

# PTOWNWEST



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## Local Happenings

### TUESDAY AUG 5th Lesbian Queer Women Meet

Chelmsford Senior Center 6PM

More

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### SATURDAYS AT 9 AM, EVERYONE- LGBTQ JOIN US!!!

If you feel like having coffee together at 9 AM this Saturday. Love to see you!

Where this week? Chelmsford:

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### TUESDAY AUGUST 12th LGBTQ PRIDE AND JOY 6PM

At WARP and

WEFT: <https://www.warplowell.com/>

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### Next THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th

Lesbians and Queer Women!- JOIN US!!!

*A group of us are having dinner*

*Thursday Night at 6:30PM. Join us!*

PRINCETON STATION,

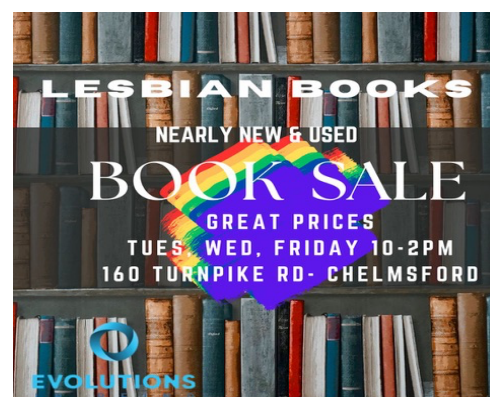
Chelmsford <http://www.princetonstation.com/>

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<https://www.whec.com/top-news/penfield-parents-clash-over-appropriateness-of-lgbt-book-the-rainbow-parade-for-elementary-students/>

LESBIAN BOOKS-More

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## TRUMP ADMIN USES RELIGION to DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LGBT IN FED WORKPLACE

This week, the [Office of Public Management](#) (OPM) issued a [memo](#) urging federal agencies to “robustly protect and enforce” federal employees’ right to engage in religious expression in the workplace. This right includes efforts of employees to persuade others of the correctness of their religious views, encourage them to pray or attend religious services, and display religious items, such as crosses and religious posters, in the workplace.

While the five-page memo briefly mentions the limits on this religious expression—it can’t be harassing in nature, and employees can’t be disciplined for disagreeing or declining to participate—the memo’s major chord pushes religious expression rather than preventing discrimination and harassment.

<https://www.advocate.com/voices/trump-lgbtq-federal-employees-opinion>

## 2028 Olympics, Policies Being Updated to Prevent Trans Women from Competing

<https://gomag.com/article/departments-of-homeland-security-to-restrict-visas-of-trans-athletes/>

## LezVolley Tournament

The LezVolley tournament takes place every year on the beaches of Cherry Grove, Fire Island. In order to get to Cherry Grove, you have to get to the Sayville Ferry (by car, bus or train) and

take the ferry to Cherry Grove.

*The directions below explain how to get to Fire Island from NYC.*

<https://www.lezvolley.com/directions>

## “Rise Up and Dance!” to benefit LGBTQ+ immigrants and Oasis: international cabaret dance party will support those who need it most.

- by [Adam Sandel](#), writer
- Saturday, August 2, 2025
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- ‘Rise Up and Dance!’ is an international cabaret dance party that will benefit The LGBT Asylum Project on August 15 at Oasis. The goal is to support the queer immigrant community, as well as Team Oasis, both of which are facing a very challenging time.
- The Colombian bombshell La Chichi (the gender-fluid alter ego of Juliano Wade) will lead this musical celebration of world cultures, along with flamenco dancer Damien Alvarez, strongman Toni Cannon, belly dancer Stefanie Schlieff, acrobat Garrett Allen, and emcee Adam Sandel, with dance music by DJ Ion.

<https://www.ebar.com/story/156436/Arts%20%26%20Culture/%E2%80%98Rise%20Up%20and%20Dance!%E2%80%99to%20benefit%20LGBTQ%2B%20immigrants%20and%20Oasis%20The%20international%20cabaret%20dance%20party%20will%20support%20those%20who%20need%20it%20most>

## International News/Events

### Going Dutch: LGBTQ Americans find Trump-free life in Netherlands

Some LGBTQ Americans are leaving the U.S. after Trump's election, and the DAFT visa makes the Netherlands a destination of choice.

AMSTERDAM — It had been months since Alex and Lucy, a trans couple from Arizona, felt safe enough to hold hands in public. They rediscovered that pleasure after moving to Amsterdam this year.

The couple, who did not want to give their last names because of the sensitivity of the subject, decided to leave the United States soon after Donald Trump was re-elected last year.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/going-dutch-lgbtq-americans-find-trump-free-life-netherlands-rcna222517>

### Church in Wales elects first woman and gay archbishop

Cherry Vann was elected to be the next Archbishop of Wales last Wednesday (30 July), becoming the first woman and the first LGBTQ+ leader to be appointed to the Church in Wales' top job. We asked commentators how to better support LGBTQ+ leaders at work.

Vann was one of the [first women](#) to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1994. Reuters described her as the first lesbian archbishop to serve globally.

<https://www.hrmagazine.co.uk/content/news/church-in-wales-elects-first-woman-and-gay-archbishop>

### Police indict individual for stabbing transgender person in Kiryat Yam apartment

The indictment was filed against the suspect through the Haifa District Attorney's Office, with a request by police to extend his detention. [Jerusalem Post/Israel News/Crime in Israel](#)  
<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/crime-in-israel/article-863140>

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit against Cleveland County schools for what they claim is a violation of the First Amendment — and an LGBT trivia game is at issue.

The ACLU and attorney Charles Johnson have filed a lawsuit against the Cleveland County Board of Education. The suit alleges First Amendment violations after the board stopped a student group from playing an LGBTQ-themed quiz game.

The lawsuit said a junior student at Shelby High School created the Activism Club to discuss topics that were not talked about in the curriculum. School officials deemed an LGBTQ-themed trivia game "indecent," the lawsuit said, despite the game featuring prominent figures like Harvey Milk and Ellen DeGeneres. In December, the ACLU sent a letter to the school board.

<https://www.wfae.org/race-equity/2025-02-06/aclu-sues-cleveland-county-schools-over-lgbt-game>

