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**2019 PRIDE GUIDE**

# ABOUT PRIDE

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months.

LGBT History Month is also celebrated with annual month-long observances of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, along with the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. National Coming Out Day (October 11), as well as the first “March on Washington” in 1979, are commemorated in the LGBT community during LGBT History Month.

*Information from [loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about](https://loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about)*



Each June, the LGBTQ+ community and allies have a space in society to celebrate and embrace our queerness. This type of visibility not only increases safety, but alleviates preconceived judgment that we are not equal. On behalf of Annapolis Pride, we are proud to host the first of many, Pride Parade and Festivals in Annapolis, MD. This year, marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York, which kicked off the gay rights liberation in America. Since then, we have made tremendous strides to protect the LGBTQ+ community, but have lost many lives along the way. Here are a few reasons why this month is so important:

- It is a time to reflect on the distance we still have to achieve to full equality
- Increases awareness and safety, especially for those who are transgender people of color
- Progress depends on the continued engagement of people like you!

Today, we welcome you, your loved ones, and those who are not with us to celebrate, engage, and unite our difference that make us complete.

**—Mariah Davis**  
***Chair of the Annapolis Pride***  
***Parade and Festival***

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CELEBRATES  
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# ANNAPOLIS PRIDE

## **OUR MISSION:**

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and engage local residents, businesses and groups to unite in welcoming diversity in Annapolis.

## **ABOUT ANNAPOLIS PRIDE:**

Founded in May 2018, Annapolis Pride now has 5,000+ followers on Facebook and growing. We are a grassroots, volunteer organization focused on creating a safe and welcoming environment for the LGBTQ+ community in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

## **HELP CREATE A FRIENDLY, INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE THRIVE**

Annapolis Pride has grown out of our love for our beautiful town and the people who live, work and play here. We are building an organization that supports and celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and brings together shared resources and safe spaces where local residents, businesses and organizations work together, joined by a commitment to strengthen our community.

- Build visibility and awareness of LGBTQ+ issues
- Create safe and affirming spaces where all people feel welcome
- Connect the LGBTQ+ community with allies and resources

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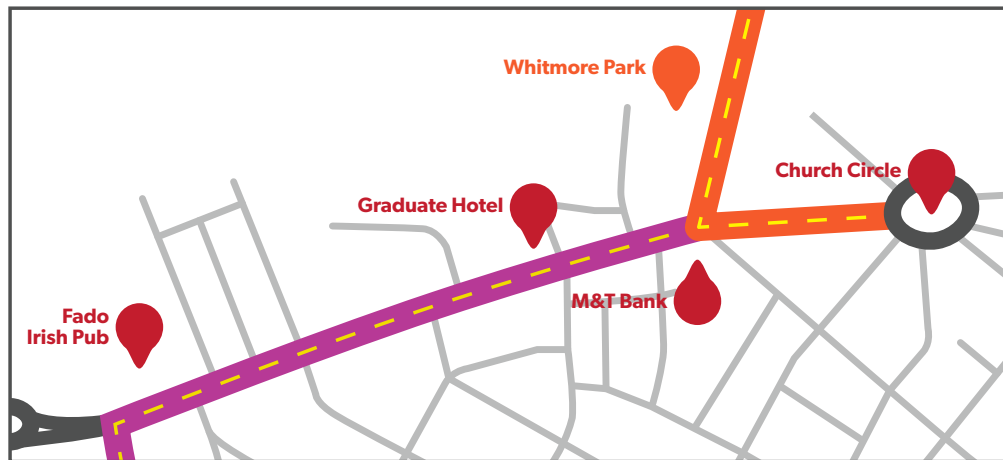
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# 2019

# PRIDE SCHEDULE



= Parade  
 = Festival

**The Annapolis Pride Parade will be held on the 29th of June, beginning at 12:00 PM. It will head down West Street from Amos Garret Blvd., and end at Calvert Street.**

**The Pride Festival will be held on West Street from Church Circle to Whitmore Park from 12:00 PM–5:00 PM.**

## LGBTQ BOOK SPEED DATING

JUNE 1ST, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM  
DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

## ANNAPOLIS PRIDE MONTH KICKOFF

JUNE 1, 10:00 PM–JUNE 2, 1:30 AM  
THE METROPOLITAN, ANNAPOLIS

## CAPITAL PRIDE

JUNE 6TH–9TH

## TEEN LGBTQ FILM FESTIVAL

JUNE 6TH, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
JUNE 12TH, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
JUNE 19TH, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
JUNE 26TH, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
ODENTON REGIONAL LIBRARY

## NAME AND GENDER CHANGE CLINIC FOR MD & DC RESIDENTS

JUNE 7TH, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM  
DAVIS CONSTRUCTION  
ROCKVILLE, MD

## DRAG BRUNCH

JUNE 9TH, 12:30 PM–4:30 PM  
RAMS HEAD ON STAGE

## MARYLAND LGBTQ HISTORY LISTENING SESSION

JUNE 12TH, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
AIA CHESAPEAKE BAY CHAPTER

## LOVE SIMON, MOVIE NIGHT!

JUNE 13TH, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
GLEN BURNIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BOWIE BAYSOX PRIDE DAY!

JUNE 13, 5:00 PM–10:00 PM  
PRINCE GEORGE'S STADIUM

## BALTIMORE PRIDE

JUNE 14TH–16TH

## LIBRARY LUNCH & LEARN: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE TRANSGENDER?

JUNE 15TH, 12:00 PM  
BROADNECK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## RAINBOW FAMILY STORYTIME

JUNE 15, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
JUNE 18, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM  
RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
JUNE 22, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM  
DEALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
JUNE 28, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

## FRIDA VICE-VERSA

JUNE 17TH, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM  
BROOKLYN PARK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## EQUAAC: DOUG'S MAY HAPPY HOUR

JUNE 20TH, 5:30 PM–9:30 PM  
HILTON GARDEN INN, ANNAPOLIS

## GLBT AUTHOR VISIT: CHLOE SCHWENKE

JUNE 22ND, 3:00 PM  
ODENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## TACO TUESDAY TAKEOVER!!!

JUNE 25TH, 5:30 PM–8:30 PM  
EL TORO BRAVO, ANNAPOLIS

## LGBT BOOK DISCUSSION

JUNE 28TH, 3:00 PM  
ODENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

JUNE 29TH, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM  
JUNE 29TH, 3:00 AM–4:00 PM  
SEVERNA PARK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## ANNAPOLIS PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

JUNE 29TH, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM  
WEST STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MD

**BLUE = ANNAPOLIS PRIDE OFFICIAL EVENT**

A photograph of a hotel room with two beds, a blue nightstand, and a lamp. The wall has vertical stripes in red, blue, and green. The headboard is patterned and green. A blue sign with the Graduate Annapolis logo is in the top right corner.

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# PRONOUNS EXPLAINED

Pronouns are the words we use to refer to people instead of using their names. Most pronouns are associated with gender. Often we assume gender when referencing a person, and default to the matching set of pronouns.

But you can't assume everyone's gender based on appearance or name. This can be offensive or harmful to transgender and nonbinary people. Even if your assumption is correct, you are reinforcing the idea that people must look or act a certain way to be a specific gender.

Because there are many cisgender people in the world, cisgender people's pronouns are respected by default. We live in a reality that includes transgender, nonbinary, intersex and gender nonconforming people. By using people's correct pronouns you are giving them the same basic courtesy that is given to cisgender people on a daily basis. You are also building an inclusive and respectful space where everyone can safely be themselves.

# SOME WAYS TO HELP

Even if you are cisgender, state the pronouns you use when you introduce yourself. This normalizes introducing pronouns and makes space for others to do so as well. It also normalizes the idea that we shouldn't assume anyone else's gender.

If you are unsure of what pronouns someone uses, it is always better to ask what pronouns they use, rather than to assume.

If you use the incorrect pronouns for someone unintentionally, simply correct yourself and move on. If you think you may have hurt or offended someone, you can apologize in person afterwards and let them know that you understand how important it is to use their correct pronouns.

Some people grow to understand themselves better or become more comfortable with sharing their identity over time. If someone you have known for a while asks you to use a new set of pronouns for them, it's important to do so. They may change what pronouns they use in the future, and ask you to change what pronouns you use for them as well.

If you can learn to apply these ideas to your life and to the people you know, you will help make the world a safer place for transgender and nonbinary people!

# MEDICAL RESOURCES

## ORDER A FREE SAFE SEX KIT

The Anne Arundel Department of Health offers to mail a free safe sex kit to county residents. You need only ask. They offer other various health service including STD testing, Sexual assault counseling, and more.

<http://www.aahealth.org/safesexkit/>

## HIV TESTING

The CDC provides a comprehensive database of free testing centers near you. Knowledge is power. Know your status.

<https://gettested.cdc.gov>

## HEALTH RESOURCES

The perspectives and needs of LGBT people should be routinely considered in public health efforts to improve the overall health of every person and eliminate health disparities. The CDC has many resources supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

<https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/>

## LGBT NATIONAL ONLINE PEER-SUPPORT CHAT

Utilizing a diverse group of LGBT volunteers, we operate three national hotlines, the LGBT National Hotline, the LGBT National Youth Talkline, and the LGBT National Senior Hotline as well as private, volunteer one-to-one online chat, that helps both youth and adults with coming-out issues, safer-sex information, school bullying, family concerns, relationship problems and a lot more.

[www.aahealth.org/safesexkit/](http://www.aahealth.org/safesexkit/)

## NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON LGBTQ AGING

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging is the country's first and only technical assistance resource center aimed at improving the quality of services and supports offered to lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender older adults.

<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org>

## TRANS HEALTHCARE MARYLAND

Trans Healthcare MD aims to unify the transgender community of Maryland for the purpose of extending accessible, competent and comprehensive affirming healthcare to everyone in the state and improving the lives of all trans, nonbinary and gender expansive Marylanders.

<https://www.transhealthcaremd.org>

Contact us if you would like your resource listed next year: [info@annapolispride.org](mailto:info@annapolispride.org)

# SPIRITUAL GROUPS

## SAINT LUKES EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF EASTPORT

St. Luke's Episcopal church is a welcoming congregation. Rev. Diana Carroll and her wife are both Episcopal ministers. Rev. Diana servers on the board of Annapolis Pride.

<http://www.stlukeseastport.org>

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ANNAPOLIS

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. They affirm the wealth and dignity of all people. They host bi-weekly Pflag meetings.

<https://www.uuannapolis.org>

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<https://www.st-margarets.org>

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# SUPPORT

## **PFLAG: ANNAPOLIS/ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

PFLAG: is a non-profit organization providing support and resources for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer community, their families, friends, and allies.

<https://www.pflagannapolis.org>

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Our mission is simple – to provide a safe, fun, and enriching experience to the sober community. Our primary purpose is to encourage unity and enhance one's sobriety. There are weekly meetings in Annapolis, Columbia, Rockville and Silver Spring, and daily meetings in Baltimore.

<http://www.gayandsober.org>

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<http://www.annapolislighthouse.org>

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