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A MESSAGE FROM NOHO PRIDE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy 2012 Pride!!

Welcome one and all for our 31st annual Pride March and Celebration! This year our theme is Being the Change, embracing all the positive changes happening in the world and our local community. The first change we're thrilled about is our move to the Tri County Fair Grounds. We have made a sincere effort to address numerous requests for a change in venue, a venue more intimate and comfortable for relishing the day's events. So many of you asked for our venue to once again be located in a greener space where it is possible to: lay out blankets, set up umbrellas for protection from the sun, relax, play a game of flag football and enjoy the performances without sounds echoing between brick buildings and a concrete parking lot.

Another very important change for our community is the passage of the Transgender Rights Bill! This critical piece of legislation, championed by the truly tenacious and

formidable Gunner Scott, moves the trans community a huge leap forward towards equal rights, respect and dignity here in the Commonwealth. What an amazing time it is to be living and working in Massachusetts!

Change can be challenging but change brings us forward and opens the door to a more complete understanding of where we need to go. Some of the changes started with Stonewall and today there are 8 states and D.C. that recognize same sex marriage. The human spirit embraces and embodies change with every minute, every breath and every thought.

We are proud to be volunteering for and with such a vibrant community. We hope your day is filled with joy and renewal.

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WHEREAS, the City of Northampton is committed to uphold the provisions of the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize the many positive contributions of its citizens, volunteers, and business people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender; and

WHEREAS, the City has set aside May 12, 2012 for the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride March; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 31st anniversary of the Pride March in Northampton; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act and the pride demonstrated through this march should be extended throughout these United States and the world.

NOW,
THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton, do hereby proclaim today, May 12, 2012, as a day of recognition and pride for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in our communities, and urge support by all Northampton citizens for the civil rights of each and every one of us.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal
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David J. Narkewicz
Mayor

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“Being the Change”

By: Reverend Tinker Donnelly

When Gandhi said these words, it was to make the point that the quality of our own experience must not depend upon how, when, or if other people change ... the quality of our experience must not be contingent upon changing external circumstances/conditions – change begins as an *inside* job - it must begin *within* us.

Gandhi understood this when he made the statement: **“We must *BE* the change we wish to see in the world.”** And we have chosen this message as this year’s parade and rally theme. We’ve chosen it because it speaks directly to the purpose and spirit of this event – and all Pride events. These events exist to promote and effect *CHANGE* – change on the inside, and change on the outside – the kind of change that enhances our personal and collective experience, extends freedom and justice, and celebrates the authentic value of every individual life.

To change is to grow. Change evolves, clarifies, cultivates, actualizes, and refines us from the inside, out (not the other way around).

We all want positive change in the world – social and cultural change – toward the ends of equality, justice, and freedom. We all want the opportunity create lives for ourselves that feel organically sound and whole. ... you must begin change in YOUR (inner) world to exper. It in the outer world
But all change begins in our inner world before it is externalized “out there”.

We must first take responsibility for the dynamics of change at the interior level of our lives – in order to project the products/effects of change outward. We must effect change in the same manner that Gandhi exemplified in his own life and work – through nonviolent means – that is without harm. Gandhi was a devout Hindu, and a practitioner of the ancient spiritual

tradition of *ahimsa* – non violence. The concept of *ahimsa* applies to each of us personally – we must practice being non-violent and harmless toward *ourselves*, and through experiential practice we will learn how to extend harmlessness to others.

Non-cooperation – Stonewall ... pendulum swung wide
Non-cooperation over time as gotten us this far ... it is a means of true and lasting integration but not quick results
Permanent *change* can take time and patience ... progress is a process.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi the pre-eminent political and ideological leader of India during the Indian independence movement. A pioneer of *satyagraha*, or resistance to tyranny through mass civil disobedience—a philosophy firmly founded upon *ahimsa*, or total nonviolence^{[2][3]}—Gandhi led India to independence and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.^{[4][5]} He is internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolent protest to achieve political and social progress. Gandhi is often referred to as **Mahatma** Sanskrit: “Great Soul”

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall — think of it, always.”

“The first principal of nonviolent action is that of noncooperation with everything humiliating.” ~ Cesar Chavez





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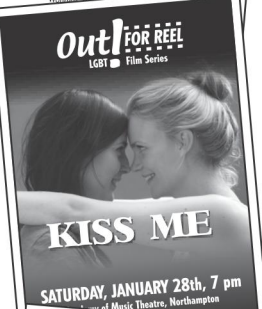
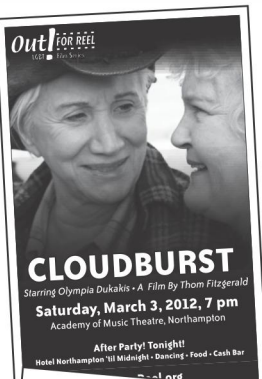
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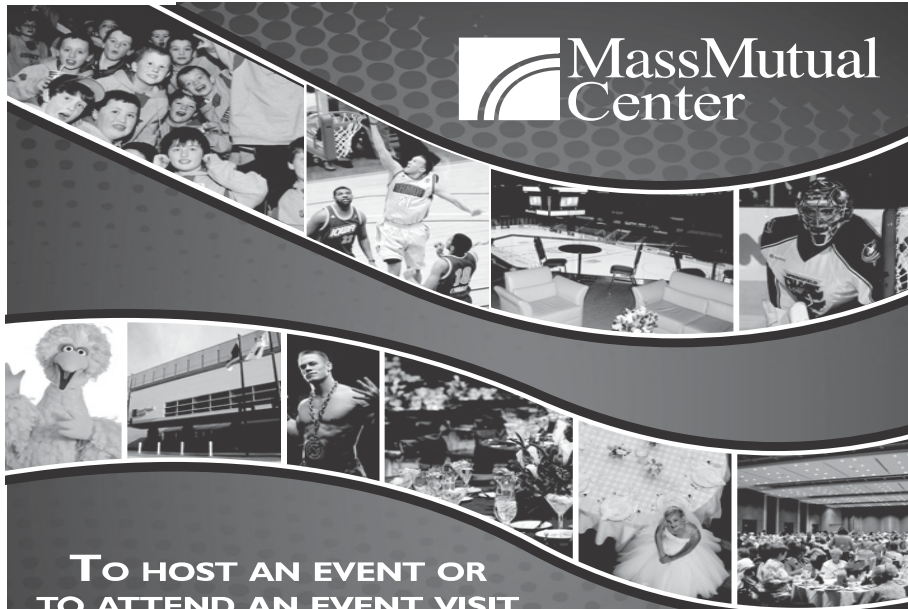
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PRIDE PARADE

WELCOME BY EMCEE ALIX OLSON

PROCLAMATION BY
NORTHAMPTON MAYOR DAVID NARKEWITZ

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
REV. TINKER DONNELLY

PIONEER VALLEY GAY MENS CHORUS

ELIZABETH WARREN

GEORGIA STAR MICHAELS

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SEPTIMIUS THE GREAT

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CRAZE FAZE HIP HOP DANCE CREW

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SEPTIMIUS THE GREAT

Septimius is an American Songwriter and Pop/Dance Music Recording Artist based in Baltimore, MD USA. Nominated for "Top 100 Artists on the Verge" of stardom by NMS. He was created thru a vast number of talents and experiences throughout his years. His journey began as a Fashion Model, then Choreographer, Show Producer, Promoter, Talent Manager, Radio Host, TV Host, MC, Male International Pageant Titleholder, Pageant Director and Company CEO. Throughout his life experiences, he always had a passion for music and began performing as an artist and entertainer in the music scene in 1997. He soon started his music career as a featured artist on the X9 records recording label. This led to a debut CD single produced by one of the label's producers and then remixed by the World Renowed Thommy Davis which topped the underground dance music charts worldwide. Over the years he has shared the stage with such artist as: Pat Benatar, Deborah Cox, Patti Labelle, Musiq Soulchild, Rupaul, Tiffany, Wale', Gov't Mule, Crystal Waters, Ultra Nate', Martha Wash, Peppa Mashay, and Colonel Abrahms. In 2010, he linked up with Producer Gutta Man of Rocklord Productions to produce the first 4 tracks on the debut album – "The New Rome". Then finished the album with Producer C4 of Deep Flow Studios. Which was released



PHOTO: SEPTIMIUS THE GREAT

worldwide in 12 countries and 25 US cities.

Septimius is inspired by ancient european style as well as eccentric artists as Michael Jackson, Prince, Madonna and Lady Gaga. He states that Fashion and History is a source of inspiration for his songwriting and performances which brings to life Septimius the Great.

Website[s]: www.septimiusthegreat.com
www.facebook.com/pages/Septimius-The-Great/137821669574184?v=info

ALIX OLSON

Northampton resident Alix Olson is an internationally touring spoken word artist and queer activist. She has appeared on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, Rachel Maddow's Air America radio show, on the covers of Curve and Ms. Magazine, and on stages from the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival to the March for Choice in Washington, DC. Alix has published several CDs and volumes of poetry and is the editor of Word Warriors: 35 Women Leaders in the Spoken Word Revolution (Seal Press, 2007). She has received a New York Foundation for the Arts Award, D.C's Rape Crisis Center's "Visionary Award," and was Out Music's Out-Activist of the Year. Alix is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science at the University of MA-Amherst.

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SISTER FUNK

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You might have heard this incredible, high powered all female-band on Sirius satellite radio with their song GONE ranking #2 for 15 consecutive weeks on The Hot Top 20 Charts. Perhaps you have seen them on the DIY Ten Grand in Your Hand reality show, "Renovation Rock" episode or on Showtime's smash hit The L-Word, performing LIVE on an Olivia Cruise. If not then I am sure you have seen them ignite stages from coast to coast, including Canada performing at some of the largest GLBT Pride events and Women's Festivals. In 2011, Sister Funk was recognized for their 10+ yr commitment and accomplishments in music having been inducted into the Women's Hall Of Fame in Seneca NY (the birthplace for women's right to vote). A plaque in their honor can be viewed on the impressive walls with other remarkable women from yesterday and today!

CURVE Magazine describes Sister Funk as "provocative, high energy, and entertaining, these women put on a hot show". This 2009 Red Door battle of the band winner smashed the competition taking 1st place in every category during

the 9 week battle, taking home the GRAND PRIZE cash money & studio time. Who says women's can't rock?

According to Conch Key West Chronicle, "Sister Funk, this incredible all-girl rock group, absolutely stunned hundreds of concert-goers on Duval St., proving themselves not only the hottest all girl group to hit the Southernmost City but impressed even seasoned rockaholics".

With all their awards aside, it's the music, the fans, the love for each other that keeps them going. After 10 years, Sister Funk continues to stay strong & focused delivering a passionate and energetic performance time and time again!

Website[s]: www.sisterfunk.com
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GEORGIA STAR MICHAELS

Georgia Michaels is a performing drag artist in and around Western Mass. She brings her own

unique style of Broadway, jazz, and sometimes a little pop. She has been performing for around 4 years. She has previously been



PHOTO: GEORGIA MICHAELS

featured as a performer in Noho Pride, Tony Isham Presents., and as an entertainer and hostess for MTNE. She would like to thank everyone who has given her the opportunity to perform, all of her fans (old and new) and esp her drag family. She also invites you to be friends with her on Facebook and hopes that you will enjoy the show!!

PAMELA MEANS

Pamela Means, "one of the fiercest guitar players and politically-rooted musicians in the industry today," (Curve Magazine) is a singer-



PHOTO: PAMELA MEANS

songwriter and jazz musician, on tour with her "mad guitar-and-vocal skills" (Time Out New York) and "insanely brilliant tunes" (Press Herald, Portland ME).

From the recording of her first tape in the living room of Violent Femmes' bassist, Brian Ritchie, Means has since released seven critically acclaimed albums - including her latest acoustic record, "Precedent," plus a fantastic foray into jazz (Pamela Means Jazz Project, Vol. 1) - strummed a hole in two acoustic guitars, and collected a stack of awards such as: Milwaukee's Best Acoustic Act (twice!), WI Folk Artist of the Year, WI Female Vocalist of the Year, Top Ten Album of the Year (Pamela Means Jazz Project, Vol. 1), Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's Most Wanted New Artist, and an Outstanding Contemporary Folk Artist Boston Music Award nomination.

Ever the consummate songwriter and performer, Pamela Means has continually stunned audiences from Anchorage to Amsterdam, broken CD sales records at national folk festivals, and shared the stage with a buncha' bigwigs including: Neil Young, Ani DiFranco, Joan Baez, Shawn Colvin,

Richie Havens, Howard Zinn, Angela Davis, Eve Ensler, Violent Femmes, Pete Seeger, Janis Ian, Alix Olson and many others.

Website[s]: www.pamelameans.com
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CRAZEFAZE

Crazefaze is a hip hop dance crew from Western Massachusetts. Directed by Rebecca Bustillos, and choreographed



PHOTO: CRAZEFAZE

by Rebecca Bustillos, Daniel Lozada and Sean Batigean. This talented group of dancers began in 2007. This crew builds on hard work, respect,

persistence, and

team work. Crazefaze works together to continue pursuing their passion in dance through performance and choreography.

Crew members names: Rebecca Bustillos, Daniel Lozada, Sean Batingan, Samantha Howe, Rachel Teumim, Julia Kurtz

JAMI SMITH

Comedian and humorist for Advocate.com,

Jami Smith has quickly carved out a space for herself in the gay comedy scene. She has performed alongside such as acts as Erin



PHOTO: JAMI SMITH

Foley, Dana Goldberg, Jason Dudey, and Sandra Valls and has been seen in the 2011 Women in Comedy Festival as well as comedy clubs in New York, DC, and Los Angeles. She also hosts a comedy Twitter feed for The Advocate called @Gaysayer and was voted one of the "Top 25 Twitter Accounts To Follow" by Gay.com. Follow Jami on Twitter for show updates and jokes at @jamismithcomic.

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ELIZABETH WARREN

Elizabeth Warren says she “came up the hard way...out of a hard-working middle class family in an America that created opportunities for kids

like me.” She has made her life’s work fighting for middle class families. The Boston Globe calls her “... the plainspoken voice of people getting crushed by so many predatory lenders and under regulated banks.” TIME magazine has called her a “New Sheriff of Wall Street” and has twice included her among America’s 100 most influential people. She’s taken on big banks and financial institutions to win historic new financial protections for middle class families.

She is widely credited for the original thinking, political courage, and relentless persistence that led to the creation of a new consumer financial protection agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. She led the establishment of the agency, building the structure and organization to hold accountable even trillion-dollar financial institutions and to protect consumers from financial tricks and traps often hidden in mortgages, credit cards and other financial products.

Elizabeth and her husband Bruce Mann, who was born and grew up in the Boston area, have been married for 31 years and now have three grandchildren. They live in Cambridge with their golden retriever, Otis.

GUNNER SCOTT

Gunner Scott is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) and is a nationally recognized activist, educator, and community organizer on Transgender Rights, LGBT health issues, and LGBT



PHOTO: GUNNER SCOTT

partner abuse. In 2011, after 5-year campaign, the Massachusetts legislature passed the Transgender Equal Rights bill; this legislative campaign was lead by MTPC under the direction of Gunner Scott.

He holds a BA in Liberal Arts from Goddard College, where he completed an oral history project titled "Boston Area Transgender Community Leaders and the ENDA Crisis." He has written articles for Bay Windows newspaper, What's Up magazine, Sojourner Women's Forum, "Agitate and Activate", the introduction to Pinned Down by Pronouns, a 2003 Lambda Literary nominee anthology published by Conviction Books, and is a co-author on the study and 2012 article in the American Journal of Public Health entitled "Transgender Health in Massachusetts: Results From a Household Probability Sample of Adults."

Currently, he is serves on the Board of Corporators for Eastern Bank, board member for the Equality Federation, and is a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission for GLBT

Youth. He has also been involved with the Occupy Boston movement and is part media working group. In addition to his social justice activism, he is also passionate about saving wild lions from extinction and captivity. You find him at <http://www.gunnerscott.com> and follow him on Twitter @MrGunnerScott. For more information about the work of MTPC, visit <http://www.masstpc.org> and on Twitter @MassTPC.

THE REVEREND TINKER DONNELLY

The Reverend Tinker Donnelly is an omni-faith minister. She is the Founder/ Director of "HeartWorks" and "QueerSpirit" (LGBTQ youth project), providing community



PHOTO: REV. DONNELLY

outreach and individual/family support. Drawing from teaching stories and wisdom from all faith traditions, Reverend Tinker offers workshops and programs that inspire a felt-sense of spiritual connection and invigorate vitality, creativity, love, and joy. She teaches the "Science of Mind", exploring universal spiritual principles and metaphysics related to Consciousness, the Law of Attraction, affirmative prayer, and all forms of mediation. Her work focuses upon personal authenticity and self-actualization – honoring unity while celebrating diversity.

Reverend Tinker is available for guest speaking, private counseling, weddings, memorials, and personal rituals.

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THE PIONEER VALLEY GAY MEN'S CHORUS



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MAYOR DAVID NARKEWICZ



PHOTO: MAYOR DAVID NARKEWICZ

David Narkewicz was elected the 44th Mayor of the City of Northampton in November 2011. Prior to that, he served as Councilor At-Large and President of the Northampton City Council from 2010-2011 and Ward 4 City Councilor from 2006-2010.

David is a former district aide to U.S. Congressman John Oliver (D-MA), for whom he directed federal funding and economic development initiatives in western and central Massachusetts. He had previously served on the Washington D.C. legislative staffs of Congressman Doug Walgren (D-PA), Congressman Dennis Eckart (D-OH), and Congressman Ted Strickland (D-OH), working on a broad range of public policy issues.

David is a proud alumnus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Political Science. While at UMass, David was active in the UMass Democrats, the Student Government Association, and served as president of the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. David was the Political Science Department's first recipient of the George Goodwin Jr. Public Service Scholarship and during his final year he was awarded the Senior Leadership Award.

Prior to college, David served on active duty in the United States Air Force as a personnel specialist. After assignments in Texas, Mississippi, Maine, and Washington, D.C., he completed his military service as a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard while attending UMass.

David was born and raised in western Massachusetts. He and his wife, Dr. Yelena Mikich, have lived in Northampton for nearly twenty years, have two teenage daughters who attend the Northampton Public Schools.

HOLYOKE MAYOR ALEX MORSE

Alex Morse was born and raised in Holyoke and is a proud product of the city's public schools (Morgan Elementary School, Peck Middle School, and Holyoke High School). Alex is an alumnus of Brown University with a degree in urban studies, becoming the first in his family to graduate from college.



PHOTO: MAYOR ALEX MORSE

Alex served two terms as student representative for the Holyoke School Committee, he is the founder of Holyoke For All, the city's first LGBT non-profit organization, and for three years he sat on the Massachusetts Governor's LGBT Commission. He served as President of the Holyoke Youth Commission, where he brought the National Kids Vote Program to Holyoke and started a basketball league for out of school youth in partnership with the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department and the YMCA. He also worked with the Massachusetts Public Policy Institute, Health Care for All, and the United Teen Equality Center in Lowell to write legislation to provide more mental health resources to youth across the state. Alex has also worked with community residents in Holyoke to plan the annual "Stop the Violence" Basketball and Volleyball tournament for youth and families to promote peace and nonviolence in the community.

Alex worked at City Hall in Providence, Rhode Island, where he was mentored for three years by former Providence Mayor, and current Congressman David Cicilline. Alex has also worked for Tapestry Health in Springfield and the Northfield Mount Hermon Upward Bound Program, of which he is also an alumnus. Since 2007, Alex has been a Youth Career Counselor at CareerPoint in Holyoke, where he helps young people access employment and education, works with the business community to identify youth employment opportunities, and manages youth summer employment programs throughout the City.

In January 2012, Alex was sworn in as the youngest and first openly gay mayor in Holyoke's history. His major areas of focus are early childhood literacy, building a local economy around art, innovation, and technology, supporting community policing initiatives, and marketing Holyoke as a great place to live, work, and have fun. Holyoke is poised to undergo a substantial renaissance, and Mayor Morse is excited to lead the City at such a transformational time.



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SAGE WM has created its second edition resource directory for LGBT elders. To meet the listing criteria, an agency must demonstrate support and service for LGBT community members. Copies are distributed throughout the region to serve constituents and to educate the public at large. SAGE offers LGBT cultural competence trainings upon request.

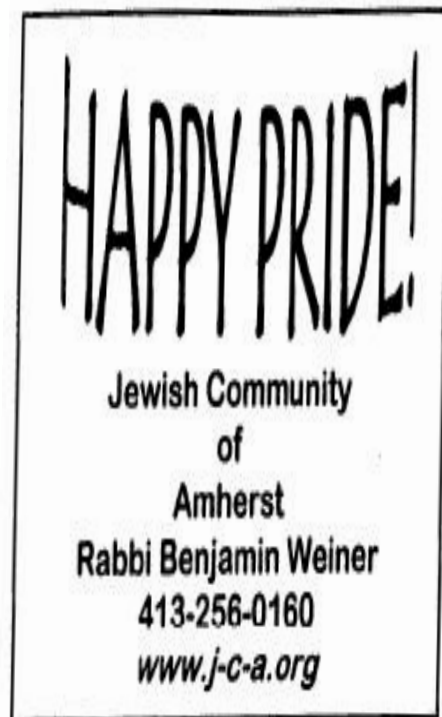


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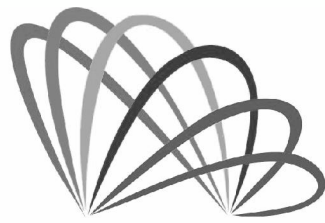
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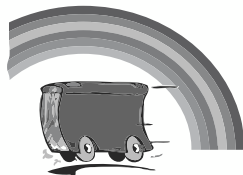
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