

OCALA PRIDE FEST



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Black History Month

February Events:

14th *Pink Tie Gayla*

@ Golden Hills Country Club

14th *Cupid's Rainbow Bash*

@ The Copa

February meetings in Ocala:

2nd "LGBT" Uptown Grill

11th "OPF" The Marriott

Committee & Volunteer

16th "Breaking Bread"



Points of Interest:

- Sponsors **WELCOME** all applications on website
- Volunteers are always welcome (16 & Up)
ocalaprideinc@yahoo.com
- Advertise your Business in our Program Guide, Vendor booths available

Mark Your Calendar - 2009 Rally in Tally!

Rally After the passage of Amendment 2, we need to tell our government and our state we are not going away. That's why, this year, Equality Florida will have its biggest legislative session yet. We will introduce bills to repeal Florida's shameful ban on gay and lesbian adoption, create domestic partnerships in Florida, provide basic housing and employment protections to LGBT Floridians and to end hate violence against all members of our community.

In order to make our state a more fair place to live, WE NEED YOU. It can be done; last year we passed the anti-bully bill. Now more than ever, our legislature needs to hear from all of us.

This year Equality Florida is partnering with allies across the state for a ***Rally in Tally for LGBT Rights on Monday, March 16***. The rally will mark the start of our second annual Equality Florida Lobby Week.

Come join us in Tallahassee for the rally, then stay for all or part of the week and talk to legislators about why your family matters. *To register for Lobby Week, **March 16-19***, copy & paste the link below:

register

<[http://ga4.org/Equalityflorida/events/rallytally/register.tcl?&_cm_="](http://ga4.org/Equalityflorida/events/rallytally/register.tcl?&_cm_=)>

March 24th Gainesville Ballot Anti-LGBT Charter Amendment Update

Equality is Gainesville's Business (EqGB) is ramping up efforts to oppose the March 24th charter amendment ballot measure, which would prohibit the City from recognizing any categories, characteristics or preferences in the City's nondiscrimination laws which are not in the state's civil rights act. Not only would this immediately wipe out antidiscrimination protections based on gender identity and sexual orientation, but it would also prohibit categories such as local business preferences provided in city contracting and hiring based on veterans status.

Equality Is Gainesville's Business has sent out an urgent appeal for fundraising and volunteers to help with this effort.

For more information email equalityGB@gmail.com or call EqGB campaign manager Joe Saunders at 407-497-4986.

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~Happy Valentine's Day~

February 14, 2009



~President's Day~

February 16, 2009



~MARDI GRAS~

February 24, 2009



St. Patrick's Day

Fundraising Event in

March 2009

Look For More Details To
Come.

TOGETHER WE CAN
ACHIEVE ANYTHING



OPF= Ocala Pride Fest

OPI= Ocala Pride Incorporated

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OCALA PRIDE INCORPORATED, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (application pending), produces the annual Ocala Pride Fest.

One of the objectives of OPI is to organize Ocala Pride Fest every year; a second objective is to begin the work of providing a gay community center. It is an all-volunteer board that strives to create a diverse and accessible event.

The mission of OPI is to enhance and sustain the health and well being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV communities; to encourage and celebrate the positive diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans communities, and to assist in the education of all people through the development of activities that showcase the history, accomplishments, and talents of these communities.

Ocala Summer Fun

GLBT Bowling League

Summer League starting in May '09

To sign up or for more information you
can e-mail gltbowl@mancur.com or call

David @ 352-560-7169.

We will bowl on Wed evenings starting May 2009 for 12 weeks.

What is the history of the Pride Flag? What do the colors mean?

The rainbow flag was first used to symbolize gay pride and diversity by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker and the original was hand-dyed. It first flew in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25, 1978. The flag consisted of eight stripes; Baker assigned specific meaning to each of the colors:

- *hot pink* - sex
- *red* - life
- *orange* - healing
- *yellow* - sunlight
- *green* - nature
- *turquoise* - magic
- *blue* - serenity
- *violet* - spirit

As of 2006, it currently consists of six colored stripes of *red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet*. It is most commonly flown with the red stripe on top, as the colors appear in a natural rainbow.

The rainbow flag, sometimes called the freedom flag, has been used as a symbol of gay pride and gay rights since the 1980s.



RECYCLE
Keep Ocala Green

Donations are always welcomed & recognized

Date: **FEBRUARY 28, 2009** Time: **11:00AM-5:00PM**

LANGFORD PARK in JENSEN BEACH, FL - VINCE BOCCHINO COMMUNITY CENTER

★ **YOUTH EXPO** ★

WE ARE WELCOMING DIVERSITY ON THE
TREASURE COAST!

★
RAIN
or Shine

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2009



IRSC
OUTREACH
GSA



An awesome event for high school
and college age youth. Get
together, have some fun & meet
other youth that you have things
in common with!

Directions:

US 1 to Jensen Beach Blvd
Go to the end and turn right onto
Indian River Drive, make a right
onto Old Dixie Highway
Go under the arches
Park is on your right

★
DJ SILVIO
Poetry Slam
Open Mike
Bands
Food Vendors
Health & Wellness
Colleges
National LGBT Agencies
Fun Stuff

Sponsors & Vendors
Call to participate! ★

Questions? Call Lori @ 772-461-1402 x 131



Ocala Pride Incorporated & Studs Are In

Will be attending this Event.