

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

**1968**

This Is It opened 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 Wisconsin.

**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**

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

**2014**

Vered Metzler becomes the first openly transgender person elected to office in Wisconsin.

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 Wisconsin.

**1975**

Madison becomes the first place in Wisconsin to ban discrimination on basis of sexual orientation with an amendment to the 1963 Equal Opportunities Ordinance. It is 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 opened 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 Creek. in Green Bay.

**2006**

State constitutional amendment passed banning same-sex marriage in Wisconsin.

**2011**

Green Bay City Council voted to deny health coverage for city employees registered as domestic partners.

**2021**

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