



East Haven Pride
Meeting Agenda
Beach House
October 28, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order 6:33pm
- II. Officer Reports:
 - A. How to best work with other town pride groups?

Madison and Guilford are not participating in the Lavender Ball. Not sure if North Haven is hosting it this year. (Need an update) Tony Ferraiolo very suddenly lost his job. Suggestion: reach out to leadership of other groups for a meeting to discuss current climate and strategies moving forward. Share guidance, mutual support and resources. EHP? Circle wagons, strengthen internal bonds and strengthen our group. Choose public outreach opportunities with care for the biggest impact.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach Committee: Working on connecting with a counselor Forest Banjo (ESL teacher) at JMMS, GSA leader. They missed the zoom meeting, but rescheduled. If anyone has any other EHPS connections, let us know.
 - B. Fundraising: Drag Queen Bingo event on hold for at least 2 weeks. We are waiting for the 5013c paperwork to be submitted. If there is no action within a week, we will be looking for help elsewhere.
 - C. Teen Programming/Social Events- no report
 - D. Website/Social Media- We have officially joined the East Haven Chamber of Commerce as a nonprofit member! **Please like and share** our [Welcome Post on facebook](#) :)
 - E. Education: October is Queer History Month! To celebrate, Sarah brought fortune tellers from online creator Making Queer History. We used origami to fold the fortune tellers, and paired up to play and get a quote from queer historical figures! PDF will be included in the minutes. If you would like to support the creator, or check out their stuff: <https://www.makingqueerhistory.com/>
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Modern Games & Conversations on Wed. Oct. 1st, 6-8pm, w/ Library
 - B. Truck or Treat 10/25/25- Cindy handed out candy, it was a big turnout with lots of positive reactions, from kids and adults alike!

Mission Statement: East Haven Pride fosters a vibrant and Inclusive community for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in East Haven, CT. We celebrate our diversity, advocate for equality and empower all members to live authentically.

V. New Business:

- A. [East Haven Chamber Annual Tree Lighting](#), Saturday 29, 2025, 1-5pm, Town Green.
Sign up to volunteer! Craft activity for kids. Please be advised: it gets very cold, so dress for the weather!
- B. Kindness for Kids Toy Drive, Sunday, November 30, 2025, East Haven Senior Center,
Sign up to volunteer! rainbow scratch off ornaments craft activity
- C. Discussion: Holiday Party for the December meeting -> YES PLEASE! dinner meeting, venue TBD, suggestions: Twin Pines, Lobster Shack, Church on the green's basement
- D. Discussion: physical visibility is important and easy! Flyers, business cards, word of mouth: get the word out that we are HERE!
- E. Discussion: Accessibility, adding zoom/virtual capabilities to our meetings. ETV collaboration? Or streaming meetings on ETV local channel.
- F. Discussion: Sticker campaign? In the works for a spring campaign. Need pricing on full color stickers.
- G. Discussion: would we be interested in sponsoring the tree lighting to get a banner? Tree lighting banners usually have the name just printed on them. The cost is too high for us, keep the possibility open for next year.

VI. Community Calendar

- A. [North Haven Pride](#): Pre-Teen Group, Caregiver Support, Teen Night
- B. [Hagaman Library](#): (check calendar and website for location info.)
- C. [Q+](#): New Haven Game Space every 1st Saturday
- D. [New Haven Pride Center](#)- LOTS of events & groups
- E. [Diva Bingo Night](#) @East Haven Senior Center, DTC fundraiser, Nov. 14, 5pm
- F. [CT Gay Men's Chorus](#): Gays in Space, multiple dates in December

VII. Rainbows / Other Business (Member can share any news or happenings)

VIII. Next Meeting: 6:30 pm Tue, November 28, 2025 - East Haven Beach House- any venue change will be sent out by email

IX. Adjournment 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parlato, secretary, 11/3/25