



It's official! It's a wrap!

# Burien Pride Festival caps record-breaking weekend

Nearly 5,000 attendees participated at Town Square Park



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Burien Pride Committee

BURIEN, Wash. – The second annual Burien Pride festival, sponsored by Blissful Knead and Kaiser Permanente, saw approximately 5,000 attendees in a span of 10 hours on Saturday June 2, 2018. The free family-friendly event was held in Burien Town Square Park and included a 21+ beer garden sponsored by Elliott Bay Brewhouse, a play area with inflatables, two performance stages, and close to 100 vendors and community partners.

The evening was capped with performances by The Aqua-Nets and a two-hour drag show featuring the “Dames of Drag,”

starring Tru St. James, DonnaTella Howe, Kara Sutra, Aloy Niles, and Fraya Love.

“It was heartwarming and encouraging to see families and friends enjoying the festival again this year,” said Debra George, Burien Pride committee member. “We wish to specifically acknowledge the Burien local businesses that either joined us for the first time or returned following last year’s event. We appreciate the ongoing support of Discover Burien and its mission toward economic development, education and promotion of the Burien Business Community.”

On May 7, 2018, the City of Burien officially proclaimed June 2 as Burien Pride Day. Burien residents gathered to celebrate

and honor the LGBTQ+ community in a ceremony held at City Hall.

“The involvement this year by the City of Burien was incredible,” said Sarah Toce, Burien Pride committee member. “We look forward to future partnerships next year.”

Approximately \$8,000 was raised during Burien Pride 2018. Funds will be awarded to students by the newly formed Burien Pride Scholarship Committee later this year. Interested parties should visit [www.burienpride.com](http://www.burienpride.com) as the website will be updated with information in the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars: Burien Pride returns on Friday, May 31, 2019 for Drag Queen Bingo and Saturday, June 1, 2019 for the festival.

For sponsorship information, please contact Sarah Toce at (206) 714-2277 or [burienpride@gmail.com](mailto:burienpride@gmail.com). Like Burien Pride on Facebook!

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