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By: William Gooden, Publisher
Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

Well it's been a wild Pride Month. There has been a lot of news that has come out this month. So we have an jumbo size **In The News** section this issue, starting with the Human Right Campaign declaring a state of emergency for LGBTQ+ people (page 9); MPD LGBTQ+ liaisons helping to rewrite police policy around gendering victims (page 5); Wisconsin Historical Society commemorating the site of the "Black Knight Brawl" (page 6); and Milwaukee County Board Supervisor Peter Burgelis being attacked at Mayfair Mall (page 8). Told 'ya it was busy.

This year's Pride Month was chock full of happenings and in our **Events and Happenings** section we have photos from a lot of them, including the 35th Annual PrideFest (Page 15), Milwaukee Pride Parade (page 16), and the County Board honoring more than 40 LGBTQ+ individuals and organizations for Pride Month (page 17).

Of course the summer has just started and so has Summer Festival season here in Milwaukee and we have the run down of all the big festivals happening this summer. You can find that in our massive **PrideLife Features** section (page 9).

But summer festivals and Pride events are not the only events going on this summer. There is plenty going on in the arts and entertainment scene in Milwaukee and our own Michael Johnston has the run down of what is happening this summer. And as always we have our Pride Guide Resource pages.

With all that is happening right now in the world, I want everyone to be careful this summer. Wear sunscreen and a hat, go out in groups and be safe. Oh and try to have some fun!

- William G..





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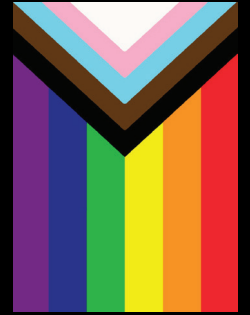
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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



LGBTQ+ Americans Are Under Attack, Human Rights Campaign Declares in State of Emergency Warning

By: Hannah Schoenbaum

The Human Rights Campaign declared a state of emergency for LGBTQ+ people in the U.S. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, and released a guidebook pointing to laws it deems discriminatory in each state, along with “know your rights” information and resources to help people relocate to states with stronger LGBTQ+ protections.

Sounding the alarm about the current political climate, the nation’s largest organization devoted to the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Americans said travel advisories aren’t enough to help people already living in states where lawmakers have targeted LGBTQ+ people.

“We need champions right now,” HRC President Kelley Robinson said in an interview with The Associated Press. President Joe Biden and other LGBTQ+ rights supporters with decision-making authorities, she said, need to be more than just allies.

The declaration is a call to action for “people in power at every level” of government and the business community, she said, urging them to fight for LGBTQ+ rights with the same fervor as they’ve fought for abortion rights since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last summer.

“When *Dobbs* fell, you saw a federal response to deal with the abortion crisis that we’re in,” Robinson said. “We



are in a crisis of even greater scale to the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community, and we need that same sort of response.”

Just a few days into Pride Month, the campaign said it’s taking action in response to an “unprecedented and dangerous” spike in discriminatory legislation sweeping state houses this year, with more than 525 anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced and more than 70 signed into law so far in 2023 — more than double last year’s number.

A recent Associated Press analysis found that many bills seeking to ban or restrict gender-affirming health care for transgender youth, who have been the primary targets of state legislation this year, sprang not from grassroots or constituent demand, but from the pens of a few powerful conservative interest

groups.

The HRC guidebook, meanwhile, provides information about filing complaints for civil rights violations and points to resources for financing moves and finding employment, particularly in the 17 states with a trifecta of Democratic leadership in both legislative chambers and the governor’s office.

“The amount of calls I get every day from parents asking how they can move to another state because they’d rather mourn their home than their child is real,” Robinson said. “This is a different level of urgency and demanded a different level of response.”

The emergency declaration is the first in the 43-year history of the HRC, which encompasses a foundation focusing on research, advocacy and educa-

tion, national and state lobbying campaigns and a political action committee that supports and opposes candidates for office. It comes as Republican-dominated legislatures around the country have restricted various aspects of transgender existence, from pronoun usage and bathroom access to medical care and more.

Louisiana is poised to become the latest state to enact new restrictions, after the veto-proof GOP-controlled Legislature on Tuesday sent a package to the governor that includes a ban on gender-affirming care for minors. Lawmakers also overwhelmingly passed a bill outlining pronoun usage for students and another that would broadly ban K-12 public school employees from discussing sexual orientation or gender identity in the classroom. The legislation is similar to the Florida law critics call “Don’t Say Gay.”

As many LGBTQ+ Americans are celebrating their identities this month against the backdrop of a dizzying array of new restrictions, some trans people and their families are scrambling to flee their home states.

For Debi Jackson, the mother of a trans child in Kansas City, Missouri, a recently rolled back emergency rule from the Republican attorney general, which would have restricted gender-affirming care for minors and some adults, pushed the family to its breaking point.

“My kiddo has decided that they’ve had enough of having to think every single day about what the government is going to do to torment them next,” said Jackson, 49.

Her child, 16-year-old Avery, gained national notoriety in 2017 when they became the first trans person to grace



the cover of National Geographic magazine at age 9. Jackson, who has since become an outspoken advocate for her child and others in the region, said her family had once pledged to stay in the state and keep fighting.

“Because we are so visible, we kind of worried, if we pack up and go, what message does that send other people, and would it seem like we were leaving them behind?” she said. “But moving doesn’t mean we’re giving up or throwing in the towel. If anything, it demonstrates just how dire this crisis has become.”

An increasing number of trans people this year have suddenly found themselves without access to the medical care many credit as life-saving. Some are turning to often-dangerous “do-it-yourself” hormone treatments to avoid involuntarily reversing their physical transitions.

And as Pride Month festivities kick off this week, organizers are beefing up security amid threatened protests by some extremist groups.

A mass shooting last fall inside a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs left many LGBTQ+ community members feeling especially vulnerable.

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/lgbtq-emergency-human-rights-campaign-guidebook-5a1195f8a6759bdfd-37cd7f5a6c5ee34>

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With Rise In Transgender Homicides, MPD LGBTQ+ Liaison Helping Evaluate Policies Around Gendering Victims

By: Shaun Gallagher

City leaders in the police department are doing more to improve equality. Since 2019, the Milwaukee Police Department has had community liaisons specifically focused on the LGBTQ+ community.

“I feel a huge responsibility,” Sgt. Guadalupe Velasquez said. “Whether working with elected officials or command staff, when we get questions about policies and procedures, bringing that feedback to the command staff, we need to update Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) or policies or create guidelines to make sure we’re policing the most effectively.”

Velasquez came out when she arrived at Marquette University as a freshman. She says, the freedom of being on her own, allowed her to feel comfortable living as her true self.

“Growing up in a Mexican household, coming out as a member of the LGBTQ community is very scary,” she said.

But thanks to mentors and leaders within the police department, they encouraged her to pursue leadership-level roles.

“Visibility goes a long way,” Velasquez said. “Whether it’s the LGBTQ community as part of recruiting, saying hey you can do this too. It’s the same as being a woman on this job. The more people see people like them in these positions, the more willing they are to do these jobs.”

And it’s as important as ever. As one of two LGBTQ+ Liaisons in the depart-



ment, Velasquez is an integral part of ensuring the policies and procedures in place are reflective of issues facing the LGBTQ community.

Crimes against the transgender community have been on the rise. Since 2017, transgender people are facing increased rates of homicide across the country. After three years of murders below 30 nationwide, the pandemic saw a spike in transgender murders with 44 in 2020, 59 in 2021 and 38 in 2022, according to statistics provided by Everytown.org. As of April 27, eleven transgender people have been killed.

Three of those numbers represent women here in Milwaukee; Cashay Henderson, Brazil Johnson and Regina “Mya” Allen. It’s the first time in nearly 10 years that a Black transgender person has been killed, according to Elle Halo.

“There has been a lot of progress made as well as a lot of tragedy,” Halo said.

Halo is one of Milwaukee’s leaders in transgender health and empowerment through her work at Diverse & Resilient

group Sisters Helping Each Other Battle Adversity (SHEBA). One of the many concerns she has had in the last year is about how MPD misgendered these victims, releasing publicly the sex these women were assigned at birth.

“It’s a subliminal message to us, as trans women and to us as LGBTQ people that we’re not valued,” Halo said. “It sends a message that we can’t trust them. That they don’t value us for our lives or contributions. There is no reason for them to be misgendered or deadnamed, period. They weren’t unidentified people killed on the street.”

“We’re going to fall back to our policies and procedures,” Velasquez said. “Once we received feedback, ‘Hey, this is the way you were doing it but may not be the best way, as long as we’re making improvements when they come to us, that will send a message to the community that yes, we understand this is not the right way to maybe possibly do this right now and we’ll continue to work to improve those the way our guidelines are.”

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Wisconsin Historical Society To Commemorate State's First Known LGBTQ Resistance Event With Landmark

By: Ben Jordan

The Wisconsin Historical Society says it's placing a landmark in the Third Ward to commemorate the first known event in the state where the LGBTQ community stood up against homophobic violence in the state.

Hundreds of these bronze plaques highlight significant people and places in state history.

Michail Takach told the state's historical society they were missing a landmark for what he considers to be Wisconsin's most important piece of LGBTQ history.

"So much of LGBTQ history is hidden history simply because no one's pursued it," he said.

Takach is part of the Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project. It's a group



that's on a mission to make sure an event called the 'Black Nite Uprising' won't be forgotten.

"On the night of August 5, 1961, four servicemen were drinking at a Brady Street bar, and they lost a drinking game and essentially were put on a kind of a truth or dare bet to go to the Black Nite," Takach said. "This was intended fully to humiliate them. This was a completely homophobic dare."

Takach says the four men started fighting the bouncer at the city's most popular gay bar when a trans woman stepped in to back him up.

"She knocked one of the sailors unconscious, sent him to the hospital but his friend said we'll be back and we're going to clean this place up which was a very heavy threat and a promise."

The sailors came back later that night

with a much bigger group only to find far more patrons inside the bar ready to fight against homophobic violence.

"It helped of course that our heroine of the story, Josie, had rallied everyone and basically said, 'Aren't you tired of this? Aren't you tired of this life that we have? Like, it's time to stop running,'" Takach said.

"These were people who had their entire lives dealt with harassment and violence and discrimination and abuse and they just weren't going to take it coming to their doorstep at one of the few safe places they had at the time," Takach added.

The Black Nite was eventually torn down, but due to Michael and the Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project's

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MPD LGBTQ+ Liaison

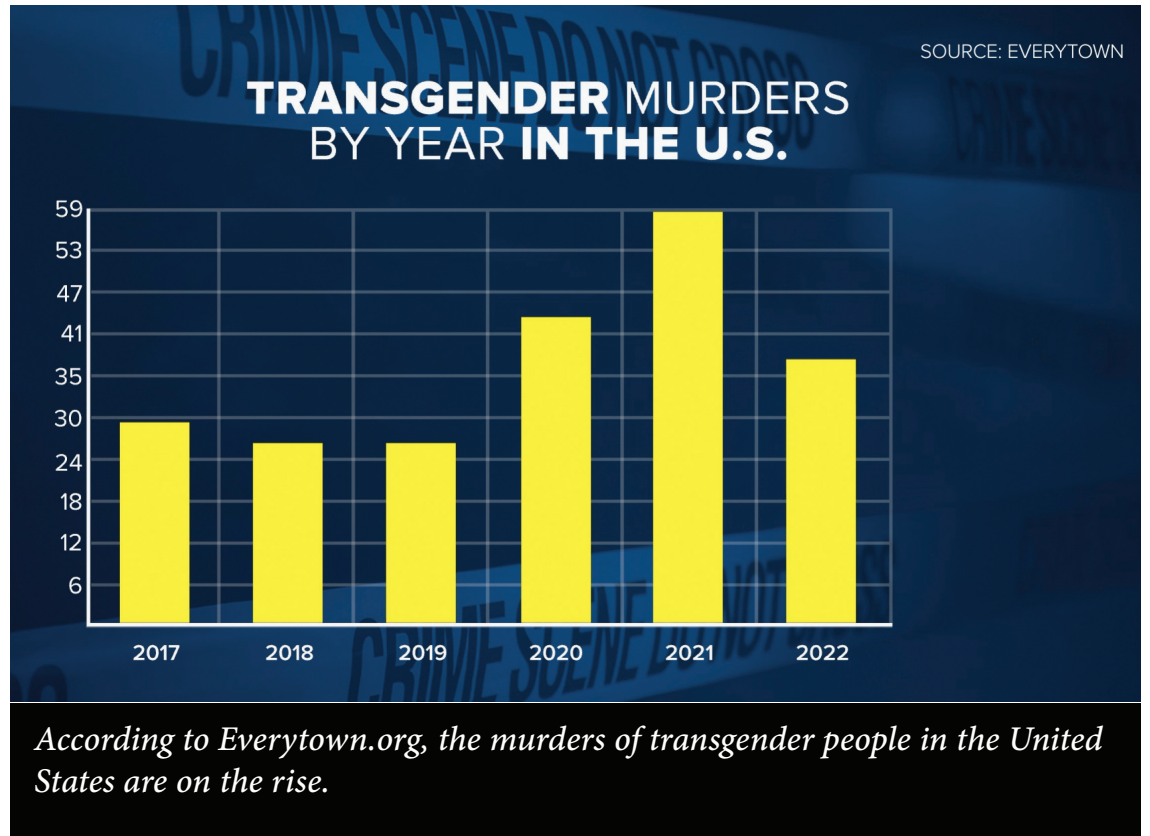
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Halo feels not enough investigative work is being done to appropriately gender victims like the three Milwaukee women killed since last year.

“One would assume that if someone was killed in their home, that one would be able to deduce what their identity is,” Halo said. “A piece of mail, an ID, a driver’s license, whatever it is. That includes actual items in their home. Maybe someone does have a more masculine name or a name that doesn’t necessarily fit them. But if the whole house looks like it’s a woman’s home, I think that would lead [police] to discover the person’s identity and how they would want people to identify them.”

Velasquez says efforts are being discussed around MPD’s policies and procedures to make the changes to respect the lives of women like Henderson, Johnson and Allen. It’s prospective change like this that Velasquez says shows progress in the department.

“We are able to pass that info on to command staff, we get feedback,” Vel-



asquez said. “The fact we go back and forth with each other and those conversations don't end immediately, it shows we're making improvements and advancements on these types of topics.”

“I think that when we talk about progress that two things can be true,” Halo said. “That we are making progress and that progress will never happen fast enough. The police in our law enforcement and our policymakers work for us. That’s coming from a Black trans wom-

an. That’s coming from someone who generationally has not had access to power or to a platform like this. If people feel that our progress is not being made, then it’s time to replace them.”

Source: <https://www.tmj4.com/news/iteam/with-rise-in-transgender-homicides-mpd-lgbtq-liaison-helping-evaluate-policies-and-procedures-around-gendering-victims>

Wisconsin Historical Society Commemorate

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advocacy and historical landmark application, a state plaque will be placed at the site in October to stand the test of time.

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"There is evidence that the Black Nite brawl may have been, if not, the first queer resistance event in national history, then certainly one of the first,"

– Michail Takach

tory, then certainly one of the first,” he said.

A landmark for a piece of Wisconsin history that will soon instill pride in Milwaukee’s LGBTQ community and its allies.

Source: <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/wisconsin-historical-society-to-commemorate-states-first-known-lgbtq-resistance-event-with-landmark>

Milwaukee County Board Supervisor Peter Burgelis 'Sucker Punched' at Mayfair Mall

By William S. Gooden

According to the Wauwatosa Police Department Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, Peter Burgelis, was attacked at Mayfair Mall on Monday, June 19, 2023, while inside a store at the mall. He says some came up to him and "sucker punched" him in the face.

The police department said the incident was over a parking issue that happened earlier in the lot. Though according to a statement released by Milwaukee County the attack was described as "unprovoked." A person of interest was identified in the attack and Wauwatosa PD said it's an open investigation.

In an interview with *TMJ4's* Julia Fello, Burgelis said that he had to go to Froedtert Hospital after the attack and underwent facial/mandible surgery.

Burgelis is the first openly LGBTQ member elected to Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Burgelis told *TMJ4 News* that the suspect said "take this f---t" when he hit the supervisor.

In response to this attack, Supervisor Burgelis released a statement saying:

"I will never be silenced, nor will I allow this act of violence to detract from our ongoing efforts to secure acceptance and equality for the LGBTQ+ community. If anything, this assault serves as a stark reminder of the pervasive challenges we continue to face.

"The unfortunate truth is that



threats and acts of violence against the LGBTQ+ community persist at an alarming rate. Nationally, LGBTQ+ people are nearly four times more likely than non-LGBTQ+ people to be victims of violent crime. This reflects a broader pattern of discrimination and intolerance that plagues our society. We have seen a concerning rise in incidents, including the recent bomb threats directed at several Milwaukee-area Kohl's stores due to their Pride displays.

"It is through resilience and unwavering determination that we must confront these injustices and strive for a future where all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can live without fear of harm or prejudice."

Supervisor Burgelis is moving forward with his plans to honor and present citations of recognition to dozens of local LGBTQ+ individuals and community organizations at the June 22, 2023 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board. This year's Pride Month program will serve as a testament to the resilience and contributions of the LGBTQ+ com-

munity in Milwaukee County.

Supervisor Burgelis remains grateful for the outpouring of support he has received from family, constituents, colleagues, and community organizations in the aftermath of the assault. Their encouragement has reinforced his resolve to continue on with renewed determination.

Supervisor Burgelis also expresses his gratitude to the Wauwatosa Police Department and Froedtert Hospital staff for their dedication and professionalism.

According to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) physical assaults against LGBTQ+ individuals have been drastically on the rise since about April of last year. Most likely spurred on by a wave of legislation and violent rhetoric targeting the LGBTQ+ community in the lead-up to the midterm elections and continuing well into this year.¹ (<https://acleddata.com/2022/11/23/update-fact-sheet-anti-lgbt-mobilization-in-the-united-states>)

Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Supervisor Burgelis and wishes him a speedy recovery.

¹ <https://acleddata.com/2022/11/23/update-fact-sheet-anti-lgbt-mobilization-in-the-united-states>

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Summer Fun Guide 2023

Milwaukee is known as the "City of Festivals," do to all the wonderful and diverse cultural festivals and events that happen during the summer in our beautiful city. But which one to go to and which ones will be the best fit for you? Confused? Don't be, we have you guide to all the summer happenings in and around Milwaukee this year. So grab you sunscreen and go have some fun Milwaukee!

Chill on the Hill

Humboldt Park

June 20-Aug. 29

bayviewneighborhood.org

Hosted as always at Humboldt Park, Chill on the Hill will welcome a plethora of bands over the course of three beautiful summer months, surrounded by food vendors and trucks from popular Bay View eateries and community partners. This year's lineup – taking the stage Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. – features excellent local acts like Lost Orange Cat, Scam Likely, NilexNile, Ben Mulwana, WhiskeyBelles, the MSO, the American Legion Band, a Fourth of July celebration and more.

Jazz in the Park

Cathedral Square Park

June 22-July 6, July 27-August 31

easttown.com

Every Thursday, Cathedral Square Park fills with the sounds of summer from 6-9 p.m. (with a happy hour starting at 5 p.m.). Drinks will be available throughout various tents at the festival; however, it is asked that there are no carry-ins. This year's lineup for the weekly summer concert event still offers a diverse array of music while also really underlining the "jazz" in Jazz in the Park's name – all while surrounded by beautiful Milwaukee weather and Downtown scenery. And don't forget about OnMilwaukee's VIP experiences, offering the best seats



in the park!

Summerfest

Henry Maier Festival Park

June 22-24, June 29-July 1 and July 6-8

summerfest.com

From rock to pop, rap to alternative, country to electronic, the world's largest music festival has something for everyone! And best of all, general admission is less than \$30 – with plenty of opportunities to save even more money with deals scattered throughout the festival! This year features yet another all-star lineup including Eric Church, Imagine Dragons and AJR, Dave Matthews Band, ODESZA, Zach Bryan, James Taylor and more. And that's just the main stage!

Sounds of Summer

The Yard at Bayshore

June 23-Aug. 25

thebayshorelife.com

Head to the green gathering space in

the heart of Bayshore and jam out to the Sounds of Summer live music series, with local bands and performers taking the mic every Friday night from 6-9 p.m. Food and drink are available as well from tasty taps nearby and food trucks parked all around the event. For the full lineup of music acts, click here.

Greek Fest

Wisconsin State Fair Park

June 23-25

annunciationwi.org

There's a reason why Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church has been putting on its annual Greek Fest for more than 50 years: Milwaukeeans can't get enough gyros, lamb and chicken roasted on a spit. Throw in some family fun, carnival rides, live music and traditional dance, and it's a party! Opa!

QWERTYFEST

Locations around Milwaukee

June 23-25

milwaukeeekrampusnacht.ticketbud.com/qwertyfest-mke

Did you know the typewriter was born right here in Brew City? Sure, beer and Harleys may get all the attention – but the typewriter deserves its own day in the sun. Or how about three with the inaugural QWERTYFEST, celebrating the anniversary of the invention with events around the area – including opening night at Dandy, 5020 W. Vliet St., with live music and a "Clackathon"; a cemetery tour of great writers' final resting spots; workshops at locales around the city; a typewriter brunch jam at Company Brewing; and much more.

Cedarburg Strawberry Festival

Historic Downtown Cedarburg

June 24-25

cedarburgfestival.org

Summer is the time for fresh berries – and what better berry than the strawberry? Sample some strawberry blush wine, get sugared up with the freshest strawberry shortcake imaginable and score a taste of sweet victory with one of the festival's many contests. You'll satisfy your strawberry cravings for a while after you've finished with this festival! And when you're not snacking on strawberries, there will also be live music, vendors scattered all the way down Cedarburg's main drag and much more.

Bristol Renaissance Faire

Bristol

July 8-Sept. 4

renfair.com/bristol/

Grab your corset or your homemade chainmail armor: The Bristol Renaissance Faire is set to make its annual return. Open rain or shine every Saturday, Sunday and on Labor Day, the Bristol Faire takes visitors for a rollicking romp through Elizabethan England from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., complete with 16th-century arts, crafts, games, rides, food, music and one-of-a-kind encounters with a colorful cast of characters from the era. Don't miss out on its theme weekends either, like Steampunk Weekend from July 15-16 or Pirate Weekend on Aug. 5-6.

Bastille Days

Cathedral Square Park

July 13-16

easttown.com

Bienvenu a Bastille Days! Come visit Paris via Cathedral Square Park and celebrate the one of the country's biggest French-themed gatherings, with impromptu street performers, roaming minstrels, musical entertainment and tasty French delicacies. This year's edition comes as always with tons of tasty food, the running return of Storm the Bastille and all sorts of festive frivolity in and around Cathedral Square Park. It certainly puts the "oui!" into Milwaukee.

Harley-Davidson

Homecoming Festival

Veterans Park and locations around Milwaukee



July 13-16

harley-davidson.com

How do you celebrate one's 120th birthday? With the biggest, most bombastic party ever, obviously! That's the plan for Harley's big anniversary, bringing in bikers from across the country for a weekend of celebration complete with a motorcycle parade, high-octane performers, gatherings around town and – the featured event – two days of incredible music in Veterans Park, headlined by rock icons Green Day and Foo Fighters. For ticket information, click here.

Armenian Fest

St. John the Baptist Armenian Orthodox Church, 7825 W. Layton Ave.

July 16

armenianfest.com

From 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., Armenian Fest serves up one of the finest fests in the great Milwaukee summer, celebrating Armenian culture with music, dancing, vendors and – of course – delicious authentic food. The menu this year will grill up multiple types of kabobs plus lahmajoon (aka Armenian pizza), boreg, paklava and kadayif for dessert and much more. You are guaranteed to not leave hungry.

Milwaukee Makers Market

See website for location

July 16, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 17 and Oct. 14

milwaukeeemakersmarket.com

The Milwaukee Makers Market is the perfect seasonal stop for lovers of art, crafts, alliteration, designers and almost any other hobby. The market meets 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. generally every third Sunday of the month at either Discovery World, Ivy House MKE or The Starling – so drop by and find your new favorite living room conversation piece, artistic inspiration or something else completely unexpected.

Milwaukee Night Market

Wisconsin Avenue between 2nd Street and Vel R. Phillips Avenue

July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 13

westown.org/milwaukee-night-market/ Milwaukee Night Market is a glorious once-a-month collision of all wonder things Milwaukee has to offer. From 5-10 p.m., the Night Market puts on a free, open-air market that offers a wide variety of experiences for people of all backgrounds and ages, featuring a mash-up of art, craft and food vendors, live art creation, local music, Milwaukee businesses, tasty beverages and much more. Any day that ends with a Night Market is a good day.

Food Truck Fest

Henry Maier Festival Park

July 22

milwaukeefoodtruckfest.com

Do you feel the need? The need ... to feed? Then do we have the festival for you: Food Truck Fest, bringing a whole fleet of delicious four-wheeled dining options to the Summerfest grounds this summer. Presented by OnMilwaukee, the festival will feature two different sessions – lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner from 4-8 p.m. – each with a variety of the best meals on wheels Milwaukee and the surrounding area can serve. For more information on tickets, click here.

Milwaukee Air & Water Show

Lakefront

July 22-23

mkeairwatershow.com

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, actually, it's both, as the Milwaukee Air & Water Show is back in the air on and over the lakefront. This year's show – its twelfth edition – will bring back the famed Blue Angels to headline the event, alongside other exciting demonstrations roaring to life on and above Lake Michigan. For more information, click here.



EAA AirVenture

Wittman Regional Airport, 525 W. 20th Ave.

July 24-30

eaa.org/en/airventure

Every year, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh earns its distinction as "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." The members of the EAA make this annual event one of the world's most impressive showcases of attractions, representing innovation, history, technological

advancement and current and future trends in aviation.

Washington County Fair

Washington County Fair Park

July 25-30

wcfairpark.com/fair

Enjoy good food and good music at the Washington County Fair. Country headliners tend to dominate the festival – and this year is no different with Rodney Atkins and Brothers Osborne, as well as Chevelle, rockin' the grounds in 2023. Plus there's a multitude of vendors and all sorts of fair fun, so come out and see what all the fuss is about!

Riverwest 24

Riverwest

July 28-29

riverwest24.com

Calling all biking lovers! Come out to Riverwest for its 24-hour bike race, where you get in some exercise while experiencing the culture and camaraderie of one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Milwaukee. Whether you're a hardcore cyclist aiming for a record time or a fairly pedestrian pedaler who just wants to have a good time in a great neighborhood, the Riverwest 24 is one tremendous day.

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German Fest*Henry Maier Festival Park*

July 28-30

germanfest.com

Prost to the return of German Fest, once again jam-packing three days on the lakefront with live music – this year including Die Lauser, Alpine Blast, Cooper Box and many more – traditional dance, splinter-flinging timbersports, sheepshead battles, children's activities, an adorable Dachshund derby, history, wine tasting and much more. Oh, and of course plates upon plates of delicious authentic German food.

**Brady Street Festival***Farwell Avenue to Van Buren Street*

July 29

bradystreet.org

You'll be rockin' the day and night away at one of this neighborhood festival's several stages packed with local bands. (Stay tuned for the full lineup, coming soon!) And when you're parched from walking all around this great bustling drag as well as singing and dancing to all the live music, quench your thirst with an ice cold beer or fill up on an array of food from various vendors on this beloved East Side stretch.

Milwaukee Brewfest*McKinley Park*

July 29

milwaukeebrewfest.com/welcome

It wouldn't be Brew City without a summer festival dedicated entirely to beer. Hop on over to McKinley Park for this lucky-number 13th celebration of hops, pouring unlimited samples of craft and micro brews, ciders, meads and more from around the world. Yes, you read that right: unlimited samples. So yeah, come with a good base in your belly (though Brewfest does have plenty of tasty food vendors on site as well).

Wisconsin State Fair*Wisconsin State Fair Park*

Aug. 3-13

wistatefair.com

It's the most Wisconsin time of the year: the Wisconsin State Fair! For 11 days, enjoy some classic cream puffs, fried

Oreos and all sorts of creative concessions by the winners of the Sporkies – then wear off all those calories by walking around the grounds, hopping on amusement park rides, checking out the brand-new circus, cheering on endless fair competitions, people-watching, animal-watching and listening to countless concerts. Speaking of which, this year's main stage entertainment includes country rock icons Alabama, comedian Jeff Dunham, hitmakers REO Speedwagon, viral violinist Lindsey Stirling, country star Trace Adkins and more.

Black Arts Fest MKE*Henry Maier Festival Park*

Aug. 5

blackartsfestmke.com

One of the more recent additions to Milwaukee's slate of summer festivals, Black Arts Fest MKE brings African heritage, culture, community, celebration, history, art, food and more – such as a Divine 9 party, celebrating the nine historically black sororities and fraternities – down to the lakefront from noon until 10 p.m.

Root Beer Bash*The Yard at Bayshore*

Aug. 5

welcometoglendale.com/root-beer-bash-2023/

Root, root, root for root beer at this special thirst-quenching summer gathering, hosted in The Yard at Bayshore right next to the newly opened Sprecher Taproom. Taking place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., this family-friendly fest will

feature a kids dance party, makers market, food and snacks, live music from the 5 Card Studs and, of course, barrels of root beer – including free root beer floats, perfect for a late summer sunny day!

Bronzeville Cultural and Arts Festival*North Avenue, from N. Dr. MLK Jr. Drive to 7th Street*

Aug. 6

milwaukee.gov/Bronzeville

The Bronzeville Cultural and Arts Festival, taking place amid Bronzeville Week from Aug. 5-12, focuses on the historical and cultural importance of the Milwaukee iconic neighborhood, offering local art, dance performances, venues for social discussion, free health screenings and more – all running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on North Avenue between N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 7th Street.

Jewish Food Festival*Rotary Park, 4100 Highland Rd, Mequon*

Aug. 6-7

jewishfoodmequon.com

Feast on this foodie fest in Mequon. Running two days in August, the fifth annual Jewish Food Festival serves up delicious dishes like knish, kugel, deli sandwich staples, shwarma, falafel, chocolate rugelach and beyond, plus sides of live music, games and activities for all ages, a petting zoo, an interactive stetl experience and more.

MKE Black Theatre Festival

Venues around Milwaukee

Aug. 9-27

blackartsmke.org

MKE Black Theatre Festival is back – and even bigger than before, graduating from one week to a three-week art extravaganza spread all across the city. This year's jumbo-sized edition will showcase two full-production plays ("Mud Row" and "The Meeting"), workshops, auditions, a poetry set and much more throughout its almost month-long marathon of mesmerizing theater and performance. For the full schedule and slate of venues, click here.

Waukesha BluesFest

Naga-Waukee Park, Delafield

Aug. 11-12

waukeshabluesfest.com

Known as an "American Music and Art Festival," the festival features blues, R&B, soul, gospel and roots music mixed in with country and rock. In the past, the music celebration has seen the likes of Mavis Staples, James Hunter, John Mayall and many other nationally and internationally renowned musicians. This year, you can see headliners Southern Avenue and Maria Muldaur.

Center Street Daze

Center Street, from Humboldt to Holton

Aug. 12

centerstreetdazefestival.com

Celebrating more than 25 years of fun, this Riverwest neighborhood festival is perfect for the whole family, featuring live music at a plethora of venues, vendors from around the community, tasty food and all sorts of wild events and entertainment. The opportunities are endless as you make your way down one of the city's most eclectic main drags, during one of the city's most eclectic days of the year.

Bloody Mary Festival

Henry Maier Festival Park

Aug. 12

thebloodymaryfest.com

From serving them with little beer chasers to topping them with whole chickens, Milwaukee knows how to do bloody



Marys. And this summer, we'll celebrate these tomato-y treats with another delicious pour of the Bloody Mary Festival, headed to the Mid Gate Pavilion on the Summerfest grounds this summer. Expect food, drink, live entertainment, more drink, games and even more drink in the mix this August.

Morning Glory Art Fair

Deer District

Aug. 12-13

morninggloryartfair.com

Fiserv Forum is used to seeing masterpieces on the court inside the building, but for two days this summer, there will be art outside of the arena as well with the Morning Glory Art Fair. Running 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Deer District, the festival brings well more than 100 artists together to show off their remarkable works and wares across multiple mediums.

Irish Fest

Henry Maier Festival Park

Aug. 17-20

irishfest.com

Don't miss the world's largest Irish music and culture celebration. The four-day family festival showcases an incredible plethora of live music and entertainment acts from all over the world – this year including Gaelic Storm, Scythian,

Boxing Banjo and so many more – several local Irish dance groups and dozens upon dozens of vendors selling Irish crafts, food and retail items.

Milwaukee a la Carte at the Zoo

Milwaukee County Zoo

Aug. 17-20

milwaukeezoo.org

Go wild with this special culinary excursion courtesy of the Milwaukee County Zoo, featuring four days of delicious bites from several local restaurants served alongside wine tastings, demonstrations, entertainment and live music from headlining acts Vertical Horizon, Eli Young Band and The Record Company. Plus, you're at the zoo!

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Iwaukee Fringe Festival

Marcus Performing Arts Center

Aug. 19

mkefringe.com

If it's art, it's at the Milwaukee Fringe Festival, a celebration of all things artistic. Showcasing independent artists of all mediums and disciplines – from theater to dance to music to painting to everything and anything in between – this one-day art explosion shines a spotlight on all the independent and outsider expressions Milwaukee has to offer.

Fresh Coast Jazz Festival*The Pabst Theater*

Aug. 25-26

freshcoastjazz.com

Featuring fresh nights of fresh music, the Fresh Coast Jazz Festival will return for another soulful year in 2023. Hosted in the historic Pabst Theater, the two-day music gathering booked a collection of excellent jazz artists for 2023 – including Lin Rountree, Lindsey Webster, Larry Carlton and Paul Brown, Rick Braun and more. Stay into the evenings as well for the festival's Night Caps hosted at The Hyatt Place Downtown, offering bonus live jazz along with conversation with fellow fans and even the musicians.

Mexican Fiesta*Henry Maier Festival Park*

Aug. 25-27

mexicanfiesta.org

Mexican Fiesta is a celebration of Mexican culture, history, art, music and food. Sample some wines, browse through art, participate in fun games and activities – past years have featured contests for jalapeno-eating, costumes and more – listen and dance to live music, and enjoy a delicious meal (or multiple meals) of tacos and then some. This year's edition is particularly special, celebrating 50 years with one heck of a kickoff: a concert from Los Bukis at the Amp on Aug. 24, the iconic band's only Midwest stop this year.

Wisconsin Highland Games*Waukesha Expo Center*

Sept. 1-3

wisconsinscottish.org

Great Scott(ish Highland Games)! Make the most of your Labor Day weekend with the Wisconsin Highland Games, featuring all sorts of Scottish celebrations, traditions and of course competitions – from piping and drumming, to sheep and duck herding, to longbow and battle axe throw, and even a haggis hurl. Add in snacking on Scottish favorites like meat pies and sausage rolls – plus other festival favorites – and you'll ring in the start of September on a high note with the Highland Games.

**Festa Italiana***Italian Community Center,*

631 E. Chicago Ave.

Sept. 8-10

iccmilwaukee.com

Viva Festa! This year's event sticks with last year's return to its roots, celebrating once again in and around the Italian Community Center with all the terrific traditions Festa friends know and love, from bocce to Italian dance to traditional ceremonies to the delicious food and drink, and so much more. It's one of the last cultural festivals of the Great Milwaukee Summer – but by no means the least!

Bay View Bash*Between Potter and Clement on Kinnickinnic Avenue*

Sept. 16

bayviewbash.org

The Bay View Bash is back, delivering a community festival filled with food, art, music, crafts, books, community organizations and entertainment from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Kick it down Kinnickinnic with everything outstanding the Bay View neighborhood has to offer.

Petfest*Henry Maier Festival Park*

Sept. 23

petfestmke.com

You've had all the festival fun this summer; it's only fair your cats, puppies and other furry friends have one dedicated to them as well. That's Fromm Petfest, a free festival running from 10 a.m. until

6 p.m. and featuring all sorts of fun activities and excitement for all your four-legged friends – from dock-diving to agility to just happy summery snacking. The best part: It's a festival for your pets, but you'll probably have a hoot too!

Doors Open Milwaukee

Sept. 23-24

doorsopenmilwaukee.org

Historic Milwaukee gets well over 100 buildings – big and small, new and old, landmarks and hidden gems – to quite literally open their doors to the city of Milwaukee for this adventure-minded early fall event. Guided tours are often times offered free of charge with no entry fee required – but if there is somewhere particularly interesting to you, check out the in-depth tours that are ticketed. Get out there and be a tourist in your hometown!

Harbor Fest*UWM's School of Freshwater Sciences, 600 E. Greenfield Ave.*

Sept. 24

harbordistrict.com

We've spent a lot of time soaking in the sun this summer – let's give our water some shine too! That's Harbor Fest, returning from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. to celebrate all things aquatic with a number of performers, vendors, boat parades and more gathering around our great waters.

Milwaukee Comedy Festival*Venues across the city*

Oct. 1-8

mkecomedyfest.com

Show of hands: Who's in need of a good laugh these days? Alright, let's tally this up, looks like ... yep, literally everybody. Luckily, the Milwaukee Comedy Festival is coming back around for its annual week-long run of tight fives, with performers ranging in experience and style – from stand-up to sketch to improv and beyond – but all certain to hit your funny bone. This year's headliners include Kyle Kinane, Todd Barry and Kelly Ryan.

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Milwaukee's PrideFest Breaks Its Three-Day Attendance Record



On Thursday, June 1 through Saturday, June 3, 2023, Milwaukee Pride, Inc. hosted PrideFest 2023 at Henry Maier Festival Park. The event that kicks off the summer festival season drew more than 42,603 attendees this year. That is the highest turnout the festival has seen while operating in a three-day format; the largest PrideFest attendance numbers were in 2019, when the festival operated four nights, which saw just under 46,000 festival-goers.

“PrideFest as a whole struck a different chord this year,” Milwaukee Pride, Inc. President & CEO Wes Shaver said.

“It’s hard to put into words, but it’s clear to me that PrideFest’s appeal as a festival (in its most base and simple form) is the widest it’s ever been. Tens of thousands of people flooded Henry Maier Festival Park to not just support LGBT people and spaces, but to participate in them and the music, dancing, food and fun.”

PrideFest’s five stages welcomed several performers, DJs and more. From entertainers to stage crews, there were more than 400 individuals involved this year.

Photos 1-7: MKE Pride, Inc. • Photos 8-9: David Todd

Milwaukee Pride Parade 2023: 'The Future is Ours'



Hundreds of people celebrated during Milwaukee's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The theme of the parade for 2023 was "The Future is Ours."

As people lined up on Second Street to celebrate Pride, the parade received an enthusiastic response with cheering, dancing and a good vibe. More than 170 units and hundreds of people showed up to celebrate on the city's south side.

Despite the state of the world, those in attendance said they felt positive.

"I know there's a lot of outside noise happening right now across the country and everything, but this is what makes me love Milwaukee and fall in love with it," said Kostowicz.

The parade has been a tradition for 19 years and continues to grow in size, according to organizers.

Photos: William S. Gooden

Milwaukee County Recognizes The Achievements Of The LGBTQ+ Individuals



On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognized the achievements of more than 40 LGBTQ+ individuals and organizations from Milwaukee county. Last year right after the election of County Supervisor Peter Burgelis (lower, right photo) in April the County Board honored four people for Pride Month. Getting ready for this year's pride presentation/program, he looked back to see who from the LGBTQ+ community had been previously honored. He found just two. This year Supervisor Burgelis and the rest of the board decided to correct that. This year's honorees included Community Leaders and Activists Tim Baack, Donna Burkett, Brenda Coley, Loree Cook-Daniels, Sharon Dixon, Karen Gotzler, Diane Gregory, Megin McDonell, Michael Munson, Ronnie Rivera, Brad and Nick Schlaikowski; Government Leaders Phillip Bailey, Rick Banks, Representative Marisabel Cabrera, Senator Tim Carpenter, Margaret Daun, Connor Goggans, Jim Lautenbach, Lael Anthony MacLellen, Israel Ramon, Tony Snell Rodriguez, Dan Terrio, Denise Wandke, Alderwoman Jocasta Zamarripa; Business and Cultural Leaders Bet-z Boening, BJ Daniels, Ester Flonaze, Ruthie Keester, Nate Koch, Jim Melotte, PBS Wisconsin, Jason Rae, Jack Smith, Wes Shaver; Health and Wellness Leaders John George, Ronnie Grace, Dr. Ian Martin, Jen Murray, Dr. Andrew Petrol!, Sixteenth Street HIV Department, SSBL, and Ross Walker/Erv Uecker. Also pictured at the event are (upper, right photo form left) Margaret Daun, Corporation Counsel Milwaukee County and Ester Marie Flonaze, First Drag Performer at Wisconsin State Fair. In all the county issued more than three dozen citations to influential community members who have made a positive impact to the LGBTQ+ community in Milwaukee County. Congratulations to all the honorees.

Photos: Yvonne Kemp



“The Summer Wind ...”

And just like that, June of 2023 is a memory! The power of a snap of a finger! When you're having fun, living in the moment, loving life and the weather -time does fly! The month of PRIDE is officially over, yet, I encourage each and every one of us to keep the energy ALIVE! It is our task to teach, to do outreach, be “missionaries” if you will. We must accept, to be accepted. Diversity is the key of making for a far more fascinating and color-filled world.

Bravo/Brava to all who worked so diligently in the success of **PrideFest 2023**, the 35th Anniversary! I truly missed participating by not co-host-ess-ing The Leather Fetish Fashion Show. I've done it, inheriting it from Dear Ruthie, then to spice it up the allspice of Drag, Maple Veneer, joined and it was a party! Hopefully they'll have room for us in 2024. **The PRIDE Parade** broke all records, and I think is still going on ... over two hours! Yes! Thank You, ever-so-handsome and chivalrous, Dr. Mike Laska, your amazing auto, The Cream City Foundation, Charlie Nash, President and the devastatingly handsome D.J. Quam for riding with me. Parade attendees, you never disappoint! You literally take my breath away, so overwhelmed! I didn't want to lose my face,



By: Michael Johnston

so I literally froze! LOL The images of your faces, applause, waves, thumbs, up, kisses, and hugs are forever in my heart! Continued gratitude to Wes LeMieux, the George Masters of Milwaukee, for what he does with this mug, Gigi Fashions of North Ave for my ensemble (everyone was in rainbow, so I went in pure white) and my hat, Paulette Smith of The Smiths of Milwaukee. My workday continued from the parade - the energy continued at Club Charlies for Sun Day Fun Day Show Tunes! My Radio Idol Kidd O'Shea was holding court, in town from D.C. where he is so successful now his handsome mug is on television! He was having a time with his lover, and Adam, and Greg the Power behind WTMJ's “Morning Blend” always a great way to start your day with Molly, Tiffany, and Ryan Jay! A very, very special Sunday at Charlies it was! Charlies' neighbors at The Sky-light Music Theatre and their production of “Super You” came over and

shared their pride in song! Promoted their Hit Show, offered a special discount, and a preview in song and talent of what was in store for them. It was a dream to have Club Charlies assume the role of “Sardi's”, hosting all the theatre folk.

Applause, Applause! **The Marcus Performing Arts Center's Uihlein Hall** 2023/2024 season is offering up Disney's “Aladdin”, “Clue, a new Comedy”, “Funny Girl”, “Mama Mia!”, “Moulin Rouge!”, “Tina” and Harper Lee's “To Kill A Mockingbird”, so please subscribe today, ensuring your seat this coming season.

The Marcus Center Hosts one major fundraiser annually, “*The BASH*”, and it did not disappoint either! Hosted by Morning Blend's very own Ryan Jay setting Friday, June 16th. on fire starring Cheyenne Jackson! Talk about a hot time in the old town that night! Nobody does it better!

Saturday, July 1st **Canada Day – 2023**

The 55th Annual **SummerFest** Weekend, Thursday, June 29th – Saturday, July 1st, 2023

Tuesday, July 4th **Independence Day – 2023**

The 55th Annual **SummerFest** Weekend, Thursday, July 6th – Saturday, July 8th, 2023

Saturday, July 15th, Maple Veneer and Karen Valentine return to **La Cage** with their monthly effort “*Bosom Buddies*”. 5:00 pm show time with a continued tip of the wig to the Great White Way! We'll be “*At Liberty!*”

The Milwaukee Art Museum’s (MAM) Lake Front Festival of the Arts returned, and it was a fun time once again... The meeting of the beauty of nature – the lake, the sun, fresh air, and the beauty of the created arts both human and nature created and provided and presented together.

Skylight Music Theatre empowered us as no one can with “*Super You: Rise Up Blast Though*,” which ran from Friday, May 26th – Sunday, June 18th. Leave it to The Skylight for new, cutting edge, new angle theatre, and you will be a part of it all! Watch for this show, it debuted here in The Brew City and it’s off to the West End in London. From there the Great White Way, and to think it all started here! Lourdes Lane opus is so deep, so embracing, so all-encompassing, this production spoke to me so deeply I had to see it twice! And each time, I walked away with more of a keener insight. Thank you!

Coming up for The 023/2024 Season: “*Candide*”, “*School of Rock*”, “*Xanadu*”, “*Spring Awakening*” (With Special Hand Signage), “*From Here To Eternity*”

Dr. Gino DeLuca and Karen Valentine also had the unique honor to perform their highly successful *Live Cabaret*. Singing, piano, and banter, making for an entertaining evening of the unexpected and unpredictable. The Sold-Out! Mike Hiller photographed for prosperity! And the awesome audience was a



cross-section of Americana! And a couple traveled all the way from a villa in Tuscany to be there! Thank You Michael Unger, Creative Director of The Skylight Music Theatre for the invitation.

The Cream City Foundation hosted their *Summer Soiree*, Wednesday, June 28th at The Charles Allis Art Museum. A Summer Social “*Show Your Pride*” was a great opportunity to get your Rainbow Gear OUT! Next year's is sure to be even more of a stellar event.

The 172nd Wisconsin State Fair takes place Thursday, August 3rd – Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Milwaukee Rep will be celebrating 70 years in the business, come the 2023/2024 Season, 1953 – 2023. There are twelve terrific theater-pleasing productions not to be missed: “*Country*

Sunshine: The Legendary Ladies of Nashville with Katie Deal”, “*Run Bambi Run*”, about the Brew City’s favorite dear Lawrenca Bembenek, “*Parental Advisory: a breakbeat play*”, “*Nuncrackers*”, “*Dial M for Murder*”, “*A Christmas Carol*”, “*Guys on Ice*”, “*Little Women*”, “*What the Constitution Means to Me*”, “*The Chosen*”, “*Piano Men 2*”, and “*Nina Simone: Four Women*”. To be a part of this Historic Event, call The Rep and/or subscribe to their sensational 70th Season at 414-224-9490/www.MilwaukeeRep.com.

Happy Summer, a new season, a new month, and seeing as time is such a premium, we’ll be bi-monthly (every two months) for a while so this should take you until Labor Day/September, 2023.

So, until then, remember it’s the Glamour, not the Grammar, as I remain Still Cordially Yours, Again!!!



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Milwaukee, WI 53212
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Southern Style Video/Dance Bar
739 S. 1st St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 231-9085

<https://dixmke.com>

Fluid Milwaukee ♦

Gay Bar
819 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414-Oh-Fluid/(414) 643-5843

<https://fluidmke.com>

Harbor Room ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar
117 E. Greenfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 672-7988

<https://www.facebook.com/Harbor-Room-117-E-Greenfield-Ave-Milwaukee-WI-151982704821436/>

Hunty's Social Club ♦

Drag Bar inside
Hamburger Marys
734 S. 5th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 488-2555

<https://huntyismke.com>

Kruz ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar
354 E. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 272-5789

<https://www.facebook.com/kruz.>

kruzbar

La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club
801 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 383-8330

<https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub>

This Is It! ♦

Gay Bar with Drag Shows
418 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 278-9192

<https://www.thisisitbar.com>

Walker's Pint ♦

Lesbian Bar
818 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 643-7468

<https://walkerspint.com>

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Gay Sports Bar
1579 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
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<https://www.facebook.com/woodys.mke>

Zócolo Food Park ♦

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Glendale, WI 53217
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2710 N. Murray Ave. #3645,
Milwaukee, WI 53211
(414) 963-9089

<https://outwordsbooks.com>

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2906 S. 20th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53215

(414) 672-1353

<https://sschc.org>

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1240 E. Brady St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 272-2144

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Community Health Systems, Inc. ♦

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Waukesha County Public Health Division

514 Riverview Ave.,

Waukesha, WI, 53188

262-896-8430

www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth

Vivent Health (formerly ARCW)

HIV/AIDS health center that provides medical, dental, counseling and social service help

820 N. Plankinton Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53203

(414) 273-1991

<https://viventhealth.org>



Cream City Foundation

Not-for-profit that funds LGBTQ+ outreach organizations

PO Box 511099

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 225-0244

<https://creamcityfoundation.org>

Diverse & Resilient ♦

LGBTQ+ health and advocacy group

2439 N. Holton St.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 390-0444

<https://www.diverseandresilient.org>

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups

1456 Junction Ave.

Racine, WI 53403

(262) 664-4100

<https://www.lgbtsewi.org>

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center ♦

Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups

315 W. Court St.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 271-2656

<https://www.mkelgbt.org>

Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Networking and resources for LGBTQ+ business

5027 W. North Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53208

(414) 678-9275

<https://wislgbtchamber.com>



Central Library ♦

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814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233

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