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By: Jason Cianciotto & Sean Cahill*Special for TRT

As you step out into the magical world of Pride Week, there are a few ways you can support your Pride organization:

1. DROP A FEW BUCKS IN THE BUCKET.
   You see an orange bucket. You drop in a $5 or a $10. It’s that simple. Short cash. Tall return. You can also make an online donation at www.bostonpride.org/donate.

2. THANK A VOLUNTEER.
   Over 200 people sacrifice time with their friends and family, so that you can celebrate and play with yours.

3. ATTEND EVENTS PRODUCED BY BOSTON PRIDE.
   The week boasts a broad range of activities that aim to bring people together, stir the mind, shake up the dance floor, create safe and healthy spaces, and make an impact. Make sure to “see and be seen” at official events that benefit Boston Pride.

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Credit: LGBT Youth in America’s Schools

BOSTON PRIDE WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

1. FRIDAY
   PRIDE KICKOFF EVENT
   Emerald Lounge @ the new Revere Hotel
   200 Stuart St., Boston
   7-10PM, $10

2. SATURDAY
   THE BAR
   @ CITY HALL PLAZA
   12-6pm, $10
   YOUTH DANCE
   Quincy Market Rotunda
   2nd Floor
   7-11PM, $5

3. SUNDAY
   PRIDE BLOCK PARTIES: JP & BACK BAY
   Perkins St & St. James Ave.
   $10/$20 (you decide!)

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the pull-out calendar for Noho Pride. At first I thought it was small and not pocket size, but then I realized there was a glossy pocket size version, which I carried all day long with me. It helped me follow the route, since I’m from out of town and was there, my gay self, to just visit Northampton. I had no idea it was on the day it was. Thanks for keeping me informed.

— Justin Allen, Burlington, VT

Dear Editor,

Sorry, but I hated the Ms. Eriss column this time. It was wordy and seemed to lack organization. I usually like it. Not this time!

— Janet Jacklinson, Boston, MA