

SHARON LGBTQ+ PRIDE FESTIVAL 2023
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.

Let us acknowledge that we stand on land that has been shared by the Wampanoag, Massachusett, and Pokanoket people and let us also remember that Indigenous people are still here.

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| 12:00 | Sharon Pride Car Parade Line Up and Procession |
| 1:00 | Welcome & Indigenous Land Recognition
<i>Toben Asklar (they/them), Sharon Pride Steering Committee</i> |
| 1:05 | Flag Ceremony
<i>Sharon Scouts BSA, led by Lena O'Leary, Troop 164</i>
<i>Mark Hogan (he/him), Troop 164 Scoutmaster & Sharon Town Clerk</i> |
| 1:10 | Origins of Pride, Transgender Remembrance & Moment of Silence
<i>Toben Asklar (they/them), Sharon Pride Steering Committee</i> |
| 1:20 | Sharon Pride Proclamation
<i>Sharon Selectboard: Hanna Switekowski, Chair (she/her)</i> |
| 1:30 | Remarks
<i>Conner Driscoll (he/him), Sharon High School GSA member</i> |
| 1:40 | Book Read Aloud
<i>Rachel Savage (she/her), Children's Librarian, Sharon Public Library</i> |
| 2:00 | Music Performance
<i>Phil Harris (they/them) of <u>ShimoKita Bam Bam</u></i> |
| 2:30 | Book read aloud
<i>Rachel Savage (she/her), Children's Librarian, Sharon Public Library</i> |
| 2:40 | Music Performance
<i>Regina Juco (she/her), singer-songwriter, Sharon Pride Steering Committee</i> |
| 3:00 | Pride Music and Festival Events |



Daniel Simons (he/him), Sound Tech

3:50 Closing, book raffle drawing
Margaret Berges (she/her), Sharon Pride Steering Committee

Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Day is presented by the Sharon Pride Steering Committee, and sponsored by Sharon's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee with support from the Sharon Select Board, the Sharon Town Administrator's Office, the Sharon Police Department, the Sharon Recreation Department, the Scouts BSA Troops of Sharon (Troops 164 & 95), and the Sharon Fire Department. Many thanks to Sound Tech Daniel Simons and Phil Harris for the sound work and equipment, and to Sharon Community Television for coverage of the event. Thank you to the Sharon Middle School and High School GSAs, Heights Elementary Rainbow Club, and 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 2023 Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Festival a reality.

Sharon Pride Steering Committee (SPSC) Members

Toben Asklar (they/them)	Regina Juco (she/her)
Margaret Berges (she/her)	Shelley Keimach (she/her)
Mandy Coles (she/her)	Alison Kellom (she/her) www.alisonkellom.com
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)
Kim Hokanson (she/her)	Erin Wilkinson (she/her)

Visit LGBTQplusSHARON.org/ for more LGBTQ+ Pride Month events and upcoming programs

The names of Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Non-Conforming victims of fatal violence in 2023. We honor them and 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](#)):

Jasmine “Star” Macks (on January 7)
KC Johnson
Unique Banks
Zachee Imanitwitaho
Maria Jose Rivera Rivera
Chashay Henderson
Tortuguita
Tasiyah Woodland
Ashley Burton
Koko Da Doll
Banko Brown
Ashia Davis (on June 2)

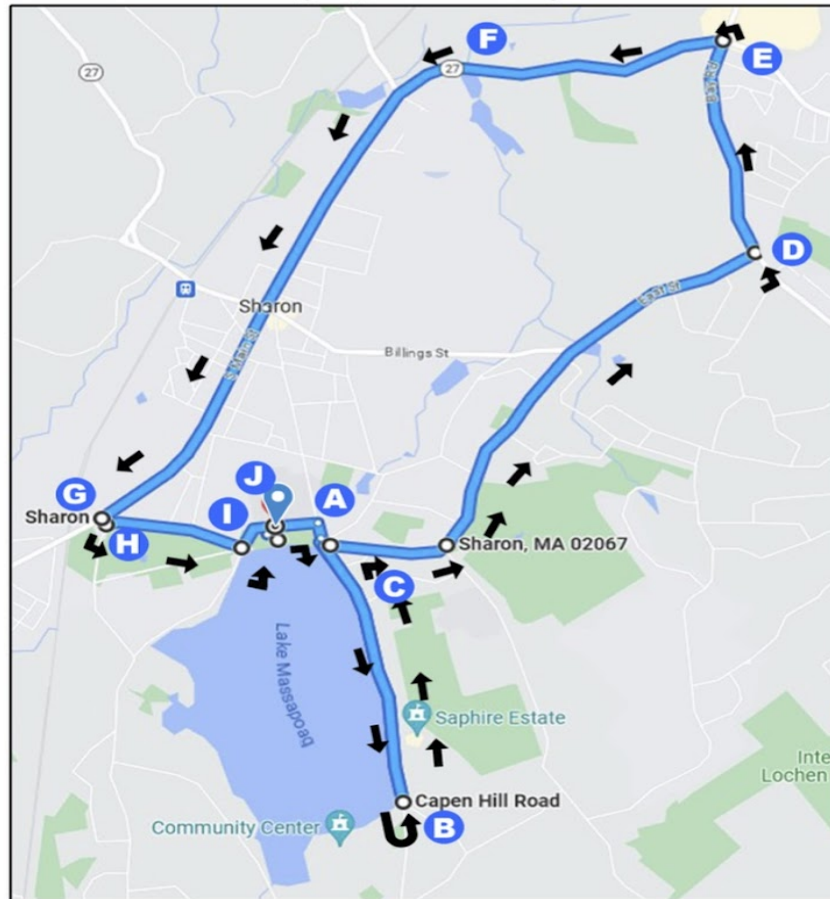
To read obituaries of these individuals, visit the Human Rights Campaign:
<https://www.hrc.org/resources/fatal-violence-against-the-transgender-and-nonbinary-community-in-2023>

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SHARON PRIDE CAR PARADE ROUTE
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06/11/2023
 12pm - 4pm



- 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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