

SPECTRUM

Rainbow Community Calendar

The *Rainbow Community Calendar (RCC)* is a monthly publication serving the LGBTQ community of Waterloo Region. It is named in tribute to the *Pink Triangle Community Calendar* created in 1989 by community activist Lisa Simkins. The *RCC* is issued by the **Rainbow Community Calendar Collective**, an action group of **SPECTRUM—Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space**. Print copies are available at **SPECTRUM**, **ACCKWA**, and various bars, clubs, cafes, etc. in Waterloo Region.

Online at <http://ourspectrum.com/Comm/CommunityEvents.html>

Send events to info@ourspectrum.com by the **20th of each month**.

SPECTRUM'S Resource Centre and Drop-In Space is in Unit 210 at 283 Duke St. W., Kitchener, N2H 3X7 (corner of Duke St W and Breithaupt). Park on Breithaupt St side of building, near the loading dock. Go in the Duke St entrance, up the stairs, through the door, down the hallway to Unit 210.

Website: <http://ourspectrum.com/> (includes hours of opening and much more)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SpectrumCommunitySpace>

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tri-Pride 2016 UNFESTIVAL

Wed. June 1 Kink Night. 7–11pm.

East Side Mario's - Waterloo. 450 King St. N. Join in an evening of socializing and hanging out with your fellow Kink community. All are welcome to join. 18+ event.

Wed. June 1 HIV Candlelight Vigil. 8-9pm, Boathouse, Victoria Park. Candles will be available for the stroll through the Park.

Thurs. June 2 tri-Pride Unplugged Coffee House. 7pm-12 midnight, The Order 56 King Street North, Waterloo.

Fri. June 3 Day5games : tri-Pride Edition 2.0. 7-11pm. @SPECTRUM.

Fri. June 3 Pride! Mega Show with Brave and Crazy & DJ Dallas. 8pm-2am, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd, Cambridge. Advanced tickets are \$20.00 and sold at <http://kickoffsummer.brownpapertickets.com/>. More tickets will be available at the door if available. 19+ Event.

Fri. June 3 Pride Kickoff Party. 10pm-2am, The Order, 56 King Street North, Waterloo.

Sat. June 4 Pride Yoga in the Park. 10:30-11:30am, Victoria Park. Kitchener. Meet at the end of Schneider Ave-

nue, near the playground. This class will be a Pride celebration - wear your rainbow colours and bring a yoga mat or towel to practice on. Start your day off right as we celebrate pride in the Unfestival weekend! This event is rain or shine, however will be cancelled in the event of thunder or lightning due to safety concerns.

Sat. June 4 tri-Pride Art Symposium. 1-5pm, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 101 Queen Street N (in Centre In The Square), Kitchener. An interactive, multi-disciplinary exploration and celebration of identity and belonging.

This is an all ages event featuring live music, a youth art show, film screenings and much more to come!

Sat. June 4 Queer Night Out - tri-Pride Dance. 9pm-1am, Grand Ballroom, Crown Plaza. 105 King St E, Kitchener. Tickets will be available online for \$8 or \$10 at the door (though we recommend purchasing the tickets online as they could sell out fast). You can purchase tickets online at Eventbrite. 19+, bring your valid photo ID with you!

Sun. June 5 Unfestival Pride Picnic. 11am-2pm, Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener. Come join your community on Roos Island for a tri-Pride Picnic in the Park! Bring your own food, lawn chairs and blankets while we enjoy each other's company. Please remember alcohol is not permitted at this event.

Sun. June 5 Unfestival Market Village. 1-5pm, Kitchener City Hall. The annual market village will feature community groups and vendors. Pricing and Timing will be confirmed. To get involved con-

tact info@tri-pride.ca to secure your space in the market village.

Sun. June 5 Unfestival Pride March. 2-3pm. Victoria Park.

Sun. June 5 Good Freaky Premiere Party! 6-8pm, Apollo Cinema, 141 Ontario St N, Kitchener. Femme Fatale Creations is premiering their new comedy web series. \$5 or pay what you can at the door.

Other June Events

AIDS Awareness Drop-In. 5-8pm. 4th Thursday of the month. **June 23.** Sponsored by ACCKWA. In **SPECTRUM**, 283 Duke St W, Unit 210.

Coming Out Older Discussion Group. 7 – 9:00pm. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month: **June 14 & June 28.** @ Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener. Sponsored by **SPECTRUM**.

day5games. 7-11pm, Fridays: **June 3, June 10, June 17 & June 24.** @ **SPECTRUM**. Join us to play board games, and do puzzles.

Good Laughs. 7pm till closing, last Tuesday evening of the month: **June 28.** A safe space for trans people to explore their identity in the community; open to allies as well. @ Symposium Café, Waterloo (corner of King and Erb) —back room. goodlaughs81@gmail.com **ALSO—Good Laughs Camping Trip—Sauble Beach, June 24-26** (Fri.-Sun.)

OK2BME Youth Group. 6-7:30pm. Alternate Tuesdays—**June 7** (Pride and LGBT Trivia), **June 21**. (Craft Night - Art/Activism) More information: <http://ok2bme.ca/>

ORG—SPECTRUM'S Outdoor Recreation Group. Sundays. Events alternate between Lite and Regular:

June 5—Come celebrate with our community at the tri-Pride Unfestival Pride Picnic, March, and Village Market - beginning at Roos Island in Victoria Park for the Picnic (11 am—2 pm), followed by the March up Gaukel Street to Kitchener City Hall for the Market Village and ceremonies.

June 12—'Lite', 2-4 pm. Shade's Mills. Meet at 2 pm at Monigram Coffee Roasters across from the Ainslie St Bus Terminal in Cambridge.

June 19—'Regular' 1-5 pm Grand River Trail to Bingeman's. Meet at 1 pm at City Café on Lancaster Street at Bridgeport Road.

June 26—'Regular' 1-5 pm. Pioneer Park. Meet at 1 PM at Tim Horton's, 260 Bleams Road at Homer Watson Boulevard.

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group. 6-8pm, Tuesdays: **June 7, June 14, June 21, & June 28.** @SPECTRUM.

Rainbow Connections—Kitchener meetings. 7–9pm, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month—**June 2 & June 10.** LGBTQ & Mental Health Group. Main floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. Meetings on the Please

wait at the doors on Frederick Street and someone will let you in the building for group. If you will be late, please contact us in advance so we know when to let you in. Also note that there is a 15 minute time-period that we can let you in, otherwise it becomes disruptive to group. We will be in the downstairs room, so ring the downstairs doorbell to be let in.

Rainbow Newcomers. 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday of the month: **June 9.** A place for LGBTQ-identified immigrants and refugees to socialize with each other and with LGBTQ people who have been in town for a while, and discuss issues related to being a newcomer to Canada. @ SPECTRUM.

SPECTRUM Reading Circle. 6:30-8pm, 4th Thursday of the month: **June 23.** Come join us as we read short stories/articles and discuss them. @ SPECTRUM.

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm, Saturdays: **June 4, June 11, June 18 & June 25.** An informal afternoon of socializing in a safe and normalizing space. We have friendly volunteers, an extensive collection of games, books and DVDs, and free wi-fi - and a jigsaw puzzle on the go. @ SPECTRUM.

Trans Fams—Hike, Dinner & Ice Cream Event. 1-4pm, **June 26** (Sunday). Are you interested in meeting other families with Trans and Gender Independent Kids? Want to join our family and others for some fun activities? Contact Holly for more info at hbmathers@gmail.com

Trans Peer Support Group. 7-9pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month: **June 2 & June 16.** New Day—New Time—New Facilitator. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella. @ SPECTRUM

Waterloo-Wellington-Perth PFLAG. Parents, Family & Friends Peer-Support Group. 7-9pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month: **June 21** @ Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Center, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener.

SPECTRUM News

Charitable Status

SPECTRUM was registered with the government of Ontario as a not-for-profit corporation in 2013. With three years of financial reports behind us now, SPECTRUM has begun the process of applying for charitable status.

This is a two-stage process. We have recently been approved by the government of Ontario for charitable status. We expect to receive the documentation from Service Ontario before August.

The second stage is applying to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for charitable status. The documentation that Service Ontario will be sending us will form part of the basis for our request, but CRA asks for a lot more information. We have been led to believe that completing this stage might take between

eight and ten more months. The good news is that we expect to be in a position to be able to issue income-tax receipts to people who make charitable donations to SPECTRUM—some time early in 2017.

Aging with Pride Committee

For the past twelve months, the Aging with Pride Committee has been creating and delivering LGBTQ-competency training sessions to staff at a variety of senior-serving institutions in Waterloo-Wellington, such as: community centres with a significant senior population, retirement homes, home-care services, long-term-care facilities, and hospices.

This work is critical if we want to ensure that institutions like the above are places where we will be treated with dignity and respect when we need them—something that is currently not always the case.

Newcomer Services

LGBTQ-identified newcomers to Canada (immigrants, refugees and students) are often very uncomfortable with the local immigrant population from their countries of origin. As a result, they can feel quite isolated. SPECTRUM provides a safe space for them, and can also assist in referrals to LGBTQ-friendly resources and settlement agencies.

New Website

Our website at www.ourspectrum.com now has a shiny new look. Please give us feedback at info@ourspectrum.com