

# A brief LGBTQ+ history of Green Bay and Wisconsin 1960's - Present

**1968**

This Is It opens in Milwaukee - Wisconsin's oldest, continually-operating gay bar.

**APPROX 1970'S**

First Customer Appreciation Picnic. A few area gay bar owners began the tradition of hosting annual summer gatherings at local, rural parks.

**1977**

James Yeadon was elected to Madison Common Council. The first successful openly gay candidate elected to public office in WI.

**1988**

The first Milwaukee Pride Fest was held at Mitchell Park over the span of two weeks. The theme was "rightfully proud."

**1998**

Tammy Baldwin becomes the first-ever openly gay elected official of the U.S. House of Representatives (and congress).

**2008**

First-ever Northeastern Wisconsin Pride Alive. The annual summer picnics were reborn as Pride Alive, which continues today.

**2014**

Vered Metzler first openly transgender person elected to office in the state of WI.

Green Bay Area School District banned bullying based on Gender Identity.

**OCT 1962 - FEB 1963**

Gay Purges: UW - Madison experienced gay purges in which campus security and the Dean of Men acted upon secret lists of those suspected or accused of homosexuality.

**1969**

Madison Alliance of Homosexual Equality was created. This was the first gay organization founded in WI.

**1975**

Madison becomes the first place in WI to ban discrimination on basis of sexual orientation with an amendment to the 1963 Equal Opportunities Ordinance. One of the earliest bans in the country.

**1982**

Wisconsin becomes the first state to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Napalese Lounge and Grille opens in Green Bay - Wisconsin's 2nd oldest, continually-operating gay bar.

**1995**

Customer Appreciation Picnic transition to first ALIVE WITH PRIDE event, held at Baird's Creek.

**2006**

State constitution amendment passed banning same-sex marriage in WI

**2011**

Green Bay City Council denies health coverage for city employees registered as domestic partners.

**2021**

Napalese Lounge and Grille unveils Green Bay's first LGBTQ+ mural, painted by Loschue Lo, and reopens its front door. Which was previously sealed for 21 years due to harassment.