



## Westfield **Pride** 2023- Schedule of Events and more!

**Thursday, June 1 – Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall,  
59 Court St. 6-6:30 PM**

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Kathi Bradford, MC  
Michael McCabe, Mayor  
John Velis, State Senator**



**WESTFIELD PRIDE: HISTORY & HIGHLIGHTS**

**James Homan & Kelli Nielsen**



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**RAISING OF PRIDE FLAG**

**Ret. MA Supreme Court Justice John Greaney & Sean Elovirta**



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Westfield State University**

**Thursday, June 1 – PRIDE NIGHT OUT, 6-9 PM,  
Hutghi's at theNook, 8 Franklin Street.  
Open mic night, raffle prizes, free STI testing and more!**



**Saturday, June 3 - Art with PRIDE on the Green, 10 AM–4 PM.  
Art for sale, art for PRIDE, music, activities and more!  
Show us your WESTFIELD PRIDE!  
This program is being done in collaboration with  
ArtWorks of Westfield!**

**Tuesday, June 6 – WOW it's Tuesday Radio Program with Bob Plasse on WSKB 89.5 FM/Channel 15 TV from 6:00 – 8:00 AM.  
Join the discussion about PRIDE with family and friends from the Westfield area.**



**Wednesday, June 14 – PRIDESpeaks Panel Presentation at WOW's Creative Arts Center at 105 Elm Street. (Part of the Community Talkabout Series) from 6:30 – 10:00 PM.**

Join James Homan, local author with a panel of guests from all chapters of life for an educational forum with speakers addressing age-related issues, and challenges of, as well as resources available, to our community (*high school, college, parenting, aging elders*) Reservations are required as seating is limited. Please call (413) 222-4553 or email [westfieldpridecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldpridecommittee@gmail.com).

**Saturday, June 17 - Westfield PRIDE participating in the opening of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail.**

Wear your PRIDE and meet us at 9:30 AM in the Stop and Shop parking lot for Mayor Mike's welcome! Afterwards, visit the tables of merchandise and more.

**Saturday, June 24 - Westfield Senior Center's OVER THE RAINBOW breakfast from 9:00-11:AM (*Reservations required*)**  
An LGBTQIA+ free breakfast and social gathering

**Sunday, June 25 – 7:00 PM PRIDE Church Service at First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street.**

In celebration of Westfield's PRIDE Month, several Westfield churches will join together for a special PRIDE Church Service. The service will be co-sponsored by Episcopal Church of the Atonement, First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church and UCC Second Congregational Church. The service was created and will be led by local LGBTQIA+ community members and allies. All are welcome to come celebrate God's love and the sacred worth of every human being.



**Tuesday, June 27 – WOW it's Tuesday Radio Program with Bob Plasse on WSKB 89.5 FM/Channel 15 TV from 7:00 – 8:00 AM. Ask the questions you have about PRIDE, our community and anything related!**

**Wednesday, June 28 – 5:00-6:30 PM**  
***Location TBD upon approval of Parks and Rec Commission***  
**Solemn vigil remembering the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and the end of Westfield PRIDE 2023**

Questions? Please check out our website at [WestfieldPride.com](http://WestfieldPride.com), [email](#) us or find out what is going on at our facebook page, [Westfield Pride](#) and watch for our new Instagram page soon.

We hope you enjoy this month of great events, friendship and community. All are welcome to attend and participate in a loving and collaborative way as we celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community members and allies.

In addition to the companies and organizations listed above, special thanks to the Westfield Pride 2023 Planning Committee. This group gathered, created, planned and executed the activities of this month and on behalf of the Greater LGBTQIA community, we thank them:

- Dennis Akins, *Former Public School Administrator*
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- \*Kristen Mello, *City Councilor*
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- \*Bob Plasse, *Westfield on Weekends*
- \*Liz Poulette
- \*Kelly Robinson
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- \*Matthias Smith
- \*Carmel Steger, *Friends of the Colombia Greenway*
- \*Audri Weglarz
- \*Robyn Weglarz
- \*Bill Westerlind, *ArtWorks of Westfield*

If you would like to be part of our new non-profit group as we continue to grow and form, please contact Kathi, Denny or Kristen (or any of our committee members) at [WestfieldPrideCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:WestfieldPrideCommittee@gmail.com)

Check out our sponsors below:

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***Thank you for your support!***

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