



## MEMO

**Date:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**To:** BPRW Commission  
**From:** Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator  
**RE:** People's Pride Special Use Permit for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Request for a Special Use Permit and waiver at Oakledge Park to allow for amplified sound.

People's Pride is an event organized by and for LGBT Vermonters. These words are from Tegan Cook, one of the organizers of the event: "After a year of legal attacks against transgender people across the country, the local murder of a much-beloved trans woman and the recent vandalizing of the Vermont Pride Center, it is more important than it ever has been for our community to come together. We are resilient, and we are surviving in the face of odds that often feel insurmountable, and that is something to celebrate." They have rented out the Upper Shelter at Oakledge on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of art, music, poetry and performance to celebrate their lives and experiences, and allow them to revel in the community they have created.

They are requesting to have amplified sound from 4pm–7:30pm with a break from 6pm–6:30pm, including music, spoken word performances and dance performances, alternating between the three. They have already booked the Upper Shelter.

The point of contact for the event is Teagan Cook.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.