

# Everything you need to know about Pride weekend in Anne Arundel County



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As a landmark for national LGBTQ history arises — the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots — Annapolis marks its own queer history with its first pride parade in a rainbow-filled weekend.

The celebrations are wide ranging from Drag Queen Story Time for tots to Sour Me Unicorn Farts glitter beer samplings to yoga and bike pride events to church services at St. Anne's.

Here's what you need to know:

## Pride parade and festival

The parade of 55 floats, groups and organizations from around Anne Arundel kicks off at noon running down West Street from Amos Garrett Boulevard to Calvert Street for about 45 minutes.

Crofton 13-year-old Claire Drapeau organized last year's pride walk handing out rainbow flags and stickers on a dreary day downtown. This year she'll be the grand marshall leading the festivities with Mayor Gavin Buckley.

There will be three announcing stations: in front of Fado, at the Graduate Annapolis and on the corner of Calvert and West Streets. Sign language interpreters will be at the Calvert Street station near the end of the route.

The festival along West Street between Calvert Street and Church Circle will begin jointly with the parade and end at 5 p.m. Musical entertainment will include L. Rodgers, Mac + Blue, Third Sunday Band, Gay Men's Chorus of Washington D.C. and Priddy Music Academy. There will be 75 vendors including Rainbows & Stuff, Swede-Art face painting, Queer City Sports, Free Mom Hugs and more.

Parking at Gotts, Whitmore, and Knighton garages might fill up early, the mayor's office warned. Pride attendees can also try Park Place or Hillman garages. The free Circulator trolley will be in operation but will detour around West Street as it will be closed for the festival.

"This Friday will be a tough day for a lot of people in our area because it's the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at the Capital newspaper," said Jeremy Browning, chair and founder of Annapolis Pride, Inc., in a release.

"We're hoping our events on Saturday will give people a reason to smile, celebrate, and come together as a community."

## More events

### Thursday

Pop Up Cinema screening LGBTQ shorts at ArtFarm. 6:30-9:30 p.m. 111 Chinquapin Round Road. 443-360-5278. artfarmannapolis.com. Free.

### Friday

Rainbow Ride at Tribe Cycle. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 890 C Bestgate Road. \$28 pre-registration at tribecycle.zingfit.com. 443-808-1234.

Celebrating Stonewall's 50th with the Stonewall Inn IPA at the Brass Tap. 6-11 p.m. Annapolis Mall. 833-901-2337. Free.

### Saturday

Pre-Pride Yoga Shine. 8-9 a.m. The lot next to 181 West Street. 703- 608-6871. Free and welcome to all levels of experience. Bring a yoga mat and water.

Pride Power yoga at Yogavibez Edgewater. 9-10 a.m. 48 South River Road, Suite 103, Edgewater. [Yogavibezoc.com](http://Yogavibezoc.com). 443-865-3109. Free.

Annapolis Pride After Party at Federal House Bar & Grille. 11 a.m.- 1a.m. 22 Market Space. 410-268-2576. Free.

Unicorn Trail headquarters at Stan and Joe's Saloon. Try Sour Me Unicorn Farts beer while enjoying live music, a photo booth and freebies. The fruity glittered sour ale will be served at multiple bars around Annapolis during the festival with proceeds going to Annapolis Pride. 12-9 p.m. 37 West Street. 410-263-1993. Free.

Drag Queen Storytime at Severna Park Community Library. 1 and 3 p.m. 45 W McKinsey Road, Severna Park. 410-222-6290. Free.

"What's Going On!" – From gospel to Motown to Drag. 6 and 9 p.m. 60 West Courtyard. Tickets are \$20-45 at [annapoliscollectiongallery.com](http://annapoliscollectiongallery.com). 410-280-1414.

## **Sunday**

Welcoming service at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. 9:30-10:30 a.m. 199 Duke of Gloucester Street. 410-267-9333. Free.

Drag Bingo Brunch at the Brass Tap. 12-3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Annapolis Mall. 833-901-2337.

"Transmilitary" documentary screening at Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. 5-8 p.m. 333 Dubois Road. 410-266-8044. Free.

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