



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** ASHLEY FLYNN-NATALE  
CITY AND TOWN CLERK

**FROM:** CHRISTOPHER FORTE, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

**RE:** **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION**

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THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.** THE MEETING WILL BE A CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID MEETING, HELD ONLINE VIA WEBEX, AND IN-PERSON IN ROOM 208, CITY HALL, 245 DeKOVEN DRIVE, MIDDLETOWN, CT



**\* THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE \***

**LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION**

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA WEBEX**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 5:30 p.m.**

**FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IF ATTENDING IN PERSON**

City of Middletown City Hall  
Room 208, Second Floor  
245 deKoven Drive  
Middletown, CT 06457

**FOR VIRTUAL PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

<https://middletownct.webex.com/middletownct/j.php?MTID=mebd2d3d81316a2d3ac3ade8e67f9080f>

**OR**

Webex.com  
Join a Meeting  
Event Number: 2349 234 7997  
Password: Middletown

**OR**

Dial: 408-418-9388  
Access Code: 2349 234 7997

- 1. Call to Order By Chairperson.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes for the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the LGBTQIA+ Commission.**
- 3. Public Session on Agenda Items.**
- 4. New Business.**

**A. Submitted Applications for Proposed Events.**

**I. Middletown Pride Mutual Aid Program (Brianna Skowera).**

If you require special accommodations for any meeting, please call the ADA Coordinator at (860) 638-4540, (voice) or (860) 638-4812 (TDD/TTY), or the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 638-4910 at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

- II. **Queer Speed Dating at Relish, October 9, 5-8 pm (Commissioner Jarda).**
  - III. **Star GAY-zing at Van Vleck Observatory, October 12, 7-9 pm. (AGC Forte).**
  - IV. **Queer Youth Open Mic at Downtown Trick or Treat, October 21, 11am-2pm on the South Green (Mel Cordner).**
- B. Recommend approvals for Middletown PrideFEST 2024:**
- I. **Recommend approval of June 1, 2024 as date for Middletown PrideFEST 2024**
  - II. **Recommend approval of the Pride March to start at 1 pm.**
  - III. **Recommend approval of the Pride Rally to start at 2:30 pm and to conclude at 4:00 pm.**
  - IV. **Recommend approval of theme of Pride Rally.**
  - V. **Recommend approval of the Pride Showcase Concert to commence at 4 pm and run until 7 pm.**
  - VI. **Recommend approval of having 2 stages at the Pride Showcase Concert—one at the South Green and one at Spear Park.**
  - VII. **Recommend approval of Tea Dance to commence at 7 pm and run until 10 pm.**
- C. Recommend approval of the following dates and deadlines for Middletown PrideFEST 2024:**
- I. **Grand Marshals. Nominations open: January 1, 2024. Deadlines for Nominations: January 31, 2024. Decision for Grand Marshals by LGBTQIA+ Commission: February 20, 2024.**
  - II. **Performers. Applications open: January 1, 2024. Deadlines for Applications: February 29, 2024. Decision for Performers by LGBTQIA+ Commission: March 19, 2024.**
  - III. **Hosts. Applications open: January 1, 2024. Deadlines for Applications: February 29, 2024. Decision for Hosts by LGBTQIA+ Commission: March 19, 2024.**
  - IV. **Event Approval. Recommend approval of April 1, 2024 deadline for LGBTQIA+ Commission Approval for Pride Month events.**

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