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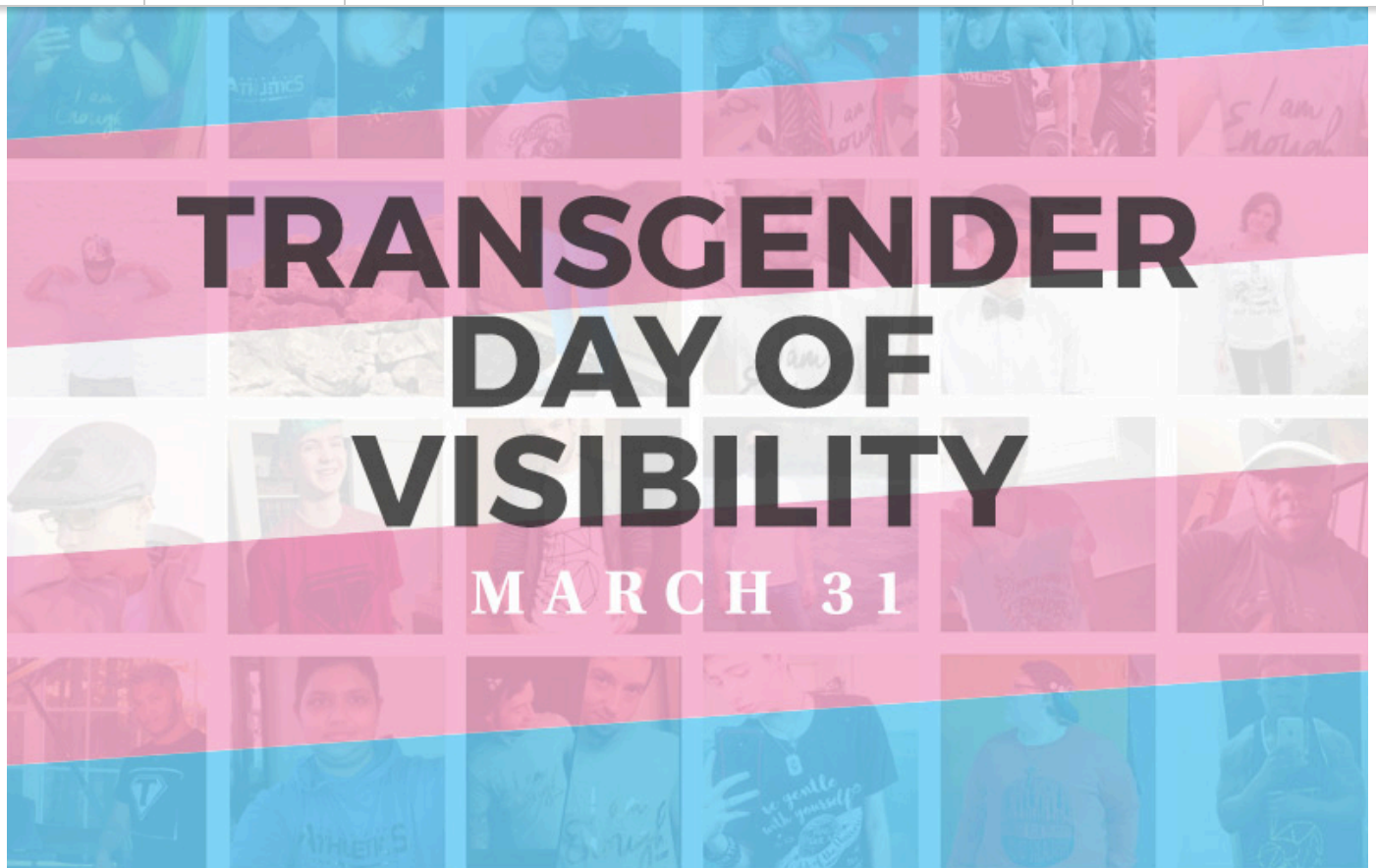
Emerging Into 2021 With Pride

As I look out my window in Colorado this week at our near-record breaking feet of snow for this region, it is very hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. As I am writing this, it is 29 degrees and I wouldn't trust my car to make it out of our cul-de-sac. However, in spite of the visible evidence to the contrary, spring is on its way. The snow will melt, the tulips will sprout, and the days will be longer. I feel the same confident optimism about emerging into the rest of this year with greater hope and connection. Emerging does not mean that we will wake up one day and all of our problems will be behind us. Instead, it means that we are surviving, transforming, and celebrating new progress. Being immersed in the COVID-19 pandemic for the past year has taken its toll on all of us, it has forever changed us, but it will not stop us from dreaming up and creating a better future. As we look to the light and renewal of spring, I hope you all can feel the momentum building toward a more open and connected world once again. We are here to support you on that journey.

Sincerely,
Pam Davis, CivicPRIDE Board Chair

Trans Day Of Visibility - March 31, 2021

CivicPRIDE acknowledges Trans Days of Visibility which occurs on March 31st of each year. The day is dedicated to celebrating transgender and gender nonconforming people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, and acknowledging the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice. The day was founded by a transgender activist from Michigan in 2009 and was spearheaded by the youth advocacy organization Trans Student Educational Resources (TSER). To learn more about Trans Day of Visibility, please visit the [TSER website](#).



CivicPRIDE Summit - June 30th!

In partnership with ELGL, CivicPRIDE will host an inaugural Summit tentatively set for **Wednesday, June 30**. The Summit will include an opening speaker, multiple educational sessions, and will conclude with a virtual social hour. Topics that will be covered will include inclusiveness, allyship, and diversity, among others. The Summit will also include a virtual *Stories of Pride* session. Additional details and registration information will be released at a later date.

To register for the for this upcoming CivicPRIDE event, please visit the ELGL Events webpage: <https://elgl.org/events/>

CivicPRIDE Virtual Happy Hours Continue In 2021!

CivicPRIDE will continue quarterly Virtual Happy Hours. These events are a great opportunity to network with other LGBTQIA+ local government professionals from across the United States. The next Happy Hour event will occur on **Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m./CDT**. To register for this event please visit this [Eventbrite page](#). Once

Additional Happy Hour events will occur on the following dates: **June 16, September 9, and December 1.**

Stories of PRIDE Continues March 30th!

CivicPRIDE would like to thank all of those who continue to attend or view the Stories of Pride series. The series attempts to showcase our experiences as LGBTQIA+ public servants, to help build resources for those interested in local government leadership, and to show the change that we are able to effect in our communities.

In partnership with ELGL, CivicPRIDE will continue its "**Stories of Pride**" series later this month. The next session will occur on **March 31 at 5:30 p.m. PST** and will feature Kevin Marples who currently serves as the LGBTQ Liaison for the Boulder, Colorado Police Department. Kevin was born and raised in the Denver-metro area and has previously worked for the University of Colorado - Boulder Police Department (CUPD). His current position with the Boulder, Colorado Police Department includes work on fostering partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, increasing the reporting of incidents of hate, and providing relevant training to law enforcement.

To register for this upcoming event, please visit the CivicPRIDE Stories of Pride website: <https://elgl.org/event/stories-of-pride-kevin-marples/>



Stories of Pride

This virtual series studies the intersectionality of our sexual, gender, and racial identities as LGBTQIA+ public servants, and how the different facets of our experience shape the way we serve.



EPISODE 3 : POLICE & PARTNERSHIPS WITH OFFICER KEVIN MARPLES

LGBTQ Liaison for the Boulder Police Department shares the story of new program focused on reporting, training, and partnerships, designed to create a safer Colorado for all communities.

**March 31
5:30 p.m. PST**

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