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This year’s Alexandria Pride Fair

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On June 28, the City of Alexandria will celebrate its eighth annual LGBTQIA+ Pride Fair from 3 to 6 p.m. at City Hall and Market Square. This year’s fair takes special significance with Washington, D.C., hosting WorldPride 2025 from May 17 to June 8. Alexandria invites the community to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month through different activities, from live music and dancing workshops to crafts and photography stations.

Pride Month is celebrated

yearly to raise awareness of the contributions to the world that LGBTQ+ people make and the challenges that they face in their everyday lives. Celebrations for Pride Month go back to 1969, when activists protested police raids during the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City. Since then, June has been designated as a celebratory month for the education of LGBTQ+ history and awareness.

The City of Alexandria kicked off last year with the premiere of colorful rainbow crosswalks and DASH buses commemorating

the festivities.

The city also supports the community through a LGBTQ+ Task Force, which allows community members to network, share ideas and plan events in a safe space. It was created in 2007, and its main goal is to create a space for members of the LGBTQ+ community in Alexandria to feel included.

All supportive members and allies of the community are welcomed to join.

In 2018, the Task Force teamed up with the Alexandria Library to host the first Alexandria Pride Fair, and in 2023,

the Task Force received the Equality Award from Equality NoVa. Besides hosting the Pride Fair, the city also offers an LGBTQ+ Support Group for Parents of LGBTQ+ Children and Youth and provides several LGBTQ+ support resources on its webpage.

For more information on the eighth annual Alexandria Pride Fair and the City of Alexandria LGBTQ+ Task Force, please visit alexandriava.gov/LGBTQ.

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