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June 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

This year marks 6 years of celebrating Pride in Yonkers!

June is LGBTQ History Month, better known as Pride Month. It is a month-long celebration of people in the LGBTQIA+ community, their identities, and contributions to society. It is also a time of remembrance for those who fought for acceptance and change. The Stonewall riots in June of 1969 were the start of a movement we now call Pride.

At least 417 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced in state legislatures across the United States since the start of the year. That's more than twice the number of bills introduced in all of last year. The fight continues to combat homophobic and transphobic legislation.

This year Yonkers Pride is celebrating "Love YO Pride." This theme reflects the vibrant LGBTQIA+ community in Yonkers and solidifies our city as a safe and inclusive city. To commemorate this year's theme, a special edition T-Shirt will be released during Pride.

We hope that Yonkers Pride gives visibility to the LGBTQIA+ community in our area, an opportunity to our allies to learn about our community and show their support, and a chance for families and individuals struggling with LGBTQIA+ identity issues to understand and accept their loved ones and themselves for who they are, as well as to appreciate that our pride in our identity makes us strong and able to overcome our fears of being who we are.

Join us as we celebrate Pride in Yonkers! Visit yonkerspride.org for a full list of events and gatherings throughout the city. Mayor Mike Spano's LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board and the Yonkers Pride Planning Committee would like to thank all of our sponsors included in this Pride Guide, especially the City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District: Sara Brody, Jessica Ardrey, and Leslie Cabrera Rosas for your tremendous support and partnership.

Sincerely,

The Yonkers Pride Committee



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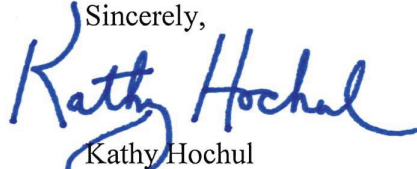
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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to Yonkers' LGBTQ and TGNC communities during this celebration of Pride.

Each June, LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) and TGNC (Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming) individuals, alongside families, friends, and allies, come together for a widespread celebration of their communities' cultures and achievements. With the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, which took place right here in New York, came a new era of not only resistance against widespread discrimination and bigotry, but also activism for human and civil rights. With each annual Pride Month, we remember that historic occasion as well as the hard-won progress made since then.

This Pride celebration and all those like it reflect the bravery and purpose of those who have fought injustice, and we take this opportunity to commemorate our state's LGBTQ+ history and the many pioneers who never stopped striving for equality. I extend my best wishes for the many vibrant festivities this Pride Month.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hochul
Governor

George Latimer
County Executive

May 3, 2023

Dear Members of the Yonkers Pride Planning Board,

Westchester County proudly recognizes the Yonkers Pride Planning Board for its commitment to equality and inclusivity. As a result of your leadership, the Yonkers Pride Festival has become a hallmark of Pride celebrations in the Hudson Valley since debuting five years ago. I look forward to following the work of the Pride Planning Board as you continue improving LGBTQ+ visibility, education, and empowerment in the City of Yonkers.

Thank you for all you do for Westchester's LGBTQ+ Community.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIKE SPANO

June 2023

Friends,

Welcome to the 6th Annual Yonkers Pride Festival! I am beyond proud and honored our LGBTQ Advisory Board and the Yonkers Pride Committee has galvanized the Yonkers community in celebration of our community's passion for respect and tolerance of those from every background, race, color, gender or gender identity. The Yonkers Pride Festival is a celebration of the richness in our diversity and the respect we have for one another, regardless of who we love.

Yonkers Pride's mission is to produce an inclusive, secure, and fun event to promote freedom of expression, motivate activists in the on-going fight for equal rights, and to honor and celebrate the diversity of the Yonkers LGBTQ+ community, their families and allies.

Yonkers is part of a growing list of cities across the country that embraces our LGBTQ community and ensures our local policies are fully inclusive. Most importantly, our administration works diligently toward full equality amongst our residents and employees.

For the eighth consecutive year, Yonkers scored a perfect 100 on the Municipal Equality Index report which aims at illustrating the striking advancements municipalities have made to extend fully inclusive protections to their residents and workers. Yonkers continues to be recognized for our non-discrimination laws; transgender-inclusive insurance coverage as well as our LGBTQ Advisory Board which was established in 2014. According to the Human Rights Commission Foundation, in partnership with the Equity Federation Institute, Yonkers is rated as one of the top U.S. cities exhibiting LGBTQ inclusion in municipal law & policy.

Yonkers Pride is just another step in the forward momentum of our ever-embracing community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the hardworking members of the LGBTQ Advisory Board and the Yonkers Pride Committee for taking the extra step in re-energizing our festival despite the challenges of the pandemic. Your dedication and commitment to Yonkers is truly appreciated as you continue to ensure the equality and inclusiveness of all those who live and visit here.

Thank you all for supporting Yonkers Pride and being part of history. We see you, we support you, and we are inspired by your courage to accept nothing less than full equality. Enjoy!

Warmly,

MIKE SPANO
Mayor

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YONKERS PRIDE MINI BALL

Thursday, June 8th 7:00-11:00pm

Roosevelt Ballroom
(2 Hudson St., Yonkers NY)

LGBTQIA+ FLAG RAISING

Friday, June 9th 4:30pm

Yonkers City Hall Unity Fountain
(40 S Broadway, Yonkers NY)

YONKERS PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 10th 2:00-8:00pm

Main Street, Downtown Yonkers



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EVENT LINE-UP

2:00pm: WELCOME/KICK OFF SPEECHES

2:10pm: DJ BYRELL THE GREAT

2:45pm: PRADA G MAJOR

3:10pm: ROZ BROWN & FRIENDS

4:10pm: DJ BYRELL THE GREAT

4:30pm: MYSTER E MEL KIKI

4:45pm: COUNTESS MASCARA

5:00pm: PURE SAMBA

5:30pm: DJ BYRELL THE GREAT

6:30pm: HIBISCUS

6:45pm: INITA D

7:00pm: AQUARIA

7:15pm: MARCHING COBRAS

7:50pm: AQUARIA



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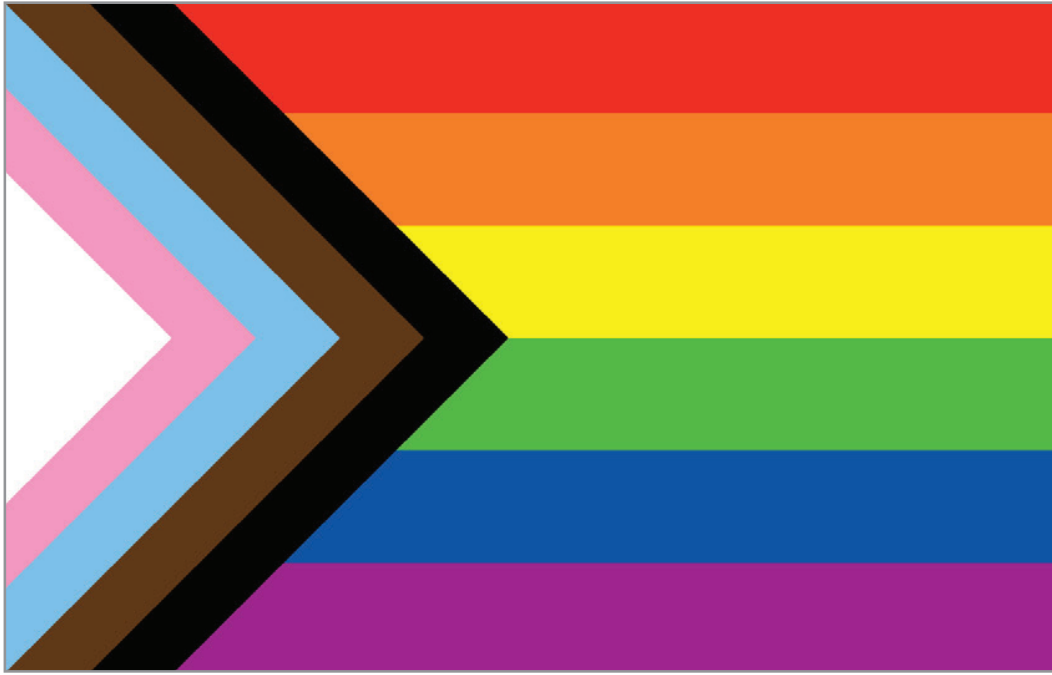
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Friday, June 9, 2023
4:30 PM
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