

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
June 30, 2009

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Queer People of Color Group Organizing Meeting – 7/2, 6 p.m., Food for Thought Books, Amherst
2. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting: "Isolation and Loneliness" – 7/12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
3. Summer Tea Dance – 7/19, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton

HOUSING

4. Holyoke Home Needs Roommate
5. Room in House Wanted

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1. Queer People of Color Group Organizing Meeting

This is a call to all local activists, leaders, and QPOC community members to join in the effort in creating a group of and for QPOC's in the valley.

This is a meeting for organizers to visualize and plan for community meetings in the future. All folks who are interested in taking leadership are encouraged to attend.

Thursday July 2, 6 p.m.  
Food for Thought Books, 106 North Pleasant St., Amherst

For more information: [valleyqpoc@googlegroups.com](mailto:valleyqpoc@googlegroups.com)

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2. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting  
Sunday, July 12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton  
Meeting Topic: "Isolation and Loneliness"

Trans people are too often deprived of lovers, spouses, supportive families, close friends and a consistent experience of being a valued part of a community or neighborhood. We've learned to adapt to judgment and hatred and many of us function as survivors accustomed to being isolated and alone. Some of us may continue to cut ourselves off from others and even from ourselves before or after transition. This meeting will discuss the physical, social, and psychological isolation we experience, how shame and low self-worth play a part, and how other people have helped us or we have helped others to overcome isolation and loneliness. As preparation for this discussion, please read an interesting

article written by transwoman Monica Helms, "Stuck in Loneliness" (4/15/09) on her blog at <http://monicahelms.com/blog/>

Call or email Bet for more information and location: 413-584-7616, [betpower@yahoo.com](mailto:betpower@yahoo.com).

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3. Summer Tea Dance  
Sunday, July 19, 3-7 p.m.  
Union Station, 125 Pleasant Street, Northampton

Dance to the music of DJ Studebaker Hawk  
\$8 admission / \$5 students with ID. 18+

In support of the Dakin Pioneer Valley Animal Shelter, please bring cans or bags of cat & dog food for money off the price of admission. Save up to \$2. Blankets will also be accepted.

Sponsored by Pride Promotions: [www.nohopridepromos.com](http://www.nohopridepromos.com), 413-588-1512

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## HOUSING

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### 4. Holyoke Home Needs Roommate

Roommate needed June 1. Spacious house in Holyoke has 1.5 baths, new appliances (washer/dryer, dishwasher, etc), wireless internet, ample storage, off-street parking, and a large backyard (plenty of garden space). House is in wooded hillside lot that abuts to Mt Tom conservation land. Very private yet accessible location! Great for grad student or professional. Easy access to Rts 91, 141, 202, 5 and 116! Available bedroom is large with closet and built-in shelves (some furniture available if needed). Rent is \$550 plus utilities (first & last). You must be queer or queer-friendly, no smoking, no drugs, and love cats (sorry no more pets, but may consider "the right" dog). Please send your name, contact information, resume and references (please include former landlord) to [llitterer25@gmail.com](mailto:llitterer25@gmail.com).

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### 5. Room in House Wanted

Queer Umass grad student looking for room in house or small studio as soon as possible. I come with a sweet and mellow medium-sized dog and prefer a fairly clean and quiet home. I would like to be within thirty minutes to campus by car or bus. Drop me a line if interested! [danna.james@gmail.com](mailto:danna.james@gmail.com)