#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our goal is to recognize the places that reflect the full history of our community. If you have stories, photographs, or research leads that will help us identify important places in Fort Collins associated with LGBTQ+ history and other stories that are underrepresented, please contact us at **preservation@fcgov.com**.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

LGBTQ+ America: A Theme Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History nps.gov/subjects/tellingallamericansstories/ Igbtqthemestudy.htm

Colorado LGBTQ+ History Project historycolorado.org/lgbtq-coloradans

The Fort Collins Lincoln Center began holding LGTBTQIA+friendly community dances here in the early 1980s, and later held Rainbow Chorus concerts.



### **QUESTIONS?**

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# LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN FORT COLLINS

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Marriage equality rally in Old Town Square, February 28, 2004. Photo from LambdaLines, the quarterly newsletter of the Lambda Community Center, Issue 2, Vol. 10: Spring 2004, p4.

# LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN FORT COLLINS

The locations on this suggested tour of LGBTQ+ history in Fort Collins are just a sampling of places that have been important to the community in the past as well as the present. The history of Fort Collins traditionally has been told without including the stories and contributions of LGBTQ+ people. But Fort Collins has always had LGBTQ+ community members who have lived, loved, and thrived here, raised families and built businesses and careers here, and also survived here despite widespread, legal discrimination and acts of violence for much of that history. Communities across the nation are beginning to tell the story of this history through recognition of historic places, many of which are from the very recent past when public life and civil rights for the LGBTQ+ community expanded significantly.

Visit fcgov.com/historicpreservation/pride for more of this local history!



# PRIDE HISTORY SITES >

We invite you to begin and end your walking or biking journey at Library Park in downtown Fort Collins. You're welcome to explore these sites in our suggested order for a pleasant walking/biking loop or any order you wish. Please take care to walk and bike safely. Enjoy! Check out these important locations associated with LGBTQ+ history in Fort Collins. For more information about each site, visit our website at fcgov.com/pridetour

1. Library Park

First gay pride festival in 2004

2. Old Town Square

Freedom to Marry Day Rally (2004)

3. Choice City Shots

124 Laporte Ave. (west end) Former bar (1997-2013)

- 4. Civic Center Current site of annual "Pride in the Park"
- 5. Larimer County Courthouse Offices 200 W. Oak St. First civil union licenses, 2013
- 6. Lambda Community Center 149 W. Oak St. (Early 2000s)
- 7. Lincoln Center 417 W. Magnolia St. LGBTQ+ dances (early 1980s)
- 8. Lory Student Center/ Pride Resource Group 1101 Center Ave. Campus LGBTQ+ space since 1970s
- 9. R Bar

*107 E. Laurel Ave.* Current LGBTQ+ inclusive bar

- **10. A Quiet Corner Bookstore** 803 E. Mulberry St. First LGBTQ+ bookstore (1994)
- Northern Colorado Health Network 400 Remington St. (Formerly Northern Colorado AIDS Project).