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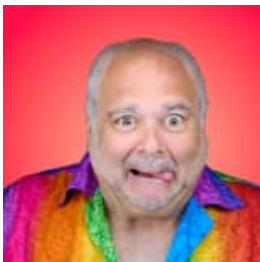
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Anna Steezia, Akasha L. Van-Cartier, and Dixie Surewood soar as the Sanderson Sisters from "Hocus Pocus." Photo and art composition by Chad Isaiah.



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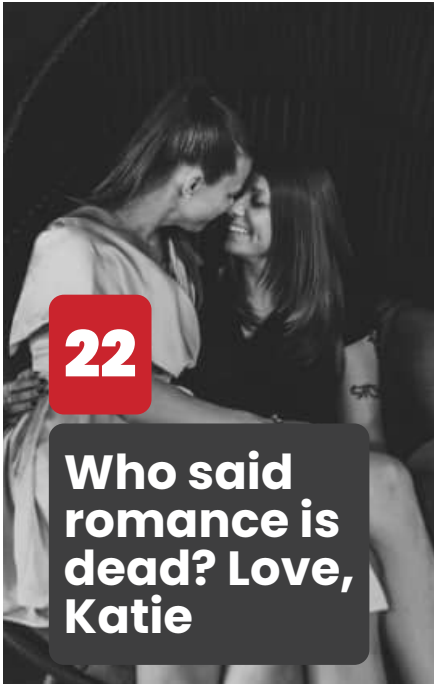
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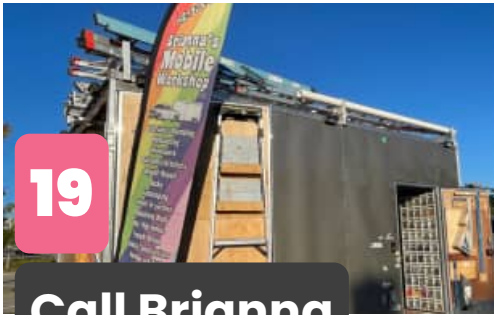


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Johnny Depp in A Nightmare on Elm Street. Photo courtesy of New LineCinema.



MAKE HISTORY TODAY

National Coming Out Day is held annually on October 11th. When I mention and talk about National Coming Out Day, I am surprised by the number of people that really do not know the history and its importance to our civil rights movement. National Coming Out day was founded in 1988 to mark the one-year anniversary of the previous year's National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The purpose of National Coming Out Day was simply to "come out" and identify yourself as a member of the Queer Community. It was a simple grass roots movement of "you do know someone gay" and letting people know LGBTQ people are everywhere. I'm hoping that the days of people saying "I don't know anyone LGBTQ" have ended.

OH YEAH! How could I forget? October 11th was also QBurgh's 3-year anniversary. It was intentional that we launched on

National Coming Out Day. What better birth date to have? It's been a great journey that has just begun. Thank you all for being a part of QBurgh.

This month as we look back, we also need to look forward. Please realize that everything we do today affects what happens tomorrow. A lot of us here are "walking history" to that testament. What we do today does make a difference in our future. A lot of tomorrows have been built on yesterdays and todays. I urge everyone to think of what you can do today for tomorrow. Don't just read about history, make it.

Together in Pride,

Jeff Freedman
Co-Creator
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Welcome to QBurgh's first Fall/Winter print edition! We are very excited to see QBurgh grow and be able to bring to you another chance to spotlight more of the wonderful people, events, and businesses that we call our Community.

The month of October is LGBTQ History Month. Knowledge about our history is important. Please check out QBurgh's efforts to preserve our past with our Q Archives. As we get through scanning a lot of our donated archives, we will have them available to everyone to read, enjoy, and learn about our local history.



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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WORTH CELEBRATING

Fall and the Halloween season are my absolute favorite parts of the year. The crisp morning and evening air, warm afternoons, and of course pumpkin spice. For as long as I can remember, I have loved Fall and Halloween. Many of my most vivid and formative memories are from this time of year. I know that this feeling is shared with a large portion of our LGBTQ Community.

As much as this time of year makes me happy, there is a sadness that comes with it. Halloween kicks off a string of holidays and events that are not always the easiest for our community. The overwhelming idealization of Thanksgivings and

Christmases, past and present, spent with loving families blasted at us by every channel, website, streaming service, and billboard can be depressing to those of us who are unable to spend our holidays with family or friends. This is especially true when those family members and friends are inaccessible to us because they have abandoned us for being ourselves.

The amazing thing about the LGBTQ Community is we always show up for our own. There's a reason that for decades gay bars like Brewer's and Lucky's have been open on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When there was nowhere else to go and no one else to wish you a happy holiday, they were open and ready to love you and feed you regardless of who you are. That's community. That is the holiday spirit worth celebrating.

So, swing by Brewer's and see Carol on Thanksgiving. Stop into Lucky's on Christmas and wave to Nancy. Support your local gay bars, they bars, and LGBTQ-owned businesses. They are a pivotal part of our community and we need them for many more decades to come.

Happy Holidays,

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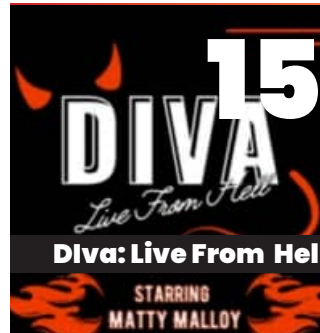
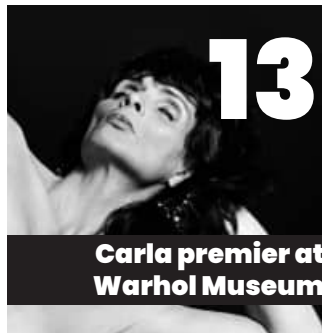


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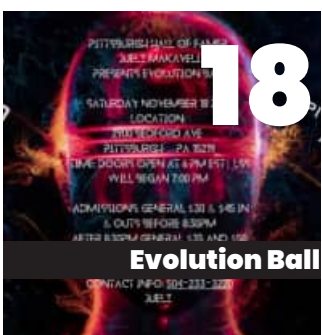
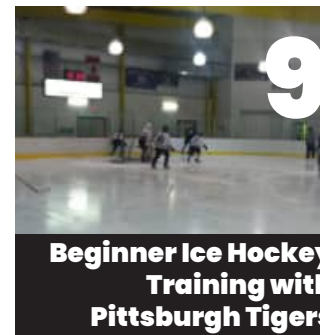
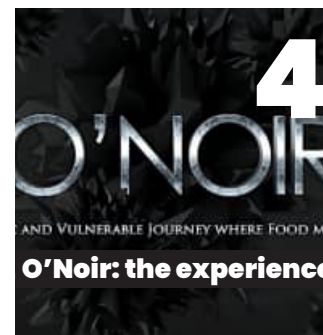
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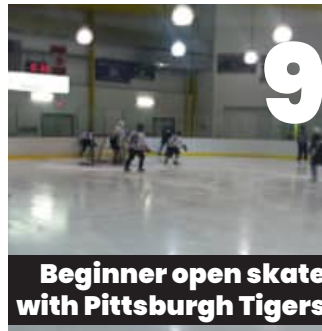
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Sarah Rosso takes their activism to Washington

by Michael Buzzelli

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This summer, Sarah Rosso, Executive Director of the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation, hobnobbed with LGBTQ activists and celebrities when she attended a reception hosted by Vice President Kamala Harris in partnership with GLAAD to celebrate Pride. Rosso partied poolside with leaders in the LGBTQ community.

Rosso, who grew up in Pittsburgh, was honored to be surrounded by the luminaries in the LGBTQ+ community. She began her lifelong advocacy when she was attending Chatham University earning her first degree -- Rosso has a BA in Cultural Studies & Psychology, an MA in Leadership & Organizational Transformation, and a Masters in Public Health. She even met her wife Sarah Miller while playing tennis at Chatham.

The two became partners on and off the courts.

"We're coming up on twenty years together," Rosso said. "Sarah (Miller) also works with the LGBTQ+ community at the Central Outreach Wellness Center." Miller is a dedicated Family Nurse Practitioner with specialties in Transgender Healthcare, LGBTQ+ healthcare, and HIV care.

Rosso claims her activism was sparked by a friend who convinced her to get involved in volunteering. The same friend talked her into joining the Steel City Softball League. She immersed herself in the LGBTQ+ community and even worked at 5801. Rosso joked, "I worked at 58. That's where I met most of Gay Pittsburgh."

Her work as executive director

for the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation has taken her all around the country. Rosso works with the Human Rights Campaign on their All Children - All Families Training Program (ACAF), where facilitators like Rosso, offer expert training, capacity building, and coaching on a diverse range of LGBTQ+ related topics for child welfare professionals and caregivers. While she has led some of the training sessions online, she's had to go to North Carolina, Alabama, and some other locations around the country. Rosso said, "I had to go teach a course in a town forty miles from Birmingham, Alabama. I thought I was going to have a 'Deliverance' moment, but I was wildly mistaken. The people I met there were open and thoughtful and wanted to learn how to protect and care for LGBTQ+ children."

THE LGBTQ+ IN TEAM

Sarah Rosso is quick to point out, "It's not me. It's my team."

Since 2020 Hugh Lane has intentionally grown, more than doubling their team to twenty-two, all of whom are LGBTQ+. The Hugh Lane team works across expanded service areas in the North Side, East Liberty, Beechview, Washington, and Erie.

The Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation has been providing nimble need-based services to raise health, cultivate joy and connection, and reduce isolation in LGBTQ+ communities in Western PA and beyond. Hugh Lane is partnering with funders to tackle LGBTQ+ health equity with a slate of community wellness services for LGBTQ+ individuals and families of all ages.

Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation works to raise health with LGBTQ+ and HIV communities by removing systemic barriers that block LGBTQ+ individuals from attaining health equity.

Programs like Hugh's Kitchen provide nourishment to LGBTQ+ and HIV communities with necessities like food, hygiene products, and safer sex kits. The Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation offers free, need-based civil legal aid services for LGBTQ+ and HIV community members in Southwestern Pennsylvania, including cases involving identity document support, public benefits counseling, housing support, and civil expungement of criminal records.

There is a variety of youth-oriented programs, including a monthly self-care workshop led by the youth. A full list of services can be found at HughLane.org.

While Rosso represented the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation, Stacey Stevenson, the first Black President & CEO of Family Equity was also at the Pride event which was held at Vice President Kamala Harris's official residence at the Naval Observatory in Washington D.C.

Rosso said, "I was walking into the event next to MJ (Michaela Jaé) Rodriguez [from 'Pose']" She added, "I knew more of the policy people than the celebrities." She admitted, "That at one point, I turned to Murray Hill and asked, 'What do you do for a living?'" Rosso was unaware that the drag king is a cast member of the Max-streaming show, "Somebody Somewhere," and an icon in the NYC cabaret scene. Rosso did recognize TikTok celebrity V (Vitus Spehar) from "Under the Desk News."

Rosso talked to fellow Pennsylvanian and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, MD. While Rosso didn't get to speak one-on-one with the Vice President, she chatted with the country's first Second Gentleman, Douglass Emhoff, and Reggie Greer, the White House senior advisor on LGBTQ+ Engagement. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, the first Black person and the first openly LGBTQ person to serve in the position, was also in attendance.

The Vice President has a history of commitment to the LGBTQ community, fighting to advance civil and human rights, including for LGBTQ people, throughout her career. As San Francisco District Attorney, Vice President Harris created one of the first LGBTQ hate crimes units in the nation, fought against the so-called "gay and transgender panic defense," and officiated same-sex marriages in 2004 in San Francisco City Hall. Rosso said, "The couple from the first

marriage she officiated was at the event."

Vice President Harris said at the event, "Pride Month is about celebrating those whose shoulders we stand on for their work to advance civil rights, and an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the fight for equal rights. The LGBTQ+ movement is an expression of our love of our country and is rooted in an unwavering belief in the promise of freedom, equality, and justice. Let us remember that pride is, and has always been, patriotic. And, as we confront the attacks on LGBTQ+ rights across the country, let us remember that we are in this together."

The event was emceed by "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 15 winner Sasha Colby. GLAAD President & CEO Sarah Kate Ellis also spoke during a Pride Celebration.

Among the allies and activists in attendance included performer Alex Newell (from the TV show, "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist" and the hit Broadway show, "Shucked"), Club Q Founding Owner Matthew Haynes, Pulse shooting survivor and Equality Florida Press Secretary Brandon J. Wolf, trans journalists Dawn Ennis and Erin Reed, along with celebrities and influential voices: Ariana Debose, Bobby Berk ("Queer Eye"), Brooke Eden, Cody Belew, Cody Rigsby, Cory Michael Smith, De'Bronski Jefferson ("We're Here."), Dove Cameron (singer and actor), Erin Reed, Frankie Grande, G FLIP (singer and songwriter with albums, "About Us" and "Drummer"), British comedian, Gina Yashere, Silver Medal Olympian, Gus Kenworthy, Jazz Jennings, Sophie B. Hawkins, and many more.

Rosso said, "I don't think I'll ever get invited to anything this cool again in my life." 🌈

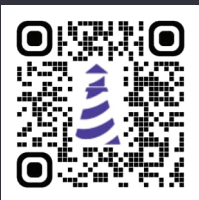


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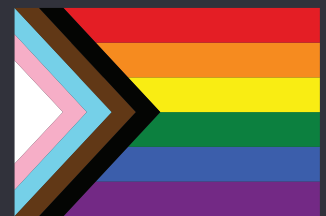
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IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF
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by Jason Shavers

**THE LGBTQIA+
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LIVES FOR
HALLOWEEN.
BUT WHY?**



Thirty years ago, Disney released a little film called *Hocus Pocus*. In the film, legendary actresses Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy, and Sarah Jessica Parker play the Sanderson Sisters, three witches obsessed with sucking the life force of children so they can stay young and alive as long as possible. When first released, the film did not do well but in the years that have passed since, it has found quite an audience and become a cult classic. There are many reasons why people love this movie. First of all, the cast is **STACKED**. Also, the film is just an all-around fun romp for all ages. And who can resist the charm of Bette Midler delivering a top-notch performance of "I Put A Spell On You"? Not many in general and especially not many queers.

For me personally, I see it as more than just a film. I see *Hocus Pocus* as a sort of metaphor for why queer people absolutely **LIVE** for Halloween as a holiday. You may be hoping I stretched enough for this extreme reach I'm going for, but give me some of your time and I will explain.

Many of the traditions currently associated with Halloween stem back to the ancient Celtic New Year's festival of Samhain. The festival celebrated the end of summer and the harvest season. There was also a belief among the Celts that there was only a thin divide between the living and the dead during this time of year and if a soul did not get a chance to say a proper goodbye or had unfinished business, Samhain was the time these spirits could return to take care of what they needed to. These visits, so to speak, were expected and to hide from visits from unwanted spirits, people used to hide their faces with ashes at first and then later masks. Delicious foods were laid out by the living to entice the spirits of their loved ones to drop by.

Years later though, as Christianity started to take hold in much of the world, Samhain was demonized along with many other Pagan institutions. November 1st was deemed All Hallows' Day -- otherwise known as All Saints' Day -- and October 31st became All Hallows' Eve or Halloween. So basically, the Celts were minding their business and having a nice time celebrating, and living their best lives, when the church came along and ruined it. Now that sounds a bit familiar, doesn't it?

At the beginning of *Hocus Pocus*, the Sanderson Sisters were living their best lives.

They had achieved their goal and were actually made younger. With this new vigor, they were ready to take on the world. Yes, they killed a child but they were being true to themselves and expressing themselves authentically. As you can probably guess, things took a turn for the worse for them. They were captured and killed for their crime, but before they were slain, Winifred Sanderson (Bette Midler) cast a spell that could eventually bring

the trio back to live the lives they were meant to carry out.

300 years later, that spell actually comes to fruition and the Sanderson Sisters return to Salem, Massachusetts on Halloween. Because it's Halloween, the entire city is dressed up for the festivities and that is why the Sanderson Sisters are able to hide in plain sight for a night of merriment, music, mayhem, and multiple murders! (Well, murder attempts. It is a Disney film after all, but I just couldn't pass up an alliteration opportunity.) If you ignore the juvenile homicide for shallow personal gain in the film's early moments, you can actually find inspiration in this series of events.

Pittsburgh drag queen Dixie Surewood certainly found some inspiration from the film and produced a *Hocus Pocus*-themed drag brunch at 5801 last year and will repeat the event this year. The brunch featured Akasha L. Van Cartier as Winifred Sanderson, Surewood as Mary Sanderson (Najimy), and Anna Steezia as Sarah Sanderson (Parker). The brunch sold out on multiple dates both this year and last and has become a new

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AKASHA L. VAN-CARTIER



Pittsburgh tradition. It was very likely that these queens would have a particular affinity for this film and Halloween so I spoke with them about that subject. I noticed a particular theme in their responses about what they loved about Halloween:

"Halloween is the one time of year that you can dress up and be any character or fantasy that you've always wanted to be," said Anna Steezia. "One year, I really wanted to be Dracula. Sometimes, I think what I wanted to be had to do with the costume. That year, I wanted to wear a cape like nobody's business and when the time came to put it on, it was just pure excitement. I was a very shy kid so the costume became a suit of armor for me in a way. I could come out of my shell by putting something on. Drag is kinda still that for me. And Halloween is actually the first time I ever did drag."

"The dressing up factor of

Halloween gives you the idea that you can be whatever you want to be. It's the same idea in the ballroom scene, for example. That's how categories like 'Executive Realness' came about. People of color were not typically seen as executives but we could take that opportunity to look like one and then feel like one. That's the gag of it all," Akasha L. Van-Cartier says. "That's why I do drag. It gives me the opportunity to be everything from an older mother/maiden type to a thicker Cardi B type. I've even done Shrek drag."

"I think queers gravitate towards Halloween because you can wear whatever you want and blend in and be accepted. I don't understand why it needs to end the next day though. If society is going to accept everyone for one night, what's really the issue," Dixie Surewood told me.

The issue is that as much as society likes to pretend that differences are celebrated, the

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DIXIE SUREWOOD

A colorful promotional graphic for the show "BOPZ & BANGERZ BINGO". The title is in large, 3D, gold-outlined letters. The background is green with musical notes and bingo balls. A photo of Dixie Surewood in a pink and orange outfit is on the right. At the bottom, a black banner contains the show's schedule in white and yellow text.

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truth is being different is widely seen as not good.

When we were growing up, many of us did not have a concept of what it meant to be queer but we did know that we were different and that made a lot of us not feel safe. In both our friend groups and our families we could've been ostracized simply for wearing, speaking, thinking, feeling or being anything unlike everybody else. Individuality was not truly encouraged. But there was always that one night in October when, for a few hours, you could not only wear something different but you could actually BE something different. And that something different could possibly be an expression of who you actually were on the inside. And it was safe to do so because mostly everyone else was doing it too! Plus, you got rewarded with candy for it! Those sorts of moments can stick with a person and grow fonder with time.

The absolute freedom that Halloween covertly offered queer children planted a seed in our souls that grew to become our obsession with everything October 31st. Once the Sanderson Sisters realized that they could blend into their surroundings because of Halloween festivities, they were absolutely unabashed in pursuing exactly what they wanted. Once many of us queer kids realized that we could express our authentic selves, even just a little bit, and blend into our surroundings on Halloween, we also ran with it. And we're still running with it! For some, Hocus Pocus is just a silly film. For others, it's a yearly tradition. For some, Halloween is just a holiday. For in the LGBTQ+ community, Halloween was and is a gateway to authentic expressions of self. If that resonates with you, I hope you get to celebrate accordingly this year and for many years to come!

Happy Halloween! 🍁

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ANNA STEEZIA**



10 BELOVED QUEER HALLOWEEN MOVIES

by Aaron Valentic

If you are like me, the second the clock strikes midnight on September 1st, all bets are off and it's officially Halloween season. The crisp fall air, warm coffee (sorry, no PSL allowed in my house. I'm not that basic.), and of course, marathons upon marathons of Halloween-centered movies.

For anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community, Halloween and the season surrounding it is a time to embrace feeling different and at times odd, hence why so many of us resonate with some of our favorite characters from Halloween movies.

Below, find ten of our favorite beloved queer films to enjoy this holiday:



The Sanderson Sisters in "Hocus Pocus". Photo courtesy of Disney.

HOCUS POCUS 1 & 2

Nothing quite says Halloween like Disney's Hocus Pocus. Initially a flop, Hocus Pocus follows the Sanderson Sisters as they try to kill all of the children of Salem, and has become a cult phenomenon. With a loyal gay fanbase, Hocus Pocus 2 came out in the fall of 2022 as the most-watched film on Disney+, featuring the sisters returning to complete their task.



Halloween (1978). Image courtesy of Compass International Pictures.

HALLOWEEN FRANCHISE

There is just something about a man in a uniform, am I right? Michael Myers is no exception. Haunting our screens since 1978, Halloween follows the turbulent, and oftentimes confusing, timeline of Michael Myers seeking revenge on his small Illinois hometown, creating the perfect atmosphere for the best jump scares in cinematic history.



Johnny Depp in A Nightmare on Elm Street. Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET

Horny teenagers and homo-erotic sub-texts - that's just the beginning when it comes to Wes Craven's A Nightmare on Elm Street. Whether it's Johnny Depp's crop top or a sweaty teen about to get slaughtered in their undies, it's been a queer favorite since hitting theaters.



Hellraiser. Photo courtesy of New World Pictures.

HELLRAISER

Not often thought to be a queer favorite, Hellraiser offers viewers a blend of S&M, with the recurring theme of “pain is pleasure” and sex with violence, released during a conservative time in 80’s pop culture and the AIDS Crisis.



The Babadook. Image courtesy of Causeway Films.

THE BABADOOK

Who knew we’d get a queer icon out of the 2014 Australian thriller, Babadook? This cultural moment featured countless news articles and a surge of Twitter memes and GIFS, showcasing the accidental gay icon that we never knew we needed. Prepare to be “babashook”.



Crimson Peak. Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures.

CRIMSON PEAK

Guillermo del Toro’s Crimson Peak is an absolute delight for the eyes. Not only did the Bergdorf Goodman windows in NYC feature the costumes, but also the artistry and beautiful telling of this tragic tale.



Chucky TV series. Photo courtesy of USA Network.

CHILD'S PLAY

There have been so many eras of Child’s Play and there have been countless queer subplots in the films and TV series, from gay couples to Chucky’s own child coming out as trans.



Jennifer’s Body. Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox.

JENNIFER’S BODY

With strong lesbian and bisexual undertones, Jennifer’s Body was a major cultural milestone. With themes like demonic possession and showcasing how we can’t fully reveal who we are as individuals.



The Craft. Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures.

THE CRAFT

Many people in the LGBTQIA+ community often get misrepresented in horror films. The Craft came to change that - with strong, individualistic women reclaiming the outsider trope and becoming the main part of the story, rather than the villains.



The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox.

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

Are you even gay if you haven’t seen The Rocky Horror Picture Show? It’s the cult film to end cult films, and with countless catchy beats such as “Time Warp”, viewers can’t help but be captivated by Dr. Frankenfurter from Transsexual, Transylvania. Check the film out with the local shadow cast the Junior Chamber of Commerce Players. Don’t dream it, be it!



The Covenant. Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures.

HONORABLE MENTION:

THE COVENANT

2006’s The Covenant follows four hot male witches as they battle another male witch, who is also hot. Oh, and they’re on the swim team and often shirtless. You aren’t watching for their acting abilities. 🌈





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by Roy J Gloeckl II

Allies for Health and Wellbeing is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit that provides inclusive holistic care by recognizing their clients' full-lived experience. By removing financial barriers and stigma, they ensure everyone can access the care they need while building trusting relationships with each client.

Founded in 1985 as the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, the organization opened a clinic on Penn Avenue when they rebranded as Allies for Health and Wellbeing in 2017. This clinic is an outpatient office that delivers primary medical and specialty care to people who experience stigma and marginalization in traditional medical settings, including LGBTQ+ folks, PoC, those who are underinsured, or not insured at all. This clinic sees as many as 40 patients a day, providing a range of care that includes routine gynecological care, MAT, STI testing, gender-affirming care, and much more. At Allies for Health and Wellbeing, they pride themselves on providing integrated care by incorporating traditional clinic services with other client services.

Client Services encompasses a variety of supportive services including case management, behavioral health, Emergency Financial Assistance, food pantry, transportation assistance, a legal program, linkage to care coordination, and housing programs. "Our three major goals are keeping people engaged in medical care, attempting to help people attain stability, and helping clients achieve optimal health outcomes," says Jacque DeRubbo, Director of Clinical Services.

As the organization has grown, Allies has also been able to grow the number of therapists on staff as well as the kinds of clients they can serve, including individuals from the community at large, STI/HIV trauma-based intervention, acceptance and commitment therapy, gender-affirming care, and other evidence-based interventions.

The Community Health program at Allies is focused on educating people about prevention and treatment of STIs, PrEP, PEP, and more. They offer free testing in the community and can set up testing sites in libraries, community centers, universities, parks, and wherever the need might be. They even have a mobile testing van they use to spread awareness about their services.

Allies for Health + Wellbeing is also currently organizing a Community Advisory Council to provide feedback on Allies' programs and services to drive quality improvement activities and help staff stay connected to the communities they serve. If you are interested in getting involved with the CAC, please visit the alliespgh.org to learn more and apply! 🌈



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An Expansion in Your Drawers

by Michael Buzzelli

Trim Pittsburgh is about to claim its rightful spot among some of the finest stores in Pittsburgh, alongside Lululemon, Burberry, and Tiffany & Co., when the purveyor of men's swimwear opens a second location in Ross Park Mall.

When owner and operator Thomas West opened Trim's original location in East Liberty in 2014, he did it all. He was the only employee in the store, working seven days a week for two-and-a-half years. Last year, he moved the store from Baum Boulevard to Butler Street. Now, he's expanding into a second location among the swankier stores in the 'Burgh and adding four employees.

While the store caters to the queer community with brands like Gregg Homme, Andrew Christian and Nasty Pig, West welcomes everyone. "I treat everyone equally. No matter who walks through the door."

Some of the more risqué brands will stay at the Lawrenceville location, but Trim Pittsburgh will sell a variety of underwear, swimwear, and athletic wear in the new store. West will bring everything to Ross Park Mall that makes Trim Pittsburgh unique.

Trim's product lines, which encompass many fabrics and styles, come from all over the world. Trim Pittsburgh offers men's underwear options you can't find in Kohl's or Target. The store also features some funky socks from brands and manufacturers as far away as Sweden; a line of socks featuring cereal brand mascots such as Lucky the Leprechaun, Sonny the Cuckoo Bird, and Trix Rabbit are currently sold out.

There is also a line of Pittsburgh-based products, including T-shirts with The 16th Street Bridge, The Smithfield Street Bridge, and a Lawrenceville T featuring the World War One Doughboy, the iconic image from the intersection of Penn Avenue and Butler Street.

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When she was a kid, Brianna Serenity watched her father build a second story to a ranch house, fascinated by all that went into the process and impressed by how her father managed to do it mostly by himself. She began accompanying him on his many DIY projects when she was ten or eleven. They built rooms together, installed drywall, wired electrical fixtures, and fitted plumbing — Brianna all the while amassing a broad repertoire of contractor skills hands-on.

With that sort of experience, it'd be reasonable to assume she pursued this career path from the outset. Instead, Brianna was a paramedic for twenty-five years, often working 24-hour shifts for far too little pay. It wasn't until a friend approached her about water draining into their basement that Brianna's life began to change. She quickly identified and repaired the issue with her friend's French drain. Neighbors took notice and asked her for help with problems in their homes. Word of her expertise spread.

The work paid well compared to her paramedic income. She started out in her Ford Explorer, then retrofitted a garden trailer into a cargo trailer to hold all her materials, and then moved to a red horse trailer. It was at that time she lost her paramedic job. That turned out to be a blessing in disguise as she had garnered a hundred clients and could operate full-time as an independent contractor. As the workload increased, she realized she needed to hire extra help.

Now in 2023, she's an out and proud trans woman running Brianna's Mobile Workshop LLC with five other employees, two of whom are her apprentices, all of them queer. Her business services the entire Allegheny County area, though most clients are within Pittsburgh.

Brianna's business offers all sorts of contractor work. Anything broken, dysfunctional, or needs installed in a building, she and her folks can do it. They do plumbing, electrical, woodwork, remodeling, house flipping, tiling, and general construction gigs; wiring for communication technologies like cable, telephone, and internet; repair cement structures, drywalls, and box gutters; build decks, closed-in porches, and retaining walls; paint interiors & exteriors; handiwork in kitchens and bathrooms; and even landscaping. If there's some other job that's not listed, there's no harm in asking if they can do it because they probably can.

Brianna's pickup truck tows an 18 x 8-foot trailer, the titular mobile workshop. Despite the limited space, it holds all the tools and materials they need on the go and without feeling cramped or cluttered.

"The idea was to be very passive," Brianna admits.



"The organization makes such a difference." Even a client could find what they need in the trailer. Brianna built shelves and drawers to store her surplus of supplies then labeled everything so her newer recruits could find what they needed. Nuts and bolts sit in little cubbies that can be removed and taken in the house. Large power tools like her miter saw are secured for transport but also easily accessible. Her overstock in the ceiling holds lumber, tubing, and a few ladders. For her employees, the trailer has a microwave, a refrigerator, and a coffeemaker. For clients' pets, there's a bin of dog treats. A security camera keeps an eye on the interior. A pride flag and a large rainbow banner stick out the back.

Brianna truly cares for the people she works for. Too many contractors take advantage of their clients — overcharging them, taking shortcuts, using cheaper materials of poorer quality, and hiding problems. Brianna, meanwhile, is the opposite, ensuring a thorough job that'll last long and be worth the client's money. "We don't require a final payment until you're satisfied," she asserts.

The tools and materials carried in Brianna's mobile workshop are of the highest quality she can find. She avoids weak lumber with imperfections, has a deal with Sherwin-Williams because she attests their paints are the best. Other supply stores she frequents are Allegheny Millworks in the southside, APR Supply Co. in North Hills, Beacon Supply in the West End, H.P. Starr, and Faucet Doctor — not only because they keep a prime stock, but because they support the LGBTQ+ community. "I have never felt ➡

any different than anyone else walking in,” Brianna says of shopping in these places.

One important value she practices is communication. They’re often working in the client’s homes — it’s only fair to keep them in the loop about the process. It also comforts those who had been screwed over by bad contractors before. She and her handymen take photos before, after, and during the gig to send to clients whether they’re present or not. If they uncover a problem during the job, their protocol is to stop, alert the client, and revise their plan of action going forward. If a client wants to take part in the work, they’re welcome in. Brianna also frequently livestreams projects to her Instagram, @briannas_mobile_workshop, that anyone can watch for the tips she often gives.

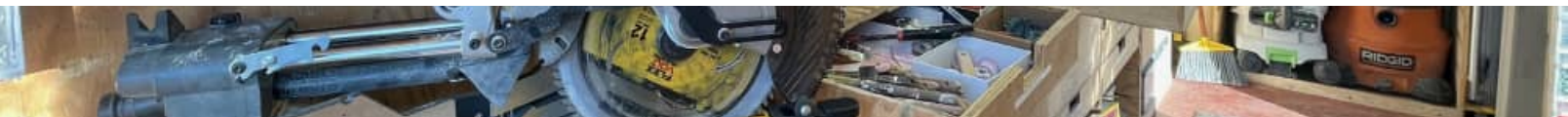
Most importantly, Brianna is committed wholly to the LGBTQ+ community. It’s to return the favor after the community supported her. After she had come out as a trans woman, she lost half her clientele. Yet there were many clients — people who had queer family members, gay couples — who stood by her. That moment, at such a vulnerable point in her life, touched her.

“My time is better valued if I can serve people in the queer people who support me and they want to support me,” Brianna says. “They treat me the way I want to treat them. I want my workshop to be servicing people in the queer community because I know I can create that zone for them.”

The current trailer is reaching the end of its life and Brianna is preparing to replace it with a bigger one. She also plans to get a sprinter van, a smaller vehicle one or two of her employees can drive around to do minor gigs. Among an industry inundated by a machismo culture that would reproach a queer household, Brianna’s Mobile Workshop is a safe resource for folks in the LGBTQ+ community who need help in their homes or businesses without being judged for who they are. Brianna is proud of the haven she’s created.

When Brianna isn’t in her pickup or her mobile workshop, she’s riding her motorcycle. For the past few years, she’s driven among the motorcyclists at the front of the Pittsburgh Pride march and parade, proud to represent and serve her community.

The best way to contact Brianna’s Mobile Workshop is by email at briannalserenity@gmail.com. 🌈



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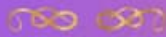


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...AND THEY SAY ROMANCE IS DEAD

by Chrissy Costa

They say romance is dead and as a cynic, I've often agreed. However, being equal parts hopeless romantic, I've secretly longed to prove them wrong. We're still out here; the lovers, the dreamers, and me. Some of us are perhaps jaded after several failed relationships. Some are underwhelmed by the sometimes shallow, disingenuous nature of online dating. I don't want to brag, but I once swiped left faster than an overworked Aldi cashier. Many of us are seeking a real connection, something to believe in again. And no, I don't mean trauma bonding.

As I entered 816 Main Street, in Sharpsburg, I could feel my cynicism being squelched by the charm awaiting me. Elegant and cozy, retro and swanky; the past and present collide inside Love, Katie Distilling. White silk roses adorn a black wall that acts as a backslash across from the intimate bar where seasonal and craft cocktails are created. Old episodes of *I Love Lucy*, sans

sound, are projected onto the wall nearest the entrance. Dimmed lights reflect off of black-and-white photos of celebrities that hang throughout the lounge as old-timey music plays in the background. I was feeling all the modern-day speakeasy vibes.

Top that off with a delicious, on-the-house caramel apple whiskey cocktail, and... it was love. For me, at least. And here's what I discovered. The romance is intentional. Katie Sirianni, 37, Fox Chapel native and self-proclaimed, "old soul Xennial" opened Love, Katie Distilling as an homage to love; all love, and especially the love for her girlfriend, Jen Procacina. "It's my love letter to Jen," said Sirianni.

I couldn't even get my last girlfriend to water my plants when I was away, but that's cool. I also find it quite impressive that Katie's grand romantic gesture didn't include a U-Haul. Well done, Katie. No pressure on you though, Jen. All jokes aside, I found this

all to be so beautiful; the space, the intention, the people. It may be Katie's love letter to Jen, but it also felt like the universe was sending me my very own love note. It read:

"Dear Chrissy, One day someone is going to water your plants and respond to your texts. Keep swiping."

***Love,
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You'll experience your own love story when you visit Love, Katie Distilling, and that was also intentional. There's a love letter on the back of every bottle. "I want everybody to be able to walk in here and share this space as their love letter to a loved one. To their mother, daughter, friend, or romantic partner. It's about love, and I want to take it back to a time that was more simple. Nothing should be complex about love," said Katie.

Love, Katie Distilling is the first LGBTQ-owned distillery in

Pennsylvania and Katie Sirianni wants everyone to feel welcome in her space. The business has only been open a few weeks but had a soft launch on June 28, 2023, in honor of International Pride Day.

Before becoming the first lesbian-owned distillery in Pennsylvania, Katie worked in healthcare for a decade. She then went on to open SIPS Mobile Bar Co. where she refurbished and turned old horse trailers into decorative bars on wheels. She started the company with a business partner and later took over with the help of her cousin, Brian Zalewski. Zalewski now manages Love, Katie and serves as the house mixologist. Heather Klug, whom Sirianni affectionately refers to as "Mama Heather" spoke highly of her "bonus daughter, Katie" and her ability to start a business from the ground up. "She would find these trailers and turn them into mobile bars by doing the electrical work, the plumbing, welding, etc. She did it all."

Mama Heather was the taster sampling new drinks during

my visit, and I'd presume that is due to her ability to give feedback 'straight-up'.

Sirianni said she learned to distill out of her friend Kenyan Hicks' distillery, Noire Expedition in Lawrenceville, where she built the tasting room and spent time during the off-season months at SIPS.

I assumed Katie was good with her hands because she's a lesbian, but she informed me that was only part of the reason. "My dad is a handy guy and he had me using power tools from as far back as I can remember. I was always helping him. I've been building things since I was little." It seems dad is now returning the favor as he, along with cousin Brian and Katie, did all of the renovations at Love, Katie. But Katie assures me the decor is all her. She is thrilled to own a business so close to where she grew up.

Love, Katie is currently featuring Noire Expedition gin, Wigle Whiskey, and Lucky Sign Spirits along with a lot of great beer

made in Pennsylvania. There are also non-alcoholic beers and mocktails available per request. Cocktail flights are available for those who can't be held to one choice, and according to Sirianni, "set us apart from other places." In the spirit of supporting local businesses, they've partnered with Yosteria, an Italian restaurant in Sharpsburg. Customers can order from the menu via a QR code and have food delivered to the distillery.

The distillery is also available to host private events such as the bridal shower for Daisy Jade, host/producer of Fan N'ATion and PTL. Happy hours, open mics, comedy shows as well as burlesque and drag shows are also on the menu of this soon-to-be-favorite Sharpsburg hangout.

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COUNCILMAN BRUCE KRAUS TAKES A BOW

by Tia Bailey

On the 5th floor of the Pittsburgh City-County building downtown, there sits a comfortable office with dark wood furniture. This is the office of Councilman Bruce Kraus, who has served on Pittsburgh City Council for 16 years, ever since he took office in 2008 as the city's first openly gay elected official. Earlier this year, he shared with the public that he would not be running for re-election.

Kraus, a native of Pittsburgh, has been active in the community for decades. From being a part of the South Side Chamber of Commerce to being elected to City Council, Kraus's activism spans over many years. His activism in the community stems from his experience growing up in the city.

"I'm one of those Pittsburghers that live in the house that they came home from the hospital in," he shares.

His South Side home used to be his godmother's house. Kraus bought the house from her in 1983 and has resided there ever since.

"The South Side is in my blood," Kraus says. "It's impossible for me to divorce who I am from the fact that I live in the South Side, it's that interwoven."

Kraus joined the South Side Chamber of Commerce in the early 1980s when East Carson Street was beginning to transform into a food-and-drink neighborhood. He shares that while protesting the merger of the Zone 3 and Zone 6

police stations in 2003 by then-Mayor Tom Murphy, he met several people who were influential in his future understanding of the foundation of activism in the neighborhood. Kraus eventually became the President of the South Side Chamber of Commerce, where he focused on revitalizing East Carson Street.

In 2006, a special election was held due when Councilman Gene Ricciardi left City Council to be a magistrate. While talking to close friend Lee Phillips, Kraus was wondering aloud who would be a good replacement for Ricciardi. He was shocked when Phillips responded that he would and that he should run for the seat. Ricciardi later agreed, and Kraus began to seriously consider it to be a possibility.

"We all come here out of some form of 'neighborhood activism,'" Kraus says. "We get engaged in our communities, and we care passionately about certain things that affect our communities. And one of the best ways to see those bear fruit is to be in a position to actually cast the vote, or actually allocate the money to see those things come to be."

Kraus says that it began to make sense for him to run for the seat, but he had no idea how much he had to learn. He describes campaigning for the 2006 election as being a very rough period in his life. Kraus has been an out gay man since 1972, and while he was mostly met with support, he still

faced rampant homophobia from others during the election.

"We had opposition that passed flyers out on Sunday mornings at Catholic churches," Kraus says. "They were bright, fluorescent pink flyers. And they would say, 'If you vote for Kraus, you can't support Catholic values, because he's gay.'"

He describes another experience he had, in which a polling location had his campaign sign displayed for voters to spit on as they went inside to vote. He went to this location himself and witnessed it firsthand.

Kraus ended up losing that election by 174 votes, which sent him spiraling into a depression. Despite having friends check in on him, he stayed in his house without seeing anyone for about a month. However, when Mayor Bob O'Connor died only several months into his term, Kraus began to realize that he needed to pick himself back up and try again. He then began to campaign for the four-year term.

"I had to go back out and do it all over again, raise all the money again, from the same people that gave me money the first time, and I had to say 'I know I can win, you have to give me the money again because I know I can win,'" he says. "And they did. I will never ever forget the kindness of people in those two elections and what they did to support me."

This time, Kraus focused on knocking on doors “religiously,” and recalls once knocking on a woman’s door who was ecstatic that he was on her porch. He shares the story with amusement, saying, “Like, oh my god, what? Maybe we are actually making an impact.” Kraus shares that this election was still rough, from accusations of campaign interference to bricks being thrown through his office windows. However, Kraus ended up winning the four-year term, and found out he was the city’s first openly gay councilperson.

Additionally, Kraus served as the President of the City Council for 6 years from 2014 through 2020. While he loved the camaraderie and opportunity to lead, he loved being a councilman more.

So, why leave?

“I think it’s selfish to overstay,” Kraus says. “It’s such an honor to be given the opportunity to be here. But you know, like house guests and cheese, it starts to smell in three days. You can only stay for

so long. It’s selfish to not provide opportunities for someone else to have the experience that you did.”

Kraus wanted to be sure that when he left, he would be able to feel confident that there was someone he trusted to take over. He has found this in Bob Charland, his Chief of Staff.

“The big picture of the seat being in good hands is the big work of the city as a whole,” Kraus shares. “The smaller vision of that is the constituency that we represent. And you cannot interact with people on a personal level for 16 years, and not become friends. They’re not constituents, they’re friends. I’m invested in their lives, they’re invested in my life.”

“[Bob’s] got a really good heart, and it shows, and he’ll make for really good leadership,” he says.

Now, at the end of his time in City Council, Kraus looks back on what he thinks his biggest accomplishment was. He states that he hopes it is what he has learned

about himself throughout the entire process.

“I have done things that I didn’t ever think I was ever capable of doing,” Kraus says. “I came out of it, I hope, a better human being than when I came in. That’s been the real blessing of this journey.”

For others, Kraus hopes that he has given people a different point of view of what it means to be a gay man.

“I hope there aren’t any more preconceived notions or ideas that they may have had, about who they thought I was,” he says. “I hope I was able to dispel that. Not actively, but rather passively, by showing the way that I live my life, who I am, what my values are, and what’s important to me. I hope their viewpoint of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, queer people, is completely different than when we began this journey. I hope there’s an increased level of acceptance, understanding, and tolerance, and love for the community.” 🌈

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BE SQUARE

by Tia Bailey

The Square Cafe is a popular queer-owned restaurant located in East Liberty. Sheree Goldstein, the owner of Square Care, shares that when she thought about opening a restaurant, it was only a pipe dream.

"I was actually working in a drug and alcohol treatment facility for a long time, 12 or 13 years," Goldstein says. "I was ready for a change and ready to do something different. It was kind of a wild dream, where you think about this cool cafe and there's great pastries and coffee, arts and entertainment, and people hanging out. That's kind of what my mission was. It's morphed and changed a lot since then, but that was the dream."

Goldstein pursued this dream, and the restaurant recently celebrated its 20th anniversary earlier this year.

Upon opening, first in Regent Square, the goals Goldstein set were simple: get open and stay open. Then, once that happened, the goals changed a bit.

"It was really to have a place to hang out for the community, and obviously have great food and

great customer service," she says. "Not a lot has changed since then, with the exception of Covid."

Goldstein, who identifies as a queer woman, shares that she is simply an open person, and doesn't correlate the restaurant's success with her sexuality.

"We are open with who we are inside the doors, and we have people all over the spectrum of gender, sexuality," she states. "We just want to love people and share good food and good coffee and have fun. We're trying to feed people and nurture them."

Goldstein describes how the food service industry changed "drastically" with the arrival of the pandemic.

"We're working hard every day to have enough staff to be able to serve all of our customers and working with our vendors to create unusual and unique dishes," she says.

Now that groups of people have come together again, Square Cafe has events that they host to bring the community together. Wheel of Drag and Mocktail Contest are two popular events of the restaurants.

A big reason the restaurant is able to host these events is because of their move to East Liberty in August 2020.

"[The cafe] is a lot bigger, and we have space for catering events and private events," Goldstein shares.

A big focus of Goldstein's is to make sure her employees are taken care of, with fair wages, shared gratuity, and other incentives to ensure everyone is treated well.

Additionally, they pay out of pocket to recycle and compost, something that isn't required in the City but is important to Goldstein and the staff.

"We pay attention to the whole pie," she says.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Square Cafe, Goldstein shares a message.

"We welcome everybody," she says. "We want to love people. Also, the staff, the employees are the real nuts and bolts as to why it works. Because people work hard and they care." 🌈



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Washington, PA 15301
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AIDSFreePittsburgh.org

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Crush Hour

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Steel City Pups

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Pittsburgh Frontrunners

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leagues
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- Kickball
- Sand Volley Ball
- Ultimate Frisbee
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proudhaven.org

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LGBT & Allies

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Queer Student Alliance

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Gender & Sexuality Spectrum Alliance

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first-unitarian-pgh.org

Metropolitan Community Church of Pittsburgh

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mccpittsburgh.com

Queer Pagan Pittsburgh

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509 South Dallas Avenue
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lbgqtq-ministry

Satanic Temple Pittsburgh

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sunnyhill.org

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queerwitches.com

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ptownbarpgh.com

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rainbowunicornbar.com

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2257 Babcock Blvd
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millieshomemade.com/
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pigeonbagels.com

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