

ANNAPOLIS PRIDE 2023

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Stage Schedules

Michael E. Bush Amphitheater
THE PEOPLES PARK, CALVERT STREET

Weisman Park Stage
WEST STREET

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.— Honey Sol

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.— DJ Simon Lopez

1:35 - 2:05 p.m. — Official Program

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. — L. Rodgers

2:05 - 2:25 p.m. — Weddings

2:30 - 2:55 p.m. — RonShaye Clark & MEGA Dance Troup

2:35 - 3:10 p.m. — C Rafter

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. — Bryce Bowyn

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. — Priddy Music Academy

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. — whatever mike

WE KEEP FIGHTING.

A LETTER FROM ANNAPOLIS PRIDE BOARD CHAIR JOE TOOLAN

In the last year, we have seen countless attempts to silence, hurt, and harm LGBTQIA+ individuals, and more specifically the Trans and BIPOC members of our community. We know that our LGBTQIA+ youth are especially at risk, with attempts to ban books, ban Trans girls from sports, and so much more. In our 3rd Annual Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival, we knew we needed to focus on youth, so **this year's theme is, Express Yourself: Protecting LGBTQIA+ Youth.** This theme also connects well



Annapolis Pride Board Chair, Joe Toolan
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to Annapolis Pride's new mission to advocate for, empower, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Anne Arundel County to live fully and authentically, and our new vision to create a safe, equitable, and anti-racist community where people of all identities thrive.

ANNAPOLIS PRIDE CONTINUES to work with a number of organizations in Anne Arundel County and in the state to advance our mission. We welcomed six new board members in October 2022, including our first student member Jaden Farris, allowing us the opportunity to work even closer with schools. We released our non-partisan candidate questionnaire in the fall to assist our supporters in making educated decisions on those running for office. We will continue to offer this resource, especially with the Anne Arundel County School Board elections approaching, to ensure our LGBTQIA+ students will be seen and heard. We worked with the Coalition for LGBTQ+ students to ensure there is continued accountability for implementation of the safe and inclusive environments for LGBTQ students policy. We also held our first legislative reception where we educated local elected officials about the issues that matter

to our community, and joined many other organizations to push for action on the Trans Health Equity Act, among other critical and life saving bills. One of the highlights of the event were the passionate remarks from advocate Molly Estabrook who has also been named the grand marshal of this year's event.

WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, this year's theme is a reminder that we can express ourselves, celebrate the richness of the genders, sexualities, identities, and dreams of our community, AND recognize the importance that we continue protecting our youth, and especially, trans, non-binary and youth of color. Today, have fun, enjoy the freeness of being here and queer. **Remember why you are here, allow yourselves to dream of a future where we all see ourselves represented, in the ways that you may have needed when you were younger.** We can continue creating change together. Every one of us can be a superhero in our own lives and may touch people we will never know. ■

ANNAPOLIS PRIDE PARADE 2023 GRAND MARSHAL

Molly Estabrook grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and studied child development at UC Davis. Serving in AmeriCorps brought her to the DC area and shortly after that Molly became a stepmom, mom, grandma, preschool teacher and Sunday school leader. She has devoted a large part of her life to helping children grow and thrive. In the past several years Molly has focused on the LGBTQ+ youth. Her family has had



Molly Estabrook, 2023 Annapolis Pride Parade Grand Marshal

“too many queer teens who were thrown away by their families” sleep on her sofa or eat at her table. These experiences prompted Molly to get involved with PFLAG where she serves on the board and facilitates parent meetings. She said, “It is a great honor to help other parents support their queer children.” ■

Our Story

2018

- **A group of** determined community members began creating the concept for Annapolis Pride during the winter months.
- **On May 25**, the Facebook page launched with the iconic anchor logo created by Pomerantz Marketing and quickly began to gain followers.
- **At the request of** Annapolis Pride, Mayor Gavin Buckley declared June as LGBTQ+ Pride month for the first time in history for the City of Annapolis. The proclamation stated that Annapolis would host its first pride parade and festival in June of 2019.
- **In September**, at the request of Annapolis Pride, the Annapolis Police Department appointed their first LGBTQ+ liaison officer.

2019

- **In January**, Annapolis Pride officially formed its founding Board of Directors. In March, Annapolis Pride received its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.
- **Annapolis Pride successfully** advocated for LGBTQ+ programs at the Anne Arundel County Public Library including the system's first ever Drag Queen Storytime.
- **On June 29**, Annapolis Pride hosted the successful inaugural Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival on West Street.

2020

- **In June**, following the murder of George Floyd and many others at the hands of police, Annapolis Pride partnered with local Black Lives Matter activists to host the All Black Lives Matter march.
- **Annapolis Pride also** created an anti-racism resources page on its website and adopted an anti-racism statement as policy.

2021

- **In June**, Annapolis Pride along with advocates from the Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students successfully advocated for Anne Arundel County Public Schools to adopt the Safe and Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ+ Students policy.
- **In September**, Annapolis Pride released its nonpartisan 2021 candidate questionnaire, making data about local candidates' stance on issues important to the LGBTQ+ community publicly available for the first time.

2022

- **Annapolis Pride** and other community groups successfully advocated for transgender and transition-related care to be covered in county employee health insurance plans.
- **AACPS Board of Education** voted to approve both LGBTQ+ history and African American history courses after working with the Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students and several other advocacy groups.
- **At the request of** Annapolis Pride, proclamations from the Mayor of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Executive recognized Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31.

2023

- **With input** from community partners, Annapolis Pride finalized its first strategic plan and came up with a new mission and vision statement.
- **Annapolis Pride held** its first legislative breakfast with local and state legislators in attendance.
- **Annapolis Pride and** other community groups successfully advocated to have gender affirming healthcare be made a covered expense for people receiving Medicaid.

Who We Are & Community Resources

IN LATE 2022, The board of Annapolis Pride, working with Due East Partners, finalized its first-ever strategic plan and drafted new mission and vision statements. With input from community partners and key constituents, Annapolis Pride believes this renewed focus will create a stronger and more adaptive organization.

MISSION: Annapolis Pride's mission is to advocate for, empower, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Anne Arundel County to live fully and authentically.

VISION: A safe, equitable, and anti-racist community where people of all identities thrive.

PRIORITIES:

- Diversify and increase revenue to support growth
- Build capacity to expand impact and reach
- Strengthen community connectedness and engagement
- Advocate for and promote LGBTQ+ and anti-racist policies and resources

RESOURCES:



[Link to Anti-Racist Resources](#)

The board of Annapolis Pride commits to creating an anti-racist and multicultural

organization made up of anti-racist members, ideas, and policies. The QR code **above** links to helpful anti-racist resources. The QR codes **below** link to legal, health, spiritual and other supportive resources.



[Legal Resources](#)



[Health & Wellness Resources](#)



[Support Resources](#)



[Spiritual Resources](#)

Meet Our Board Members



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he/him



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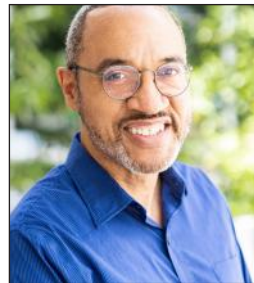
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JoEllyn Fountain,
Staff she/her

Upcoming

PRIDE MONTH LGBTQIA+ EVENTS

Wednesday, May 30

Forward Brewing & Annapolis Pride Beer Release
Morphex butterfly tea blond sour
418 Fourth Street Annapolis
4 - 7 p.m.

Friday, June 2

Annapolis Pride Kick-off Party
Graduate Hotel
126 West Street
4 - 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

VIP Pride Experience Graduate Hotel
126 West Street
(includes breakfast, lunch, brunch)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (\$)

Parade on West Street starting at Park Place
noon - 1:30 p.m.

Festival Locations

Inner West Street, The People's Park, & adjacent parking lots
1 - 5 p.m.

ABSOLUT Pride Parade Party Graduate Hotel
126 West Street
1 - 5 p.m.

After Party Graduate Hotel
126 West Street
5 - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 4

Drag Brunch Graduate Hotel
126 West Street
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (\$)

Ecumenical Pride Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis
171 Duke of Gloucester St.
3 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

Hands on History Pride at the Museum of Historic Annapolis
99 Main Street
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (\$)

Save the Dates!

Annapolis Pride 2024
June 1, 2024

World Pride 2025
May 23 - June 8, 2025
Washington, DC



LGBTQ+ PRIDE HISTORY

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)

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! ●

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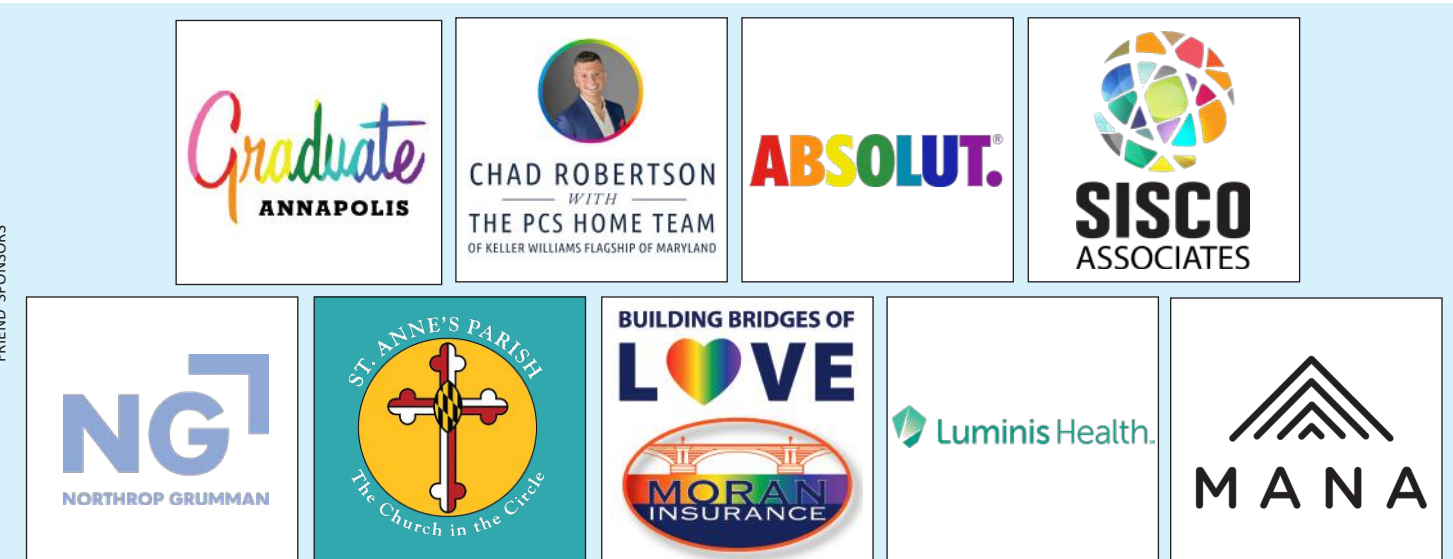
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The Annapolis Pride Parade begins at noon on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The starting point is near Park Place on the corner of West Street and Amos Garrett Boulevard. **The Festival** will take place on West Street, in the People's Park, Gott's Ellipse Lot and other areas.

PARADE START
NOON

CHECK-IN MARYLAND HALL
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