



Welcome!

Greetings PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities!

We extend a heartfelt welcome to our new friends - it's wonderful to have you with us! We are also thankful for our continued friendships with all of our PFLAGers!

“Pride Month is an annual celebration of the many contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to history, society and cultures worldwide. In most places, Pride is celebrated throughout the month of June each year in commemoration of its roots in the Stonewall Riots of June 1969.”



As we head into Pride Month, let's celebrate the joy and community of Pride while also remembering its roots. Pride began as a protest — led by LGBTQ+ people who stood up against harassment, discrimination, and injustice. It was born from courage, resistance, and the belief that every person deserves dignity, safety, and the freedom to live openly as themselves.

The celebrations we enjoy today exist because people before us refused to stay silent. Pride is not only about celebration; it is also about honoring that history and recognizing the work still ahead.

[Pride Month History](#)

Documenting LGBTQ+ History

The Advocate covers over the decades, from 1967 to 2020

America's oldest LGBTQ publication has come a long way since its start as a newsletter in Los Angeles in 1967.

[Learn more about America's oldest LGBTQ publication](#)

[PFLAG](#)

“For over fifty years, PFLAG has been where LGBTQ+ people, families, and allies have come together in pursuit of justice and affirmation—and always leading with love.

What began as a letter led to a march, which launched a meeting and birthed a movement of millions. Since our earliest days, PFLAG has been the connector for LGBTQ+ people with community, parents with resources, and allies with tools, bolstering the LGBTQ+ movement with strength, power, and love.”

Discover the history of PFLAG and how you can get involved

[PFLAG History](#) [Fighting For Our Pride](#) [Join the Fight](#)





PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Upcoming Events



6/5 Family Pride Flag Event Sugar Grove Public Library 4:30 - 5:30 pm

- Location: 125 S. Municipal Drive Sugar Grove

6/6 Elgin Pride Parade - Location: Festival Park, 132 S Grove Ave., Elgin *We Need Volunteers!*

*****We are in need of friends joining us for the parade*****

6/7 Saint Charles Pridefest 11 am - 3pm

- Location: Mt. St. Mary Park (Prairie Street, east of Route 31) in St. Charles

6/8 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Monthly Support Meeting 6-8pm email for location

- This is a safe space to ask questions, find resources, and learn. Please join us as we support, encourage and celebrate our PFLAG family.

6/13 Aurora Pride on the Plaza 6-10 pm

- Location: Millennium Plaza, Downtown Aurora, 21 S Stolp Ave

6/14 Aurora Pride Parade 12pm

- Location: Parade start - E. Benton Street and S. Broadway, Aurora

6/20 DeKalb Pride Fest 4-7 pm

- Location: Downtown DeKalb - Egyptian Theatre 135 N 2nd St, DeKalb

6/27 Yorkville Pride 11 am - 3 pm *We hope to see our members from Yorkville!!*

- Location: Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ, 409 Center Pkwy

6/28 Chicago Pride Parade

7/11 Belong: Fox Valley's Pride in the Park 1-4 pm *Still need volunteers!*

- Location: Wheeler Park - Parking by Stone Creek Miniature Golf, 101 North Street, Geneva

7/12 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Sunday Quarterly Meeting 2:30-4:30 Location TBD

7/13 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities July Monthly Meeting 6 - 8 pm Guest speaker from Mutual Ground

Interested in participating in a pride parade or volunteering with us?

Scan our QR code to sign up or go to: <https://signup.com/go/JBcZGFj>



For more information on specific events, please send us a message at pflaggenetrocities@gmail.com

Attention to our friends who have an hour or two to spare in June

We are really low on volunteers for most of the Pride events we're signed up for. If anyone is available to volunteer for even just an hour, it would mean a lot.

Trust me, I get it — life is busy. My eldest is getting married at the end of May, my mom had a stroke at the end of March, and life has been chaotic. Gas prices are up, the state of the United States is... ughhhh. I usually don't ask for help, but our chapter genuinely needs it right now.

Someone suggested maybe we need to do less. And maybe at some point that will be true. But then a friend of mine, who has a younger child who is trans, shared something that really stayed with me.

They said they look forward to Pride all year long. June is a time they can be around other families who look like theirs, be in spaces where they belong, and celebrate who they are.

For some people, these Pride events are their first one after coming out — or after their child came out. Sometimes it's the first time they truly feel seen and not alone. That's why organizations like PFLAG exist and we keep showing up. For many people, these events are much more than a celebration — they are connection, visibility, and hope.



IL Pride Events



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2026 Pride Event List

April 25 through June 14
(Updated 4/20)

- April 25 Bond County PrideFest
- May 1-2 Leather Pride Weekend
- May 16 Springfield PrideFest
- May 30 Jacksonville Pride
- May 30 Mt. Vernon Pride in the Park
- May 30 Waukegan Pride Festival
- June 3 Joliet Slammers Pride Night
- June 5 Highwood Pride
- June 5 Pride in Park Ridge
- June 5 Rochelle Pride Night
- June 5 & 6 Quad Cities Pride Festival
- June 6 Downers Grove Pridefest
- June 6 Elgin Pride Parade
- June 6 Logan County Pride Fest
- June 6 Macomb Pridefest
- June 6 Niles Pride
- June 6 Rockford Pride Parade & Back Alley PrideParty
- June 6 & 7 NWI PrideFest
- June 7 Buffalo Grove Pride
- June 7 Crystal Laje Pride Walk and Social
- June 7 Kankakee Pride Picnic
- June 7 Lombard PrideFest
- June 7 St. Charles Pride
- June 11 Oak Park Pride Night Out
- June 12 Homewood-Flossmoor Pride Fest
- June 12-14 Andersonville Midsommarfest
- June 13 Aurora Pride at the Plaza
- June 13 Carbondale Pride on the Strip
- June 13 Dixon Pride
- June 13 Metro East Pride Block Party
- June 13 Michigan City Pride
- June 13 Ottawa Family Pride Festival
- June 13 Pride Richland County
- June 13 Pride at Shedd Aquarium
- June 13 Springfield CORAL Pride Picnic
- June 13 Vermillion County Pridefest
- June 13 Wheaton Pride
- June 13 & 14 Woodstock PrideFest
- June 14 Aurora Pride Parade
- June 14 Grayslake Pride Parade
- June 14 Interfaith Family Pride Fest
- June 14 Prairie Pride Coalition Pride Picnic
- June 14 South Side Family Pride

More dates will be added as we learn of them!
Email your event information to pflagtinleypark@gmail.com

A BIG THANK YOU TO
KATHY FROM PFLAG
TINLEY PARK

for always creating & updating the IL Pride list! She will continue to update it periodically. We will share it, but you can also follow [PFLAG Tinley Park](https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGTinleyPark) <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGTinleyPark> or go to their website <https://tinleypark.pflag.org/upcoming-events/> If you know of an event, please email them at the address on the flier.



June 7th 11am-3pm is **Saint Charles Pride** from 11am -3pm at Mt. Saint Mary's Park. If you'd like to have a table at Saint Charles Pride, please contact Samantha at samanthawnewman@gmail.com



Pride Events Continued



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2026 Pride Event List

June 18 through October 17
(Updated 4/20)

- June 18 Carol Stream Pride Concert
- June 18 Morton Grove Pride in the Park
- June 19 Hawthorne Pride Vernon Hills
- June 19 Vernon Hills Pride
- June 20 All My Relations Pride Event
- June 20 DeKalb Pride Fest
- June 20 Des Plaines Community Pride Celebration
- June 20 Elmhurst Family Pride Fest
- June 20 Lake County (IL) Pridefest
- June 20 Whiting Pride
- June 20 & 21 Chicago Pride Fest
- June 26 & 27 Pride Metal Fest
- June 27 Pride at Navy Pier
- June 27 Slay the Lake Pride Book Fest
- June 27 Yorkville Pride
- June 28 Chicago Pride Parade
- June 28 Pride Ride Batavia
- June 28 Skokie Pride
- July 3-5 Chicago Black Pride
- July 5 Pride South Sude
- July 11 Belong Fox Valley Pride in the Park
- July 18 Peoria River City Pride Festival
- July 25 Bloomington-Normal Pridefest
- August 7-9 Northalsted Market Days
- September 12 Decatur Pride
- September 19 Joliet Pride
- October 3 Metro East Pridefest
- October 17 Plainfield Pride

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Advocacy & Resources

Advocacy


Where Do We Start?

Figure Out What Works for You

Calls to Action

- Show Up - Get Involved
 - School Board Meetings 
 - Library Board Meetings
- Mobilize - There's Power in Numbers
- Organize & Strategize
- Brainstorm
- Make Your Voice Heard
 - Lobbying
 - 5 Calls - Make your voice heard
- Share Your Story
 - Sharing personal experiences can shift perspectives and touch hearts. 
- Join Rally's
- Protest Safely 
- Reach out to your State & Federal Representatives
 - Email
 - Call
 - Go in Person 
- Action Steps

Advocacy Resources

- PFLAG National Advocacy Tools: Join the fight!
- Advocacy Video Training Series: Advocacy in 10 minutes or less! 
- Advocacy at All Levels: Making Your PFLAG Voice Heard

PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities National and Local Resources and Organizations

Resources



IL Pride Connect

IL PRIDE CONNECT LEGAL HOTLINE

Need Legal Help? Call the IL Pride Connect Legal Hotline Call: 855-805-9200

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM

Languages: English and Spanish - Free and confidential

More Resources

- PFLAG National Newsletter
- PFLAG Connects Communities
- A4TE - Trans Resource
- ACLU
 - Take Action 
- Chase Strangio
 - Co-Director of the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project
- Equality IL
- Erin In The Morning
 - Erin Reed, Trans Reporter - Excellent Resource 
- GLESEN
- HRC
- Illinois State Board of Elections
- Find My Elected Officials
- Illinois Department of Human Rights
- Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul
 - Civil Rights Immigration Rights
- LambdaLegal
- Sage Advocacy Services for LGBTQ+ Elders
- TJLP - Name & Gender change resource
- Trangender Law Center
- The Trevor Project 
- Trans Youth for Equality Foundation (TYEF)
- Heather Cox Richardson
 - *Professor of American history-she explains*

Click on the links to take you to the websites

Hold-the-line

Meaning: To continue to uphold a certain standard or to refuse to give in or change despite pressure or challenges.

Definition: To maintain a position or stance without retreating or yielding.



ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

#VOLUNTEER



BE AN ALLY

Support your loved ones.

Here's how to start:

- Listening and validating
- Educating yourself on LGBTQ+ mental health
- Supporting LGBTQ+ organizations

Take care of yourself!

SELF CARE

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"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."
—Audre Lorde

How do you prioritize self-care in your life?

Genevaticities.pflag.org



PFLAG Connects: COMMUNITIES

[PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Website](http://Genevaticities.pflag.org)

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