



## MEMORANDUM

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

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

**DATE:** OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 17, 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, OCTOBER 17, 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 September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the LGBTQIA+ Commission.**
3. **Public Session on Agenda Items.**
4. **New Business.**
  - A. **Submitted Applications for Proposed Events.**
    - I. **LGBTQIA+ Happy Hour, Thursday, November 16 from 5-7 pm at Conspiracy (Commissioner Kovach).**
    - II. **Pride Health Clinic, Monday, November 13 from 1-6 pm at City Hall (AGC Forte).**

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**III. Pridesgiving, date TBD, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Perk on Main (AGC Forte).**

**IV. Swim with Pride, December 9, 11am – 1 pm, Middletown Recreation (Commissioner Billingsley).**

**B. Middletown Pride Discord Account and Facebook Access (Commissioner Haddad).**

**C. Pride Flag Visibility Initiative (AGC Forte).**

**5. Old Business.**

**A. Middletown PrideFEST 2024 (Commissioners and Members of Public).**

**I. Recommend approvals for Middletown PrideFEST 2024.**

**a. Review of Two Stages and approval of budget for DJ Lady Tita.**

**b. Recommend approval for how to allocate performers between the two stages at the Pride Showcase Concert.**

**II. New Ideas for Middletown PrideFEST 2024.**

**B. Middletown Pride Grant Program. (AGC Forte).**

**C. Middletown Pride Scholarship Program.**

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

**E. Middletown Pride Community Event Program.**

**I. Recap of Karaoke Night at Oh Mama on September 23 from 6 pm – 9 pm (Commissioner Shapiro).**

**II. Recap of Queer Speed Dating at Relish, 5-8 pm (Commissioner Jarda).**

**III. Recap of Star GAY-zing at Van Vleck Observatory, 7-9 pm. (AGC Forte).**

**IV. October 21—Queer Youth Open Mic at Downtown Trick or Treat, 11am-2pm on the South Green (Mel Cordner).**

**V. November 2023—Gayme Night, Back Again Board Games, 6-9 pm (Commissioners Haddad and Santacroce)**

**VI. November 13—Pride Health Clinic (AGC Forte)**

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- VII. November 16—LGBTQIA+ Happy Hour (Commissioner Kovach)**
  - VIII. November 2023—Transgender Day of Remembrance Event (Commissioner Timmons)**
  - IX. November 2023—Pridesgiving (AGC Forte)**
  - X. December 15, 2023—Happy Hour (AGC Forte and Commissioner Kovach)**
  - XI. January 2024—Gayme Night, Back Again Board Games, 6-9 pm (Commissioners Haddad and Santacroce)**
  - XII. January 2024—Flower Arranging at Wild Orchid (AGC Forte).**
  - XIII. February 2024**
  - XIV. March 2024—Gayme Night, Back Again Board Games, 6-9 pm (Commissioners Haddad and Santacroce)**
  - XV. April 2024**
  - XVI. May 2024—Gayme Night, Back Again Board Games, 6-9 pm (Commissioners Haddad and Santacroce)**
  - XVII. June 2024 (Connecticut Trail Days Event, June 2, 2024 Update (Commissioner’s Shapiro and Haddad).**
  - F. Safety for LGBTQIA+ Community in Middletown (Commissioner Timmons and Mangiafico).**
  - G. Middlesex Health and Middletown Pride (Commissioner Jarda).**
- 6. Adjournment.**

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## **EXHIBITS TO AGENDA**

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## **Items for Agenda Item 4(A)(I).**

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## **Items for Agenda Item 4(A)(II).**

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## **Items for Agenda Item 4(A)(III).**

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## **Items for Agenda Item 4(A)(IV).**

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## **Items for Agenda Item 5(A)**

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