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**SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI) Baltimore Monthly Newsletter: Mar. 2024**

*SAGE's NHI is dedicated to providing information that helps LGBTQ+ elders and allies make informed decisions when it comes to housing. For LGBTQ+ older people, finding a place that's welcoming—where they can feel free to be themselves and be treated respectfully and compassionately—is a mainstay of our program.*

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**Welcome**

Hello everyone, and Happy March! As we near Springtime, our team wishes you all a respite from the cold winter months! We have several exciting updates to share with you this month – keep reading to find out more!

**Women's History Month**

We'd like to start off this newsletter by wishing you all a happy Women's History Month! This month, we encourage you to reflect on the many women and femme individuals who helped shape our LGBTQ+ movement over the years. From historic Trans activists like Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, and Stormé DeLarverie, to LGBTQ+ artists and performers like Gladys Bentley, Josephine Baker, and Billie Holiday, we recognize and offer gratitude to all the LGBTQ+ women who have helped advance the rights of our community. Our world would not be the same without the influence of LGBTQ+ women and specifically, LGBTQ+ older women!

**Spring Community Town Hall Series**

We are very excited to announce our first community town hall series! These town halls will be a place for you to learn more about the development of LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults in Baltimore. These town halls will offer you an opportunity to share your feedback about housing needs within the community. We want to hear from you and other LGBTQ+ older adults in the community to uncover how an affordable housing development can best meet the needs of the community.

There will be three opportunities to participate in our town hall series. All sessions of the Spring town hall series will be the same; we ask that you only attend one town hall to make space for other attendees to participate. There will be two in-person sessions and one virtual session. We are grateful to Freestate Justice for hosting the in-person town halls at their offices, located at *2601 N Howard St.* in Charles Village. The virtual session will be hosted on Zoom and recorded for public viewing in case you are unable to attend. Learn more about the dates and times for the Spring town hall series below:

- In-person: Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm-2:30pm at Freestate Justice's Offices
- In-person: Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Freestate Justice's Offices
- Virtual: Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00pm-3:30pm on Zoom

You MUST register for the town hall to participate. You can register for the town hall using the link below. Please only register for one town hall in the series. If you have any questions or concerns about the event or if you have challenges with registration, please contact [tgodwin@sageusa.org](mailto:tgodwin@sageusa.org). We look forward to seeing you all there!

*\*Please note that ASL Interpreters will be available for this event. Please note in your registration form if you need ASL interpretation. You can note additional accessibility needs for your attendance on the registration form below*

[REGISTER FOR THE SPRING TOWN HALL SERIES HERE](#)

### **New Consumer Housing Resource**

This month, we are excited to announce a new housing resource aimed at helping LGBTQ+ older adults find safe and accessible housing in their communities. This resource highlights several important considerations that an LGBTQ+ older adult should make when looking for new housing. There are several resources and links attached to this resource as well. If you or a loved one are looking for LGBTQ+ affirming housing for older adults, check out the resource below!

[CHECK OUT OUR NEW CONSUMER HOUSING RESOURCE](#)

### **Trans Day of Visibility**

March 31<sup>st</sup> marks Trans Day of Visibility, a holiday set aside to celebrate Transgender individuals, honor their contributions to society, and raise awareness to the active discrimination against Transgender people. We encourage you to attend the Transgender Day of Visibility Event hosted by the Baltimore Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs. It will be from 12:00pm – 4:00pm at 101 N. Gay St. You can register for the event at [www.bit.ly/tdov24](http://www.bit.ly/tdov24).

We also encourage you to [DONATE](#) to Baltimore Safe Haven, a Baltimore-based organization dedicated to supporting Transgender and Gender non-Conforming individuals in Maryland.

### **Upcoming Events**

There are several upcoming community events that we would like to share with you. Some of these events are hosted by SAGE to provide you with opportunities to engage in our housing work in Baltimore. Other events are hosted by our lovely community partners in Baltimore that serve the LGBTQ+ community and older adults. We hope to see you at some of these events this year!

- SAGE's Spring Community Town Hall Series: May 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Chase Brexton Health Care's National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day Event: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Baltimore Safe Haven's Baltimore Trans Pride: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Baltimore Pride in the Park: June 2024
- Building Design Community Town Hall Series: Fall 2024

*\*If you have a community event aimed at supporting LGBTQ+ people or older adults in Baltimore, and you would like this event added to our list, please email [tgodwin@sageusa.org](mailto:tgodwin@sageusa.org)*

Thank you all for being a part of our efforts to bring LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults to Baltimore. If you would like to contact us, please use the contact information below; we would love to hear from you! We look forward to continuing the conversation around LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults. We hope you have a lovely start to Spring!

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