



SHARON LGBTQ+ PRIDE FESTIVAL 2024: YOU BELONG HERE
SHARON CELEBRATES PRIDE PROGRAM

Happy Pride! While we celebrate Pride with all its usual rainbow flair, we also continue to stand against racially motivated violence and anti-Black, anti-Semitic, and anti-Asian injustice. We hope cars will be decorated to embrace and celebrate intersectionality and uplift Sharon's diverse community. Please especially show support for our Transgender/Nonbinary youth and adults targeted by hateful and damaging state legislation.

We would like to give honor and thanks to the land we are on, unceded territory of the Massachusetts & Wampanoag people. Let us be inspired to support the continued resilience of Indigenous People today.

- 12:00 DJ Lysse Set. Sharon Pride Car Parade Line Up & Procession
Lysette "DJ Lysse the future Veterinarian" Eloi (she/her): DJ, Equine Massage Therapist, Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center Committee Member
- 1:00 Emcee Welcome & Indigenous Land Recognition
Kim Hokanson (she/her): *Sharon Pride Steering Committee (SPSC), Sharon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC), Sharon Commission on Disabilities*
Taliesen Leichtman (he/him): *Sharon High School (SHS) Theatre Company, SHS Select Choir, SHS GSA*
CP Pototsky (they/them): *SHS Graduate '24, Sharon DEIC, Sustainable Sharon, Temple Sinai*
- 1:05 Flag Ceremony
Sharon Scouts America, led by **Callum MacArthur** (he/him), Troop 164
Mark Hogan (he/him): Troop 164 Scoutmaster & Sharon Town Clerk
- 1:10 Origins of Pride, Transgender Remembrance & Moment of Silence
CP, Taliesen, & Toben Asklar (they/them): *SPSC, Sharon DEIC Chair*
- 1:20 Sharon Pride Proclamation, Remarks
Sharon Selectboard: Hanna Switekowski (she/her); **Kiana Pierre-Louis** (she/her), Chair; **Xander Shapiro** (he/him)
State Senator **Paul Feeney** (he/him) & State Representative **Ted Phillips** (he/him)
- 1:30 Remarks
Elizabeth "Lizz" Matos (she/her)
Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division Chief
- 1:40 Remarks
Taliesen Leichtman (he/him)
- 1:50 Remarks
CP Pototsky (they/them)

- 2:00 Karaoke, DJ Lysse Pride Music Set, & festival events
Lysette “DJ Lysse” Eloi
Dante Gorostovich (he/him): *Sound Tech, SHS Theatre Company*
Taliesen & CP: *Pride Emcees*
- 3:50 Closing, book raffle drawing
Sharon Pride Emcees & Margaret Berges (she/her), *SPSC*



The 2024 Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Festival is presented by the Sharon Pride Steering Committee, & sponsored by Sharon’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee with support from the Sharon Cultural Council, Sharon Select Board, the Sharon Town Administrator’s Office, the Sharon Police Department, the Sharon Recreation Department, the Scouts America Troop 164 of Sharon, & the Sharon Fire Department. Thank you to the Boston Pride Community Fund & the Sharon Cultural Council for grants supporting the 2024 Sharon Pride Festival. Many thanks to Sound Tech Dante Gorostovich for the sound work and Lisette Eloi for DJing, & to Sharon Community Television for coverage of the event. Thank you to the Sharon Middle School & High School GSAs & Sharon Public Library for providing festival activities. Thank you to Micheal Daly for website support. Thank you for every small and large effort to make the 2024 Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Festival a reality.

Sharon Pride Steering Committee (SPSC) Members

Zoe Angell (they/them)	Kim Hokanson (she/her)
Toben Asklar (they/them)	Jillian Jennett (she/her)
Margaret Berges (she/her)	Regina Juco (she/her)
Mandy Coles (she/her)	Shelley Keimach (she/her)
Michael Daly (he/him)	Wendy MacArthur (she/her)
Kerry Driscoll (she/her)	Louise Marcoux (she/her)
Amy Galatis (she/her)	Beth Rodio (she/her)
Lauren Grasso (she/her)	Suzanne Rousseau (she/her)

Visit [LGBTQplusSHARON.org/](https://www.lgbtqplussharon.org/) for more LGBTQ+ Pride Month events and upcoming programs

The names of Transgender, Nonbinary, & Gender Non-Conforming victims of fatal violence in 2024. We honor them & we won't let them be erased—we acknowledge that “there are many other such deaths, with victims deadnamed or misgendered, or their deaths not reported at all” ([The Advocate](#)):

Kitty Monroe (on January 1)	River Nevaeh Goddard
Righteous TK “Chevy” Hill	Andrea Doria Dos Passos
Diamond Brigman	Sasha Williams
Alex Taylor Franco	Starr Brown
Meraxes Medina	Kita Bee
Emma Garcia	Reyna Hernandez
Tee "Legend Billions" Arnold	Brandon "Tayy Dior" Thomas (on May 7)

To read about these individuals, visit:

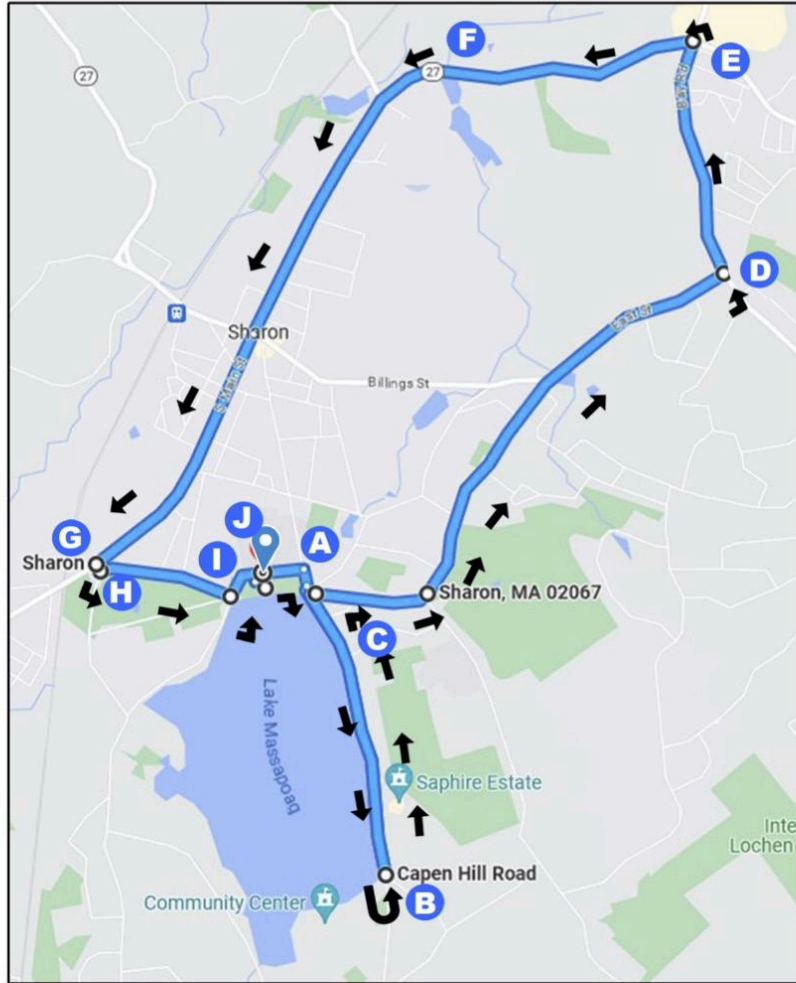
<https://www.hrc.org/resources/fatal-violence-against-the-transgender-and-gender-expansive-community-in-2024>

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023 In Memoriam: <https://glaad.org/tdor-memoriam/>

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SHARON PRIDE CAR PARADE ROUTE

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- START**
Memorial Beach Park
Beach St
- A** Right turn
on Pond St
- B** Left U-TURN at
Sharon Community Center
223 Massapoag Ave
- C** Right Turn at
East St
- D** Left Turn at
Crescent Ridge Dairy
407 Bay Road
- E** Left Turn at
2365 Central St
Stoughton, MA 02072
- F** Continue on
North Main Street
Sharon, MA
- G** Left Turn at East Foxboro St
- H** Left Turn at GunHouse Rd
- I** Left Turn at Beach Street
- J** End Memorial Park Beach,
Beach Street.

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