



# SALEM

The Capitol City has an LGBT scene all its own. Local leaders say they have a vibrant, active community, and are much friendlier and mutually supportive than many other cities. Snap! The hub of the local scene may be the SouthSide Speakeasy where locals drink, eat and enjoy the shows.

Capitol Pride Salem, in downtown, is in early August. [southsidespeakeasy.com](http://southsidespeakeasy.com)  
[saalempride.com](http://saalempride.com)

## PDX EATS

*Not queer per se, but among the favorites of locals to eat, drink and hang out. Plus some reader choices.*

### BLUEHOUR

250 NW 13th Avenue  
[bluehouronline.com](http://bluehouronline.com)

Spacious, elegant venue. Many attractive gay men. Gay owned.

### DEPARTURE

525 SW Morrison St  
[departureportland.com](http://departureportland.com)

Atop the Nines Hotel in the old M&F Building. Deck overlooks Portland.

### GILT CLUB

306 NW Broadway  
[giltclub.com](http://giltclub.com)

Between the Pearl and Old Town. Hipsters and queers abound. Serving food late.

### IRVING STREET KITCHEN

701 NW 13th  
[irvingstreetkitchen.com](http://irvingstreetkitchen.com)

So Portland. Elegant, comfy-cozy and hip. In the Pearl. What more would you want?

### MINT/820

816 N Russell St  
[mintand820.com](http://mintand820.com)

A pan America Bistro. Sleek, cushy interior.

### MOTHER'S BISTRO

212 SW Stark  
[mothersbistro.com](http://mothersbistro.com)

A award winning spot. Cozy, elegant. Like going home to your gay-loving rich mom's house.

### CAFE NELL

NW 20th & Kearney  
[cafenell.com](http://cafenell.com)

A NYC-meets-Paris small cozy bistro. Gay friendly. Where *Just Out* staff celebrated our re-launch. Delightful!

### PALIO DESSERT HOUSE

1996 SE Ladd Ave  
[palio-in-ladds.com](http://palio-in-ladds.com)

"If you are looking for that perfect hideaway to meet that special someone, or write that late term paper, it can be found at Palio," their website says.

### POK POK

3226 SE Division St  
[pokpokpdx.com](http://pokpokpdx.com)

We know people who work here. And, yes, it is as good as you hear. Go!

### SAUCEBOX

214 W Broadway  
[saucebox.com](http://saucebox.com)

"...pioneering Portland's DeeJay-Cafe movement, with equal emphasis on food, service, and vibe," their website says. Gay owned.

## READERS' FAVS

*We recently polled our fans on Facebook. These are some recommendations for LGBT diners.*

Toro Bravo

Grüner

Firehouse

La Bonita

Russell Street BBQ

Interurban

Monsoon Thai

Bar Bar

Brass Tacks

Kenny & Zukes

Lovely's 50/50

Dick's Kitchen

Southside Speakeasy

Kelly's Olympian

Pizza Nostra

Maize

The Roxy

Bartini/Urban Fondue

Bamboo Grove

McGraths

## PDX EVENTS

*This is not an exhaustive list of LGBTQ events in the area, but it highlights how vibrant our community is throughout the year. (June thru May)*

### PORTLAND BLACK PRIDE

Small but growing.

In early June.

[facebook.com/portland.blackpride](http://facebook.com/portland.blackpride)

### BEARTOWN

A multiple day celebration of everything BEAR. Early June.  
[beartownweekend.com](http://beartownweekend.com)

### PORTLAND PRIDE

The biggest pride celebration in the region. Big parade, festival, and many other sanctioned (and un-sanctioned) events. Parade on Father's Day in June.  
[pridenw.org](http://pridenw.org)

### MR. MISS AND MS. GAY OREGON

The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court holds its annual pageant. In late June.  
[rosecourt.org](http://rosecourt.org)