



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

Ride the PFP trolley in the Philly Pride Parade

PFP has reserved a trolley this year for LGBT parents and prospective parents and our kids to ride in the **Philly Pride Parade** this Sunday, June 12.

Special thanks to sponsors [Jerner & Palmer, PC](#) and [Morgan Stanley Smith Barney](#) in Jenkintown for their generous donations to make the trolley possible.

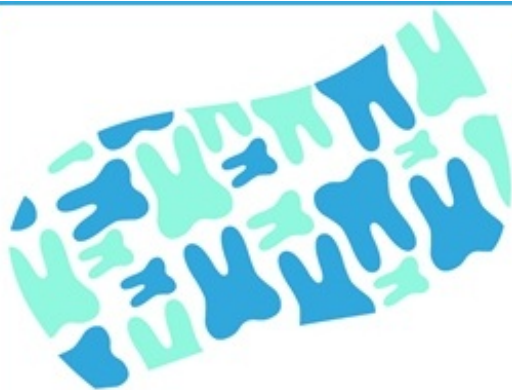


Meet up at 11:30 a.m. at **13th and Locust Streets** in Center City Philadelphia on Sunday morning, board the trolley and enjoy the parade. PFP is in spot #4 in the parade on Locust Street which will step off promptly at noon. Wear your PFP shirts to show your family pride!

The trolley will let passengers off at Penn's Landing for the **Pride Festival** at the end of the parade at approximately 1:00 p.m. If you'd prefer, you can catch a ride back to Center City on the trolley.

Those who can should stay at the festival! We have an awesome **Family Zone** lined up this year with party entertainment courtesy of [Family Fun Entertainment](#), including Jack the Balloon Man, face painting and sand art necklaces.

Participation in the parade is free for everyone. At the festival, there is a \$10 entry fee for adults. Kids under 12 are admitted free.



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PFP May calendar packed with events

A dozen PFP families showed their pride in New Hope on May 14 as part of the annual **New Hope Celebrates** parade.

PFP member and New Hope Celebrates board member **Lauren Weil** and her two daughters led the group down Main Street while the crowd cheered us on.



We were in the front of the parade, so at the end of the route, families pulled over, sat on the curb and watched the rest of the parade go by - including floats, fire trucks and the **Philadelphia Freedom Band** with PFP member Jennifer Santisi in the percussion section.

On Saturday, May 28, several families with **babies and toddlers** met up at Wall Park in Elkins Park to get to know each other in the sand box, crawl through tunnels and take turns on the swings.

Thanks to Stacey Sweeney, Paula Estornell and Amy Hanson for coordinating these and future infant/toddler events.



The month was rounded out with a trip to **Elmwood Zoo** on a beautiful Saturday, May 7, a fun and challenging **Spring Hike** in the Wissahickon on May 21 and fabulous "Wizard of Oz" show at the Kimmel Center on May 22 followed by Rita's Water Ice.

See our Upcoming Events section below for more on what's in store for this summer.

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PFP supports Earned Sick Days Bill

In May, Philadelphia Family Pride became one of



over 100 local organizations to join the Coalition for Healthy Families and Workplaces to support a bill currently moving through Philadelphia City Council that would ensure that full and part time workers in the city can earn paid time off when they or a loved one is sick.



Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces Act (Bill 080474) would allow Philadelphia workers the opportunity to earn up to 7 days of sick time per year for a large business and up to 4 days per year for a small business. It was voted out of the Public Health and Human Services Committee earlier this year. The bill could affect up to 200,000 workers in Philadelphia who do not have access to paid sick days.

The earned sick days bill is LGBT-inclusive: it explicitly allows workers to use earned sick time to care for spouses, domestic partners or life partners, parents, grandparents, siblings, biological children, grandchildren, foster children, adopted children, stepchildren, legal wards, and children of workers who stand "in loco parentis." This phrase covers LGBT parents who do not have a legal or biological relationship to their children.

PFP Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes spoke at a press conference at the William Way Center on June 8 with other LGBT leaders and AIDS/HIV activists on the importance of this measure to the LGBT community. (Pictured, far left holding her son.)

"No one wants to send a contagious child to school or go to work when they are sick, but the lack of paid sick days leave some parents no choice. Parents should not have to choose between a days pay and taking their sick child to the doctor," Ms. Haynes commented.

PFP Education Committee Chair Marla McCulloch is scheduled to testify for the bill at a City Council hearing on June 9. The final vote is expected on June 16.

For more information, visit www.earnedicksickdaysphilly.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 12: Ride the PFP trolley in the [Philly Pride Parade](#) followed by the Family Zone at Penn's Landing Pride Festival.

Saturday, June 18: Join PFP moms for a [potluck and pool party](#) at the home of Dow Summey & Rene Juliano in Harleysville, PA from 12pm - 5pm. Please RSVP to dow_summey@comcast.net.

Wednesday, June 22: [PFP Dinner Out](#) will take place at several restaurants in the greater Philly region. Meet up with other families from your area for an informal dinner and 15% your tab will go to PFP! More restaurants to be added soon.

Saturday, July 16: PFP's annual [Summer Picnic](#) will take place this year at Ridley Creek State Park near Media, PA.

August 19-21: [Camping with Pride IV](#) is sure to be a great time as we return to Elk Neck State Park in Maryland.

Watch your e-mail and our new [Facebook page](#) for more upcoming events this summer.



Board Member Profile:

Fundraising Committee Chair Andrew Altman

PFP Fundraising Committee Chair and Board Member Andrew Altman and his partner of 21 years Lee Chudzinski have been involved with PFP since 2006 when they attended the first dad's potluck.

Lee joined the PFP board a year later and served for two years. Andrew is in his second year on the board and has been running the very successful silent auction at the New Year's Day Brunch since 2007.



Andrew was born in Philadelphia and grew up just outside the city. He graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, GA in 1983 with a degree in History. After four years testing out the restaurant business and 24 years working in various leadership positions in the nonprofit sector, Andrew made a mid-course change of direction and is pursuing his Masters in Education and dual certifications in elementary and special education at Arcadia University in Glenside. He will be teaching in one year. Andrew spends a lot of time reading and listening to music.

Andrew's partner Lee now coordinates PFP's Active Living Series including hikes and the annual Camping with Pride trip. They live in Cheltenham after many years in Center City.

Andrew and Lee are very proud dads to their 10 year-old son Berel who just earned his junior Black Belt and is graduating from fourth grade.

Both dads love volunteering for PFP and especially the Active Living events. "They really are opportunities for us to bond as a family, get our bodies moving, think about eating smart, and just let loose having fun outdoors with friends," Andrew added.



Special thanks to [Dr. George Lynch and Cobblestone Kids Pediatric Dentistry](#) for sponsoring this newsletter.

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