



**** MEDIA ALERT ****

**FIFTH ANNUAL ANNAPOLIS PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL
ARE POSTPONED DUE TO FORECASTED SEVERE WEATHER**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 30, 2025) — The 2025 Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival has been **POSTPONED**, Annapolis Pride Board Chair Joe Toolan announced this afternoon. Toolan said the difficult decision to postpone was based on advice the Pride board received from emergency management agencies and weather forecasting models.

"The safety of our community comes first," Toolan said. "Based on guidance from the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, we've made the difficult decision to postpone the 2025 Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival due to the very real threat of severe thunderstorms, lightning, and flooding.

"We are hoping to reschedule for some time this fall," he added.

Thunder and lightning are expected at various times throughout the day on Saturday, Toolan added. Additionally, the festival grounds at Bates Middle School are already experiencing flooding and over-saturation, and a flood watch remains in effect with more rain forecasted for tonight and tomorrow.

"We are all sad and terribly disappointed that we cannot proceed with the Parade and Festival on Saturday," Toolan said. "Hundreds of hours have been spent on planning and coordination, and we were expecting tens of thousands of attendees. But at the end of the day, safety concerns outweigh all other concerns."

Toolan said the Pride Board will announce a rescheduled date as soon as it is confirmed.

While Saturday's events are postponed, the following Pride events are still ON as scheduled:

May 30 - Ladies Night- SOLD OUT

6-10 pm Eastport Democratic Club, Annapolis

June 1 - *Drag Brunch at Leo – SOLD OUT

10 am, Leo Annapolis Restaurant, 212 West St.

June 1 - Ecumenical Pride Worship Service

3 pm, Eastport United Methodist Church, Annapolis

June 3 - Annapolis Pride Beer Launch

4-7 pm, Forward Brewing, Annapolis

June 5 - *Pride on the Pier

6-9 pm, Bread and Butter Kitchen, Annapolis

June 6- Big Gay Dance Party

10 pm-close -Tsunami restaurant – 51 West Street, Annapolis

June 7 - Pop Up Market: Benefiting Annapolis Pride

10 am - 3 pm Annapolis Town Center

Special discounts @Kendra Scott 6/7-6/8

June 14 - Silent Disco

7-11 pm Eastport Democratic Club, Annapolis

June 21 - *Teen Dance Party

6-9 pm, Art Farm, Annapolis

For high school freshman – juniors

*ticketed event