



Cambridge City Hall Plans Pride Celebration

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Out Mayor Denise E. Simmons will hosts a Pride Brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14.

The event's keynote speaker will be Jennifer Chrisler, Family Equality Council executive director. Sarah Brannen, noted children's author of "Uncle Bobby's Wedding" will also be honored, along with Cambridge community awardees Libby Bouvier (The History Project), Richard Juang (a transgender social justice leader) and Joanne Shapiro of the Cambridge Police Department.

"Alternative families are a part of all communities, and just like all parents and grandparents, we want our children to be happy, safe, well-educated, and healthy," said Simmons. "Cambridge has made great strides in supporting alternative families. We need to take time to appreciate the people that have made Cambridge such a positive environment for GLBT families."

Immediately after the brunch, free, wheelchair-accessible buses will be available to transport walkers to the annual Pride Parade in downtown Boston. This year a contingent of walkers from Cambridge will march, led by the Mayor. The parade starts at noon and is followed by a festival at Boston City Hall Plaza. Many partners from the City of Cambridge help to plan the event each year, including the Mayor's Office, the GLBT Commission, the Women's Commission, the Cambridge Diversity Committee, and Cambridge Public Schools.

Family Equality Council and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, both nationally recognized for their work to promote the rights of GLBT families, are also key partners in the planning of the Annual Pride Brunch.