Tickets 8/12

**Nov 20 - 24 (Wed - Sun) - Lake Erie Gala** (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) Annual event. Venue Phone: (814) 833-1116. Email: [lakeeriegala@gmail.com](mailto:lakeeriegala@gmail.com). Browse to <http://erisesisters.ning.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.belaireclarion.com/>.

**Voters Guide  
next issue!**

# Social & support groups

## ADDICTION & RECOVERY

**AA Meeting Live & Let Live LGBTQA-friendly AA meeting** every Sun. 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 W. 38th St., Erie, PA. [aeriepa.org](http://aeriepa.org).

## MISC.

**Oct 8 (Tue) – Youngstown PFLAG meets** (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH ) 6:30 PM. [youngstown-pflag.org](http://youngstown-pflag.org).

**Oct 13 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Sexuality Support** (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 3-5PM.

**Oct 14 (Mon) – Erie Dems LGBTQIA+ Caucus meets** (Erie Dems HQ, 1305 State St, Erie PA) 7 PM. (814) 456-9833. [mmahler@eriedems.com](mailto:mmahler@eriedems.com). FB: Erie Dems LGBTQIA+ Caucus

**Oct 15 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets** (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA ) 1 PM. Contact: Joy Henry (814) 451-6786. [jhenry@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:jhenry@eriecountypa.gov). [echiv.org/ecdh.org](http://echiv.org/ecdh.org)

## SOCIAL

**Oct 13 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets** (Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Drv, Erie PA) 12 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. Phone: (814) 490-3994. Email: [ErieBeans@yahoo.com](mailto:ErieBeans@yahoo.com). Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE>.

**Oct 15 (Tue) - Crawford Area LGBT+ meets** (3rd Tues. 7 PM Unitarian Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut St, Meadville PA. Contact: Randy. (814) 724-6736. [crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com).

**LBT Women of Erie** Various events and venues.: (814) 490-3994. [ErieBeans@yahoo.com](mailto:ErieBeans@yahoo.com). FB: LBT Women of Erie

**LGBT+ Erie County PA** FB: LGBT+ Erie County, PA

**Southern Tier Queer Peers** 31 Water St., Suite 7, Door 14, Jamestown NY "A wellness group for the LGBTQ+ community Tues. 5:30-7:30PM. " [Sheridan.smith@mhachautauqua.org](mailto:Sheridan.smith@mhachautauqua.org) 716-490-4438

## SPIRITUALITY

**Community United Church** 1011 West 38th St. Erie, PA  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie** 7180 Perry Hwy Erie PA [uerie.org](http://uerie.org) Welcoming congregation.

**Oct 8 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA 16001) 1 PM. Email: [butlerinterfaith@zoominternet.net](mailto:butlerinterfaith@zoominternet.net). Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork/>.

## STUDENT & YOUTH

**LGBTQIA Support Group** (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula OH) Every Tuesday, 4-5 PM. [shannan.farmer@cccchio.com](mailto:shannan.farmer@cccchio.com)

**Oct 1 & 15 (Tue) – LGBT Teen Support & P.E.A.R.S Teen Drop-In Center** (Full Spectrum, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM. FB: Full Spectrum Community Outreach Support

**Oct 3 (Thu) - Erie Regional GSA meets** (Blasco Memorial Erie County Public Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. Venue Phone: (814) 451-6900. Browse to venue web site <http://www.erielibrary.org/>.

## TRANS

**Oct 13 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets** (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Road, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.


**Oct 12 (Sat) – TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group** (CHAPS Building, 1st floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda Thomas. [imhwoman4586@msn.com](mailto:imhwoman4586@msn.com). (814) 232-1778 FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

**Oct 14 (Mon) – TransFamily of Warren Transgender Support Group meets** (Jefferson DeFrees Family Center – Hawke Room, 207 Second Ave., Warren, PA) 6-8 PM. Contact: Kingsley Reese (814) 688-5574. [kreeseamon@gmail.com](mailto:kreeseamon@gmail.com). FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

**Oct 17 (Thu) - Transgender Support Group of Jamestown NY** Meeting 4th Thursday of each month, 5pm, call for location. Also, every 2nd Thurs. of the month we get together for food and drink (venue changes). Text or call: Bethany (716) 499-4817 Hayley (814) 888-7525. FB: Transgender Support of Jamestown, NY

**Oct 20 (Sun) – Parents and Partners of Gender Variant Individuals Support Group meets** (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM

**Oct 26 (Sat) – TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets** (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 2 – 5 PM. Contact: Annie Rosenthal. FB: Transfamily of NWPA



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