

Palm Springs Police Department Celebrates Several Personal Achievements



Village Police Chief Tom Ceccarelli (r) congratulates Sgt. Christopher Fusaro on promotion to Lieutenant.



Chief Ceccarelli presented Special Recognition for the work of Officers Daniel Salguero, and Ricardo Ortega and Raymond Gonzalez.



Palm Springs Police Chief Tom Ceccarelli swears in two new Police Officers, Jachoa Etienne and Amury Lopez.



Support Services Aide Christopher St. Pierre is recognized by Chief Tom Ceccarelli for his support service performances.

Palm Beach Pride Returns to Bryant Park

LAKE WORTH BEACH - It's the most wonderful time of the year for Southeast Florida: Palm Beach Pride Month! This year, Palm Beach Pride isn't holding back!

Palm Beach County's premiere LGBTQ+ Pride Festival, Palm Beach Pride, is returning to Bryant Park in Lake Worth Beach on March 25 and 26, from 12-6 p.m. both days. The Palm Beach Pride Parade takes place on March 26, 11 a.m. on Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth Beach.

"Pride festivals everywhere are places of intention; safe spaces where we can be our authentic selves and enjoy spending time with family and friends. Palm Beach Pride is no exception," explains Julie Seaver, CEO of Compass Community Center and

organizers of Palm Beach Pride. "This year, Compass celebrates 35 years of direct services in the county and we can't imagine a more paramount year to celebrate!"

Palm Beach Pride is a family and pet-friendly event. As in years past, anyone under the age of 18 will be admitted to the park for free. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the event (all proceeds go directly back into the community through Compass, a 501c3 non-profit organization). Tickets sales are online this year leading up to the event and can be purchased at CompassGLCC.com. This is the only place to buy official tickets.

Pride will be from the stage by local celebrities Velvet Lenore, Melissa St. John, Rianna Petrone and Ariel Rimm. The four

well known emcees keep the fun going while adding a bit of flare through their own performances throughout the weekend. They will be joined by newly crowned 2023 Miss Palm Beach Pride, Vasti Love Montana, who will be performing on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Pride Festival is delighted to have an all-star lineup of local and national talent. The Synergy Twins are Sunday's headliners and will be appearing after the highly anticipated performance from the Queen of the Palm Beaches, Velvet Lenore. The Gypsy Lane Band is performing on Sunday; the band includes members of the original recording band members of the Village People and musicians that toured for KC & the Sunshine Band and Gloria Estefan. Addi-

tional entertainers can be viewed on CompassGLCC.com and include Antonio Edwards, Lenora Jaye, RogerThat, DJ Wil Mello, Kiowa, the JD Danner Band, and S. Saik.

Cassandra Cass has been named the 2023 Palm Beach Pride Grand Marshal and will hit the main stage with her performance on Sunday. Cassandra is an internationally known actress, comedian and performer who has appeared on numerous television programs and documentaries including the GLAAD award-winning reality show "Strut". She is a tireless advocate for transgender and LGBTQ+ rights and has a personal motto of "Labels are for Products, not People."

"We want to celebrate our community and one of our favorite ways to

do that is focusing on the amazing, diverse talent we have right here in South Florida," says Adrienne Percival, Compass' Development Director "Giving local artists and entertainers this type of platform is crucial for all of us to experience the weekend as family, gathering together and uniting in community."

Changes this year include an internal Health Village, where guests will be able to get information on a variety of health related concerns, free rapid HIV testing, and COVID vaccines (provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services).

The Youth Village will be featuring a number of free and fun activities, including free face painting provided by a generous sponsorship from the Marcy and Leona Chanin

Foundation. The Compass Youth Department will also be selling 3"x5" Pride flags that represent the many different communities under the LGBTQ+ umbrella.

With over 125 vendors, there will be truly something for everyone.

Organizers also want to ensure that everything is being done to create a safe space for all festival attendees. No bags larger than small backpacks, purses, and fanny packs will be allowed into the park. Clear bags are preferred and any bags that are brought in will be spot checked to prevent prohibited items from entering the park.

Lucerne Avenue, Lake Avenue and Federal Highway will be closed on Sunday, Mar. 26 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. for the parade.