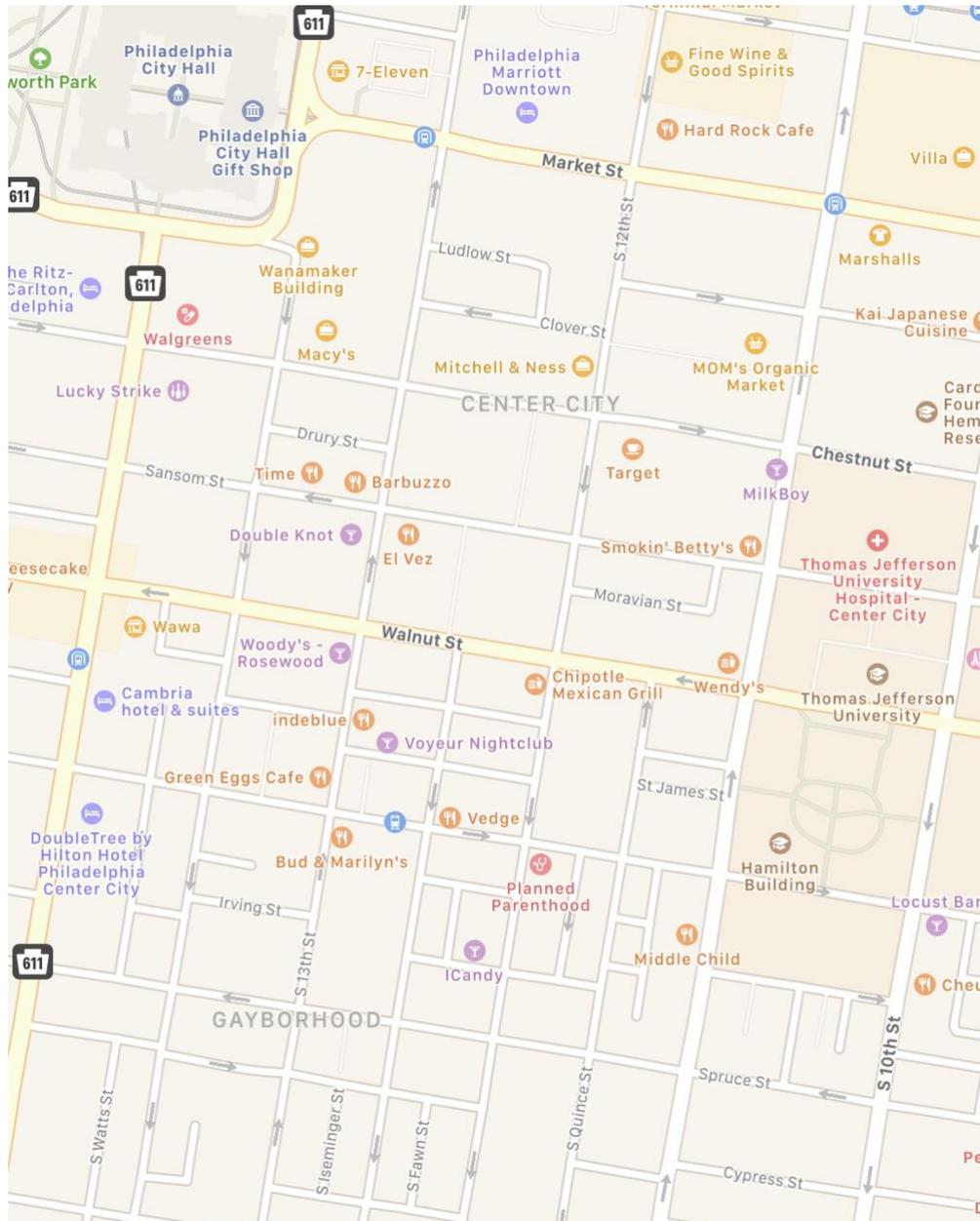


Sociologists' LGBTQ Caucus presents

A QUEER GUIDE TO Philadelphia ASA 2018

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Philadelphia's officially recognized "LGBTQ" area is called The Gayborhood:



This area is home to many of the LGBTQ establishments that the city has to offer. There are many bars and restaurants, some in this area and some elsewhere, that claim to be LGBTQ friendly. These places can be found starting on p. 434 of the Gayyellow Pages: <http://www.gayyellowpages.com/wholebook.pdf>. The following are establishments that are known to cater specifically or advertise specifically to an LGBTQ clientele.

I've (Jason Orne) provided more information when I am aware of the scene of a space or clientele. For your reference, since it informs my read and information about spaces: I'm an AMAB genderqueer white queer (in a relationship with a queer man) person that is often perceived male, uses he/him pronouns, and does not need physical access accommodations.

Spaces with * I have personally attended and the information I present is based on that attendance. An **(ADA)** symbol follows spaces in which the first floor, at least, is ADA accessible.

***Bar X (255 S Camac St)** – Gay bar opened by former staff of iCandy who quit or left after the scandal to open a new place. First floor has a classic gay bar feel with circular bar and small dance floor. Basement has a club lounge feel.

***Boxer's PHL (1330 Walnut St) (ADA)** – National chain of gay sports bars. Pool table. Shirtless sixpack male bartender-type bar.

***Bike Stop (206 S Quince St)** – Leather Bar. Annual host of Mr. Philadelphia Leather and Ms. Philadelphia Leather. First floor is dive bar style, pornographic pictures of men on TV. Second floor is sports bar with pool table, plays sports on TV typically. Basement is a more sexually charged shirtless male space but has no sexual activity, not a 'backroom'. Friendly to leather/kink community women, but I've seen it usually no more than 20% cis or trans women. POC friendly. Trans men friendly.

Dolphin (1539 S Broad St) (ADA) – South Philly bar that has DJ'd dance events. A friend of mine described as a "bar for the South Philly hipster gays."

Frankie Bradley's (1320 Chancellor St) – Restaurant, club, and bar. Has a variety of events and shows. For example, Thursday the 9th they will be hosting a World Dance and Music Middle East Restaurant Tribute. Friday and Saturday of ASA they will be hosting shows/revues.

***iCandy (254 S 12th St)** – Multilevel bar and club. Most known for a scandal that made national news of the owner's recorded racist comments. First floor is a bar. Second floor is a dance floor space seldom open. Third floor has an indoor dance space and an outdoor roof deck. Despite boycott by some, it has a large POC presence and is mixed gender. A local POC group COLOURS attempted reconciliation, but the bar will close at the end of August. Tabu Sports Bar and Grill (see below) will be taking over the building.

***Knock (225 S 12th St) (ADA)** – Restaurant and bar with outdoor seating. Known for an older clientele and quieter atmosphere. (I personally find the dinner food awful, but I give it middle marks for brunch)

***More Than Just Ice Cream (1119 Locust St) (ADA)** – Restaurant and ice cream shop (No alcohol). Tasty ice cream and is the go-to after spot for the local LGBTQ AA and NA meetings.

Rosewood (1302 Walnut St) (ADA? Apologies I can't confirm)– Attached to Woody's with similar clientele. Advert copy: "Chic bar with black booths, ornate chandeliers & pressed-tin ceilings pouring handcrafted cocktails."

***Tabu (200 S 12th St)**– "Sports" bar that hosts trivia nights, bingo, singing revues, and drag shows. First floor is sports-bar scene. Second floor has a large open space bar and hosts events in an event space/theater area. Friday will be a Bear happy hour. Saturday will host a singing revue. Mixed gender space. Trans friendly. Largest POC, especially Black, presence in the gayborhood.

***Tavern on Camac (243 S Camac St)**– Three story restaurant and bar in historic building. Garden level is a midscale eatery. First floor (up a flight of stairs) is a piano bar that hosts live singing. Very packed and popular. Second floor is dancefloor most known for Sunday night show-tunes singalongs.

Toasted Walnut (1316 Walnut St) (ADA) – After Philadelphia's only lesbian bar closed, Toasted Walnut has recently stepped in as an especially women-friendly bar. Mixed gender at most times though. Trans friendly.

Stir (1705 Chancellor St) – "Rittenhouse gay bar draws a young crowd via exposed-brick walls, rustic bar & happy-hour specials." Long-time bar in the Rittenhouse area that used to house Philly's LGBTQ community.

***UBar (1220 Locust St)**– Gay cis men bar known as a go-to for Stonewall Sports league post-game drinks. Circular bar with a few tables near the often-open windows in summer. Very popular 4-6 happy hour and opens mid-day.

***Valanni (1229 Spruce St)** – Wine and cocktail bar known for brunch. Has club lounge feel.

***Voyeur (1221 St James St)**– Late night club that is open after-hours because it operates as a private membership establishment. VERY CROWDED. Multiple rooms host different music types, including a popular hip-hop room. LGBTQ youth often hang out on the streets surrounding for the 'let out' as the other bars close and people move to this club afterhours.

***Woody's (202 S 13th St) (ADA)** – Classic '90s' style large multi-room gay dance bar. First floor is a circular bar with outdoor standing area. Second floor is a dance floor. Large POC presence but known also for racist ID and dress-code policies. Mixed gender space. Large straight presence.