



What's New & What's Happening Under the Lavender Heights Rainbow

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Midtown Sacramento, a historic and popular neighborhood with restaurants, cafes, bars, clubs, salons and boutiques is also home to Lavender Heights. Within and around K & 20th streets, various gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses both radiate outward and pour into the spaces within. For a sampling of what's new, what's hot and what's happening in this hip, diverse locale, look no farther...

BARS, DANCE CLUBS & SPECIALTY LOUNGES

Lounge on 20 - 30 Champagnes by the glass & new American food (MARRS Building, 20th & K)

Badlands - Multi-level dance club with plasma TVs and patio (2003 K St.)

Faces - Dancing, dancing and more dancing, plus a pool (2000 K St.)

The Depot - Video bar, food and patio (2001 K St.)

RESTAURANTS, CAFES, COFFEE SHOPS

Zocalo - Tequila tasting and home of the "Best Mojito" in town (1801 Capitol Ave.)

ROK - Brunch, dinner, late night eats and large patio (1930 K St.)

Butch N Nellies - Roomy café with food, outdoor tables and board games (1827 I St.)

Hot Rods - Burgers, dogs, fries and shakes (2007 K St.)

ART, THEATRE, RETAIL & RADIO

Kennedy Gallery - 2110 K St.

Pheonix Gallery - 1801 L St.

Lambda Players - www.lambdaplayers.com

Studio Theatre - www.thestudiotheatre.net

B Street Theater - www.bstreettheatre.org

ETC Gifts, Cards, Paper - 21st & L

Lumens Light + Living - 2028 K St.

Checkered Nation Talk Show - <http://checkerednation.blogspot.com/>

INNS & SPAS

Inn & Spa at Parkside - 916-658-1818, www.innatparkside.com

Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa - 916-480-1150, www.ardenhills.net

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Rainbow Festival - Labor Day Weekend (www.rainbowfestival.com)

Sac Valley Aids Run/Walk - September 14 (www.sacvalleyaidsrunwalk.org)

Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival - October 9-12 (www.siglff.org)

ORGANIZATIONS & INFORMATION

Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center - www.saccenter.org

Rainbow Chamber of Commerce - www.rainbowchamber.com

Out Sacramento - www.outsacramento.com

LGBT Sacto - www.lgbtsacto.com

Outword Magazine - www.outwordmagazine.com

Valley Rainbow Pages - www.vrp.info

Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau - www.discovergold.org