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**Spring Into Pride!**

Happy Spring CivicPRIDE! I don't know about you, but the start of my 2022 had a few more bumps in the road than I would have preferred. However, my eternal optimism is hanging on, helped in large part by the inspiring people and communities around me. Recent developments have me energized and eager to make big moves in 2022. Our own CivicPRIDE board has been taking on extra assignments to help solidify our [future as a standalone nonprofit organization](#). With all the gratitude in our hearts for [Engaging Local Government Leaders](#) for their help launching our organization seven years ago, we are excited for this new chapter. This month we filed articles of incorporation with the State of Colorado, and next month we will have our very own bank account. The sky is the limit after that! In the face of so many challenges out there right now, I hope you all can join me in a celebration that we are one step closer to a brighter, more inclusive future in our little slice of the world.

Sincerely,

Pam Davis (she/her), CivicPRIDE Board Chair

## **A New Chapter for CivicPRIDE**

Over the course of this year, CivicPRIDE intends to transition to a fully functional, standalone professional association. Our goals fall into three main categories:

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## Stories of Pride Continues April 21st!

Stories of Pride continues on April 21st with a session about Employee Resource Groups. Please join us and [register](#) to attend.

This session will feature Heather Cox of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado. Heather is a queer poet, editor, and small press publisher with a passion for strategic and inclusive storytelling and has been working in the city of Fort Collin's Communications and Public Involvement Officer for the past five years.

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### LGBTQIA+ Noteworthy News:

- **Four Myths About Trans Athletes, [Debunked](#)**
- **Nearly 240 anti-LGBTQ bills [have been filed](#)** so far in 2022, most targeting trans people.
- **Texas** isn't the only state [denying essential medical care](#) to trans youth. Here's what's going on.
- **Here's a breakdown** of [Florida's Don't Say Gay Bill](#)
- **Celebrating LGBTQ Women and Allies** in the [Fight for Equality](#)

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*go out before March, but this is great info for next year!*

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