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Celebrating Pride Month While Sheltering in Place

I have written and rewritten this introduction honoring Pride month half a dozen times over the past two weeks as the world around us seems to keep catching fire, literally and figuratively. COVID-19 brought many parts of our lives screeching to a halt, from birthday parties to haircuts, to job losses. Meanwhile, the systemic struggles of so many have been amplified and exacerbated. COVID-19 has not stopped or even slowed racism, classism, ableism, sexism, homophobia, or political partisanship. It has instead turned a magnifying glass on the magnitude of change that has been desperately needed for far too long.

Today, on June 1st, the month we celebrate and recognize the LGBTQIA+ community, the words “the first Pride was a riot” are ringing in my head. Immense progress for the LGBTQIA+ community was born from a violent clash between police and predominantly transgender women of color at the Stonewall Inn in 1969. It was not peaceful, but it got people to start paying a little more attention. My heart breaks that yet again, progress in the United States is being driven as a result of even more violence against people and communities of color. My biggest hope is that we all take this opportunity to open our ears and our hearts to reimagine a world that makes more space for all of us. To our CivicPRIDE family, happy Pride Month. Let’s use it to challenge ourselves to be better allies to all communities, to relentlessly remind our friends and family that

In Solidarity,
Pam Davis, CivicPRIDE Board Chair

Virtual Queer Trivia Night

Please join us for Civic Pride's first ever Queer Trivia night on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. MST! Players will have the chance to connect with other professionals over four rousing rounds of questions. The triumphant team will receive swag bags full of prizes for their winning wit!

Sign up for Queer Trivia by visiting this [Eventbrite page](#). To be assigned to a specific team of people, please join the conference line 5 minutes before the hour, otherwise players will be assigned into teams at random. Trivia hosts will lock the meeting sharply at 6:50 p.m. MST, so be sure to meet us online before then!



LGBTQIA+ Noteworthy News:

1. **Take Action** - The 500 Women Scientists organization provides [dos, don'ts, and resources](#) on how to support #blacklivesmatter, a movement created by queer Black women
2. **The Human Rights Campaign & 100+ LGBTQ Organizations** - release a [letter](#) condemning racial violence
3. **Germany** - [bans conversion therapy](#) for minors

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5. **LGBTQ Youth in Lockdown** - Some queer young people [face rejection](#) while stuck at home



Dress Code Policies: The Hairy Dilemma

CivicPRIDE Board Member Taylor Reimann discusses workplace dress code policies and how confusing they can be for queer professionals. [Read more.](#)

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