

Annapolis Pride accepting applications for October parade



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Groups that want to participate in the second annual Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival in October can now register.

The fall date was set after the June 2020 parade was postponed because of COVID-19 social distancing protocols. The new date is Oct. 30.

"We were admittedly disappointed last year when we had to postpone the parade and festival, especially after such an incredibly successful inaugural event in June 2019," Browning said today. "But we knew it was the right thing to do from a safety standpoint.

"Last year's postponement makes us even more excited for this year's events.," he added. "Given the progress that has been made with vaccinations and restrictions being lifted, we know we'll have a tremendous turnout for our October 30 parade and festival. We can't wait to celebrate!"

The parade route this year will be similar to 2019 and will take place along West Street, from Amos Garrett Boulevard to Calvert Street. The festival will be held on West Street between Calvert Street and Church Circle, and in The Peoples Park on Calvert Street adjacent to the Whitmore parking garage.

Groups wishing to register for this year's parade must apply by July 31. Applications will be reviewed and get a response within four weeks, Browning said.

October is also recognized as LGBTQ+ history month, and Oct. 12 is National Coming Out Day.

For more information, visit annapolispride.org

The parade is one of a number of large-capacity events returning to the calendar now that COVID-19 restrictions have eased. Others include a Juneteenth Juneteenth Festival, a two-day celebration of the Emancipation of Black Americans planned for June 18 and 19; a July Fourth weekend celebration and parade and the St. Patrick's Day parade in September.