



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

JULY 2015



PFP Summer Picnic August 22 in Haverford

PFP's annual summer picnic will take place on **Saturday, August 22 from 11am-2pm** at the pavilion adjacent to the awesome Freedom Playground in Haverford, PA. The address is [9000 Parkview Drive](#).

If you haven't been there, this playground is accessible for adults and kids and is a fun maze to explore for all ages. There is a large sandbox, horizontal climbing wall, a large boat and lots of other places to run, hide and explore.



This is a potluck picnic. To prevent waste, please follow these suggestions for the dish you bring to share:

- Serves 6-8 people (not more!)
- Bring in a covered container with a lid (better than plastic wrap or foil)
- If it needs to be kept cool, please bring in a cooler or with an ice pack.
- No desserts, please.

PFP will provide the drinks, dessert and paper products. The picnic is free and will be held rain or shine. As always, prospective parents and welcome and encouraged to attend.



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PFP Families meet up at Smith Playground

PFP families met up at Smith Playground twice in July - July 1st at our monthly first Wednesday meetup and July 18th at our monthly third Saturday get-together.

The playground is great for kids up to about age 10, though there is an area just for five and under that includes a pirate ship, fire truck, train, baby swings and more.



Inside the playhouse, also for five and under, are books, toys and fun places to explore. There's even a basement area for riding around on tricycles and push cars.

Look for the next meetups this fall starting in September, all starting at 10am. (We're taking off August.) Once the playground is closed for weather, we'll meet inside the playhouse instead. Here are the dates:

Wednesdays: Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
Saturdays: Sept. 19, Nov. 21, Dec. 19
(No meetup on Oct. 17 - it's our conference day!)

If you aren't sure if other families are there for PFP, just ask "Are you here for the PFP meetup?" Also look for folks wearing PFP logo stickers.

[More about Smith Playground and Playhouse, including directions.](#)

See *Fun Home* in November with PFP

Join PFP for a special trip to New York to see [FUN HOME](#), the winner of 5 Tony Awards this year, including Best Musical.

We have reserved 50 tickets for the performance on **Saturday, November 14 at 2pm** at the Circle in the Square Theatre, located at 235 W. 50th Street (50th and Broadway).



Based on Alison Bechdel's best-selling graphic memoir, FUN HOME features music by Jeanine Tesori, book and lyrics by Lisa Kron, and direction by Sam Gold, all of whom won 2015 Tony Awards for their work on this production.

(You may remember Alison as the lesbian cartoonist responsible for the long-running comic strip *Dykes to Watch Out For.*)

FUN HOME introduces us to Alison at three different ages, revealing memories of her uniquely dysfunctional family – her mother, brothers and volatile, brilliant, enigmatic father – that connect with her in surprising new ways.

This intimate and emotional theatrical experience is performed entirely in the round, bringing audiences closer to Alison's story than ever before.

Tickets are \$119 or \$75 and are very limited. [Click for more information](#) and/or reply to this email to let us know you are interested! Tickets must be paid for by August 10.

Member Milestones

* Samantha Hutcherson-Bannon and Pamela Bannon are thrilled announce the birth of their first child, Eleanor "Ellie" Jo Bannon on June 13th.

Despite the sleepless nights, Ellie continues to melt their hearts with every coo, squeak, and gassy smile.

Congratulations!



Tiffany Palmer and Lee Carpenter celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary (and legal

Jaime and Jessica Breslin will celebrate their first anniversary of marriage (and



marriage in Vermont) on July 4th!



making their kids siblings!) on August 9th.



If you'd like a family milestone included in a future newsletter, e-mail PFP director Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 15: [PFP families get-together in Ocean City, NJ](#). Meet on the boardwalk at 11am. Whether you're down the shore already, looking for a day trip or make the weekend of it, meet up with other PFP families for a day of fun in the sun!



Saturday, August 15: [Foster Care Information Session](#) at Glenside United Church of Christ for LGBT parents and prospective parents with Quincy Inman for Carson Valley Children's Aid. Exact time TBA.

Saturday, August 22: PFP Summer Picnic at the Freedom Playground in Haverford from 11am-2pm! This is a potluck picnic. PFP will provide beverages and paper products. [More](#).

August 28-30: PFP Camping Trip to Wharton State Forest in NJ. RSVP to

Sandra@phillyfamilypride.org.

September 2, 19th: Meetups at Smith Playground.

September 13: South Jersey Pride at Cooper Park from 12-6pm.

September 28: "Maybe Baby" Prospective Parent support and education group starts up for the fall. [More info.](#)



October 11: Volunteer to help at the PFP Family Zone during the National Coming Out Day Block Party OUTFEST in Center City between 12pm-5pm.

Saturday, October 17: PFP's annual Family Matters Conference at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Registration opening soon.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for more upcoming events.



For Beth Malone, "Butch is a Beautiful Thing" - What This *Fun Home* Star Learned Playing Lesbian

from *Playbill.com* by Adam Hetrick June 29, 2015

Fun Home Tony Award nominee Beth Malone opens up about portraying Broadway's first openly butch lesbian protagonist, how the role affected her personal life and how the showbiz machine tried to stifle her own gay identity as a young actress.

Fun Home is Malone's first return to Broadway in nearly a decade. Her last stint was the 2006 Johnny Cash jukebox musical *Ring of Fire*, a short-lived run that never quite caught on with audiences or critics. Though *Ring of Fire* marked her Broadway debut, her return with the acclaimed, Tony-winning *Fun Home* stands as an entirely new Broadway introduction for the actress.



Not only was it the perfect time for Broadway audiences to embrace a musical with its first lesbian heroine, it was also the right time for Malone – an out and proud lesbian – to take center stage in character and in life.

As part of Playbill's 30 Days of Pride, we interviewed Malone, who talks about the pressures of bringing a downtown musical from the non-profit Public Theater to Broadway's commercial sphere and the impact the show has had on her own life.

[Read the interview here.](#)



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