



Jackson Pride Center

Pride Newsletter June 2026

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH



As you may already know, we have had to make the incredibly difficult decision to cancel our annual PrideFest for this year. We know how much this event means to our community as a space for visibility, connection, and pure joy; it's a highlight of our year, too. To read our official statement regarding this decision, please visit our website at mijacksonpride.org. While our own festival isn't happening, Pride cannot be cancelled. Our community's spirit is defined by resilience, and there are still so many incredible ways to celebrate across Michigan. We want to encourage every single one of you to show up, show out, and support our neighboring local Pridefest events this season! Let's keep our diverse community connected, look out for one another, and show the region the strength of Jackson Pride. Stay safe, celebrate fiercely, and check the website for updates on our upcoming events.

Local Pridefest Schedule

Visit Pridesource.com for the full schedule

June 5 & 6 - Kalamazoo Pride, Arcadia Creek Festival Place (145 E. Water St., Kalamazoo)

June 6 - Community Pride Michigan (Saugatuck-Douglas), Parade: Saugatuck High School (401 Elizabeth St., Saugatuck), 10:30 a.m. Pride in the Park: Beery Field (8 Center St., Douglas), 11:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

June 6 & 7 - Motor City Pride (Detroit), Festival: Saturday, June 6, Hart Plaza, 1-9 p.m., and Sunday June 7, 12:30-7 p.m. Parade: Sunday, June 7, noon. Kick-off at Fort & Griswold, ends at Hart Plaza.

June 13 - East Lansing Pride, Albert El Fresco (Albert Ave. between Grove Street and M.A.C. Ave.), 4-9 p.m.

June 14 - Plymouth Pride, Old Village Neighborhood (Liberty Street, Plymouth), 2-6 p.m.

June 20 - Farmington Pride Night Out, Downtown Farmington, (Mason's Corner Park) 4-8 p.m.

June 20 & 21 - Grand Rapids Pride, Calder Plaza (320 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids). June 20, noon-10 p.m., June 21, noon-8 p.m.

June 27 - Lansing Pride, Old Town (216 E. Cesar E Chavez Ave.), 1-9 p.m.

July 17 & 18 - Battle Creek Pride, Parade: Michigan Ave. at Washington St., July 17, 7 p.m.

Festival: Leila Arboretum (928 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek), July 18, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

July 18 - Ypsi Pride (Ypsilanti), East Cross Street (Depot Town), 2-10 p.m.

August 1 - Ann Arbor Pride, Downtown Ann Arbor

August 22 - Transgender Pride in the Park, Martin Road Park (1900 Orchard Ave., Ferndale), noon-6 p.m.

PRIDE FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, 8/29/2026

11am - 2pm Horace Blackman Park



- Free Lunch: A complimentary meal will be provided. Please RSVP at mijacksonpride.org/events.
- Great Music: Enjoy uplifting music in the park while you eat and socialize.
- Community Vibes: A welcoming, inclusive space where LGBTQ+ people and our allies are supported and connected.
- Bring blankets or lawn chairs, sunscreen and your favorite lawn games.

RSVP for Pride Family Picnic at mijacksonpride.org/events

Show Your Pride!

Change doesn't happen by accident. It happens when a community commits to a shared vision. At the Jackson Pride Center, we operate under four unbreakable core values: Respect for every unique path, Inclusion so every person is embraced, Equity to fight injustice, and Continuous Learning as our community evolves. We believe that everyone deserves a world where they can proudly and safely Be You. We are the only agency of our kind in Jackson County, stepping up to advocate for the human rights and visibility of our LGBTQ+ family. We partner with local businesses and organizations to give our community safe spaces to thrive. Buying a shirt from this campaign is a direct investment in local advocacy and education. Whether you can buy one shirt, share this link with a friend, or chip in a few extra dollars at checkout, your support directly funds our operational stability so we can keep doing this work for the long haul. Wear your values on your sleeve—literally—and tell the world it's okay to Be You!

Buy your shirt at mijacksonpride.org!



Shaping Our Future Together: Join the Jackson Pride Board & Volunteer Team!

We know that our strength comes from our people, and that is why we need your unique voices, your passion, and your lived experiences. **We are officially looking for new Board Members and Volunteers to stand with us and help guide our collective action.**

Why Your Voice Matters Jackson Pride is dedicated to bridging gaps in advocacy, breaking down isolation, and building a stronger legacy for future generations. Because we want our leadership to truly reflect the beautiful diversity of the community we serve, our bylaws ensure that the majority of our Board of Trustees identifies as LGBTQ+. We are specifically looking for those who want to dive into meaningful grassroots support by joining one of our active committees, such as: The Programming Committee: Help us map out a targeted calendar of events, coordinate vital community outreach, and build out incredible programming like Pridefest 2027. The Finance & Development Committee: Help ensure our long-term financial stability and guide our fundraising efforts so we can keep providing crucial resources to Jackson County.

Every Bit of Support Counts We know that times can be tough, and we want to remind you that support isn't just financial. In a community as resilient as ours, giving your time, your skills, or your passion as a volunteer is just as valuable as a monetary donation. Whether you can commit to a two-year board term or simply want to volunteer for a few hours at a local event, distribute newsletters, or help us with social media, your presence makes a difference.

[Contribute/Volunteer @ mijacksonpride.org](https://mijacksonpride.org)

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