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Dear reader,

It’s Pride again.

If you’ve seen the news – which I assume you have, since you picked up this paper – you know the world’s a mess. Another year spent figuring out the pandemic and fighting against forces of hate. It’s exhausting, I know.

Now more than ever we need to stand together as a community and celebrate our differences. Sometimes, I think it’s insane that they’ve lumped the entire LGBTQIA2S+ spectrum together under one umbrella. Other days, I think it’s necessary. In a country that would sooner take away our right to be open about who we love and take away our right to bodily autonomy than condone a mass shooter, we need to have each other’s backs. When we have each other’s backs, we have hope. And, to quote Harvey Milk, “Hope is never silent.”

In the back of this section of the paper, we’ve assembled a long list of events, parties, and parades in the area that are designed to celebrate Pride. In other words, to celebrate you. The list is by no means complete, and the calendar changes daily, but the fact is this: We’re not staying silent in 2022. The LGBTQ+ community in the Seattle area and beyond is staying loud and proud despite the world around us getting less friendly by the day. There are some smaller towns, like Woodinville and Anacortes, that are holding their first ever Pride events during these tumultuous times.

That takes courage. And that gives me hope. And I hope it gives you a little hope, too.

Happy Pride & keep up the good fight.

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Dedicated organizers and community members are working overtime as the days tick down to the biggest Pride event of the summer on June 25: Seattle Pride, presented by Taking Back Pride, celebrating “the unique, eclectic, artistic, vibrant, raucous atmosphere of the Black and Brown Trans and Queer community.”

“Taking Back Pride centers BIPOC on every facet of the Trans and Queer community, including families,” said Mattie, co-founder and the operations and logistics manager. “Everyone is welcome at the event. However, we need to be up-front about the intention of the spaces that center and celebrate folks who have been historically marginalized, even within the LGBTQ+ community. We ask that people honor and respect that.”

“Taking Back Pride was created to lift the voices, narratives, and contributions of Black, Queer, Trans people,” added Lourdez, the vendor and accessibility manager. “It’s about centering who we are and what we need to feel empowered, joyful, and heard.”

The event will be family friendly and is open to community members of all ages. “It is a space where QTBIPOC can celebrate and be centered,” Lourdez said. “We are also partnering with Families of Color Seattle for family-friendly activities during the first part of the day.”

Overcoming white-fabricated controversies

Last year’s event gained attention for having a reputation charge, through which white allies were asked to donate while attending the event. The request was sensationalized by some members of Seattle’s LGB EQ community, including Capitol Hill Pride organizer Charlotte LeFevere, who accused Taking Back Pride of being racist.

“I think the characterization of charging white participants is pretty sensationalizing of a mechanism that is really about requesting that white allies donate to help sustain the event,” Mattie said. “People love to make that sound far more nefarious than it is, when so many other collectives and orgs do the same thing.”

Real Rent Duwamish requests that those living on Native land give rent to those whose land this is. King County Equity Now requests that supporters ‘pay the fee’ to sustain their work and advocacy. These are reparative methods for acknowledging injustice that has occurred systemically, and there is nothing wrong with that.

“At the end of the day, we want to share space with those who support us and our community. Those who do have shared issues with supporting the event with a donation. Those who have shared disagreement have typically been overwhelmingly cis het and cis gay men with pretty violent, threatening, and nasty things to say, which is unfortunate but serves to show in real time why BIPOC Trans folks do not feel safe in mainstream Pride spaces.”

Despite the backlash from white people in the community, Taking Back Pride 2021 was a huge success. “Last year’s event was so special!” Lourdez said. “Even though we were navigating the heat wave and threats to our safety from the public, we received about our reparations model, our community came together to create safety and still center celebration! The performances were amazing! To be able to witness Black and Brown Queer and Trans joy was so healing!”

“A also witnessing young Queer and Trans folks feel safe to be their whole selves and be held in that made me tear up! Last year was a beautiful success, and we thank the community for celebrating with us!”

This year’s event is still planning on requesting donations from allies who can give, Lourdez said.

“We are preparing in case of another heat wave with donations of lots of water. We purchased lots of popsciles from Seattle Pops that will be passed out to guests at the event,” they continued. “We also have canopies for venues, shaded tree areas, and a low-sensory tent in the Mutual Amphitheater event space that people can retreat to, as well as first-aid stations and harm reduction specialists on deck to support people who need care due to the heat.”

“Last year’s event was a complete success. We wanted people to feel at home and safe,” Mattie added. “We wanted folks to open themselves up to Black and Brown Trans Queer artists that they haven’t heard of, we wanted to showcase what liberatory Pride spaces look like, and we feel great about being able to accomplish that despite the media attention and negativity.”
Looking forward to another hot event
This year the organizers are preparing for even more fun.

“I am most excited to see and listen to the amazing performers!” Mattie said. “I’m also excited that we are even having a third year. It’s taken a lot of sweat equity, planning, and... tears to get here!”

“One of my favorite shows will be returning,” Lourdez added. “Luch! Their performances are so beautiful!” Other performers will include Palmer, Pfy Young, Red, Nyla Belladonna, Coco Rich, Brittany Davis, and many more.

Taking B(Black) Pride will have more than just live performances, however. “We have an array of QTBIPOC vendors I’m excited about,” Mutual Aid Books, Auntie Monsera, Brigitta Medicine to name a few,” Lourdez said. “We also will have a booth with Alphabet Alliance of Color and Everyday Medicine. Fancy Plant Designs will continue making floral crown designs for the Black Trans community. An altar for our transcestors is [being] built, and healing practitioners (massage and reiki) will be available for attendees.”

A community staple
Taking B(Black) Pride has become a staple for members of the LGBTQ+ community. It is a safe space for QTBIPOC people who often do not feel included in other Queer spaces. “TBIP is important for the community, because QTBIPOC, especially our Black Trans and Queer siblings, are worthy of spaces that center joy and liberation,” Lourdez said.

“We are deserving of spaces that we can see ourselves reflected in, that are full of care, that are organized by and for our community. We deserve spaces of healing that bring laughter, and smiles and are intergenerational spaces to be together. TBIP is a celebration that brings all these elements of the community together,” they continued.

“We hope that folks enjoy an event that truly is a labor of love from us to the community,” added Mattie.

Taking B(Black) Pride Presents: Seashells will be at the Seattle Center Municipal Amphitheater from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 25.
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BY JULIA CRAGIN
SPECIAL TO THE SGN

Pride is the best way to celebrate.

Apple Martini (red)
A tart twist on a Washington state classic. Named for Martha P. Johnson, one of the most influential women in LGBTQ+ history. As the only sweeter is the apple juice, this drink may be a little more on the sour side. Personally, I prefer to make it with even less apple juice, but it's also a tart and sweet drink. For a sweetener, try swapping the 1 oz. apple juice for a sweetened version.

1 oz. vodka
3 oz. apple juice
1 oz. unsweetened cranberry juice

Combine the ingredients and stir until the apple juice has fully dissolved. If needed, heat in a microwave-safe bowl until the apple juice is hot. Stir until the apple juice has dissolved. Makes enough for one drink.

Pride Punch (also red) — It was just too good not to include!

Pride party in your mouth! Strawberry is the heavy hitter in this drink. Perfect for the month when fresh strawberries are starting to ripen around Washington state. If you can't find fresh strawberries, don't worry! This drink only needs the juice.

1 oz. peach schnapps
1 oz. strawberry vodka (plain vodka will also work)
4 oz. sparkling strawberry juice (can be found at Trader Joe's or strawberry soda

Fill desired glass with ice and combine the schnapps, vodka, cranberry juice, and juice. Stir to chill and top with the sparkling strawberry juice. Garnish with a strawberry and let the party begin!

Mommy's Mangoes (orange)
This drink made me question my sexuality.

Paul Wijck (straight man)
I have found that the most flavorful way to make margaritas is with blended frozen fruit rather than mostly ice. It tastes like a smoothie and has a shot of tequila to boot! Up until the moment works great in a blender, so now is the perfect time to have your friends over and celebrate the best month of the year.

1 cup frozen mango chunks
1 2 oz. tequila (blanco or reposado)
0.5 oz. triple sec
Juice of two limes
Cointreau

Combine all the ingredients in a blender and blend until completely smooth. Ice can be added to achieve a thicker consistency. If desired, rim a glass with salt or tajin before serving, and put those margaritas in your mouth!

Sapphie Sunshine Mule (yellow)
Does this count as a wellness shot? Technically no, but it does have the spicy qualities of ginger and turmeric combined with the comforting sweetness of honey. Normally, I prefer a mule with a ginger beer as the sweetener, but I decided to use honey in this recipe. Other modifications I would do are using a 100% honey beer. Make sure you have a sweetener on hand. For a sweetener, try swapping the honey for a sweetened version.

1 oz. vodka
1 oz. ground turmeric

Combine the ingredients and stir until the honey has fully dissolved. If needed, heat in a microwave-safe bowl until the honey is hot. Stir until the honey has dissolved. Makes enough for one drink.

Tobacco Road (green)

The perfect summer beverage to forget that it's still raining in Seattle. This is my most requested recipe from friends. I will often make a large batch and bring it to a party, adding the sparkling water and a lemon slice before serving. It's a great drink to serve at a BBQ or a party.

1 oz. peach schnapps
1 oz. strawberries
1 oz. fresh lime juice

Combine the ingredients and stir until the strawberry juice has dissolved. If needed, heat in a microwave-safe bowl until the strawberry juice is hot. Stir until the strawberry juice has dissolved. Makes enough for one drink.

Optimist (purple)

Said to be a favorite of mine.

1 oz. amaretto
1 oz. crème de cacao

Combine the ingredients and stir until the amaretto has fully dissolved. If needed, heat in a microwave-safe bowl until the amaretto is hot. Stir until the amaretto has dissolved. Makes enough for one drink.

Happy Pride month and stay thirsty!

For more food-loving content, follow Julia on Instagram @juliatasteekitchen.

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White Center Pride rises from the ashes of Rat City

BY DANIEL LINDSLEY
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The sign outside the Dranky Dee Smoke BBQ.
Photo by Daniel Lindsey.
Even as the sun shined and DJ Baby Von Beezy filled the corner of Delridge and 10th with music, the breeze flowed freely in the space between the booths and buildings. It was the last sigh of a cloudy morning before the sky cleared, and the sun wasn’t yet beating down so much as putting visitors on the back. These were the heralds of this year’s White Center Pride celebration, after two years of waiting.

Almost all organizations present were local, not only to Seattle but often West Seattle in particular. The real estate agencies, the food bank, the bunny-themed bakery, and the rest — the few that weren’t Queer owned were allies showing support.

Meanwhile, there was little corporate presence, if any at all, which was fitting for a Pride event taking place in the heart of West Seattle’s punk scene. T-Mobile did not strain from its store across Roxbury Avenue, far removed from the festivities.

By 2 p.m., the crowd had grown, perhaps in an anticipation of the Burn Out Brass Band, a local Queer brass troupe dressed in dark, transmogrified clothes, pentagrams, and horns. The sun glared hotter as they played. Pride banners strung up on the fence of an empty dirt lot went limp and transparent as the air stilled, and people took shelter from the heat, their backs leaning against graffiti murals on plywood in the shade.

As vibrant as the murals were, they were solemn reminders of the events of last year — that is, rendered on the walls and window boards of a commercial building that was all but abandoned, after an arsonist set fire to the Quer-friendly Lumber Yard bar. The bar was able to recover, thanks to community support via crowdfunding. Rhonda Bleck, a broker at the Queer-owned real estate company Metropolis, said the White Center community is “very close-knit.”

“This is the most diverse neighborhood in all of Seattle,” she declared at the Metropolis booth. “And it always has been.”

Fellow broker Ray Hillstrom seemed to agree: “I can remember putting my kids in school — they were in first grade at Gatewood, which is in West Seattle — and running into, like, four or five other Gay parents at the time.” [My kids] are 23 now.”

Perhaps it’s no wonder, then, that the Lumber Yard got the funding that it did; the roots of the Queer community reach deeper in West Seattle than some might expect.

A few other businesses along that strip have also recovered with community help, such as Mexican grocer La Tienda Oaxaqueña, which still occupies its old corner. The Lumber Yard and Rat City Tattoo relocated just across the street, and the latter was using Pride as an opportunity to show off the progress at its new location. Now occupying the old site of a pornography shop, the Lumber Yard has seen quite the glow-up, with a bar of nicely sandblasted wood, a skylight with pots of succulents, and a much bigger space than before.

Dottie’s Double Wide, another bar damaged by the fire, wasn’t so fortunate. It went under after its crowdfunding campaign fell short. Local hip hop artist Sarcy Sarcy lamented the state of businesses like it: “People I know, and the nonprofit I work for — they’d like to see some more support for the BIFOC businesses that are here, because those are the people who are stringing you along.”

When asked about the origins of White Center’s nickname, “Rat City,” a vendor of T-shirts said he’d heard three theories. Two of them were acronyms, so the last stood out. “It was the ruts,” the vendor growled. Word was they had infested the buildings along 16th Avenue in the past.

A parade began soon after the brass band’s performance, but not the usual kind: a handful of revelers had dressed their dogs in simple costumes for a “Pet Pride Parade.” Their march led to a wrestling ring, fenced off on the street outside the pro wrestling-themed Lariat Bar.

A regular, who was voluting ringside serving hot dogs, said the place had only been around for a year. Thursday it was hosting a tournament for a Pride Championship belt, with contestants from the DEFFY wrestling league and a crowd that knew when to cheer or jeer.

Back at the main stage, there were plenty more performances on the docket. “Sex pop” band Creature Hole brought stomping vocals and sensual tunes, followed by the Boom Box Babes, a lineup of lip-synching drag queens, including Rykee Raw, who appeared at Pride ASIA earlier this year.

The Latin, pop, and world-music group The Pazzle played a set with diverse instrumentation. Artist, activist, and performer Tanisha Meolet joined other Queer performers of White Center for a show, and DJ Cookie Couture carried the night to a close.

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The Burn Out Brass Band brings a piece with style.

Photos by Daniel Lindsey
The SGN’s Ultimate Pride Guide

You’ve been celebrating all month long, but Pride doesn’t end in June! Use this comprehensive calendar to fill your schedule all summer long!

Renton Pride Passport (through June 30)
Price: Free
All ages
Renton’s LGBTQIA+ community distributed several hundred copies of a Pride Passport, which includes a walking map, to participating businesses. Take a walk, have a shop, and support the community in Renton all Pride Month long! Renton LGBTQIA+ is also planning a Pride Picnic in August, but they have yet to settle on a date.

You can find more information and a printable PDF of the Renton Pride Passport by going to rentonlightpride.

The Queer (Underground) Tour (Wednesday through August 31)
Pioneer Square, Seattle
Price: $27
Age: 18+
Enjoy a guided exploration beneath the streets into the history of Pioneer Square’s underground nightlife and how Seattle became the Queer hot spot it is today! Tours are capped at 25 guests, so snag a ticket while they last!

For more information, go to www.beneath-the-streets.com/queer-underground-tour

Safety in Numbers Art Exhibit (through July 2)
South Lake Union, Seattle
Price: Free
All ages
Head over to MadArt in South Lake Union for a performance art exhibition by Molly Vaughan. Vaughan utilizes a bold hairdress to create an army of “clones” in a space that includes functional elements of a hair salon. The artist believes that hair is a powerful agent for social justice and aesthetic beauty, and frequently uses it in her work. Though the initial performances have passed, the exhibit will remain available without reservation during regular studio hours, Tuesdays through Saturdays, for the entire month of June.

For more on this, go to madartseattle.com/exhibitions/safety-in-numbers.

Varsity Gay League Queer-Summer Kickball (Saturdays through July 23)
Jackson Softball Field, Seattle
Price: Free to watch
Age: All ages for spectators, 18+ for participants
Catch a kickball game this summer! Though the season’s already in full swing, there are Queer+ Seattle Kickball games every Saturday until the end of July, and people are encouraged to sign up as free agents!

Latecomers signing up for the league need to pay $72.50 to join, but spectators don’t have to pay a cent. Games happen between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and last seven innings.

For more details, go to www.vari-

Capitol Hill Pride Putt Putt
Sundays through September 4
Cal Anderson Park, Seattle
Price: Free (donations accepted)
All ages
Capitol Hill Pride, which describes itself as Seattle’s only all-inclusive Pride event, also added a new fixture to Cal Anderson’s summer activities: mini golf! Free for all ages and accompanied by papier-mâché miniatures, these open-air events run from noon to 5 p.m. weekly.

For more information, go to www.capitolhillpridefestival.info.

BeautyBoiz Black Pride Celebration (through June 26)
SoDo, Seattle / Online
Price: $30-$125
Age: 21+
Join the BeautyBoiz as they celebrate Black excellence in this annual concert series that features several Black LGBTQ+ artists throughout Pride season. If you missed the in-person red carpet event for the film Black Pride Celebration, Vol. 3 on June 16, don’t worry! You can still stream it online through the Northwest Film Forum until June 26.

For more information, go to www.supernova-seattle.com/event-details/beautyboiz-presents-black-pride-celebration-at-supernova.

Photo by Brianna Amick / Pexels
Anacortes’s First Annual Pride Parade
Anacortes, Downtown
Price: Free
All-Ages
Join Anacortes Pride’s first ever Pride Parade! Starting at 11 am and followed by a family picnic & talent show at Couraud Memorial Park, Anacortes Pride is excited to have their first annual event, and you could be a part of history by attending.

For more information, email info@anacortespride.org

Fremont Solstice Parade
Seattle, Fremont
Price: Free
All-Ages
Fremont’s 32nd annual Solstice parade will take place at 2pm on June 18 as part of the 2-day Fremont Fair. Is this technically a Pride event? No. But it’s a blast, and a half, and a great spot to take that cute witch you matched with on a first date. Our The parade will start at 3rd and Leary Way and move along 36th Street.

For more details, go to https://fremontfair.com/events/solstice-parade

Juneteenth Litigation
Kent
Price: Free/$25 VIP
Age: 21+
Pacific Northwest Black Pride presents The Juneteenth Litigation at Archon Studios. There’s no cover for this dance party, but proceeds from VIP tickets go to the PNW Black Pride Scholarship Fund.

For more information go to https://www.mvdblackpride.org/events/2023/06/taking-a-stand-for-the-culture-monthly-aidec-g5y45s4blyty

Pride Bar Crawl
Seattle, Pioneer Square
Price: $10-$22.50
Age: 21+
Join the 5th annual Pride Crawl, starting at Cowgirls Ice and ending at The Cometbuck. Tickets are purchased online and a portion of the proceeds go to the Trevor Project.

For more information go to https://www.townplanner.com/seattle/wa/event/community-and-civic-groups-clubs-nightlife-clubs-pride-pride-month-beer-pride-bar-crawl-seattle5763738

QFOC Hikers Pride Hike
Seattle, Carkeek Park
Register online beforehand
Dog Friendly
Join the QFOC Hikers on the Piper Creek Trail this weekend! An easy 3.2 mile loop hike that’s focused on the QFOC community, bring water, food, weather-appropriate clothing, and, of course, your Pride! Register by June 15 to attend this event!

Go to https://goqochikers.com/events/ to register and find more information.

Seattle Pride Classic
Seattle, Kraken Community Iceplex
Free
All-Ages
Watch some ice hockey as 10 teams named after queer icons and Trailblazers battle it out for the Synexus Cup on the first US-based Pride themed ice rink! Games are announced by Seattle Kraken radio play-by-play announcer Everett “Fitz” Fitzgibe, and the historic theme of the event makes it a can’t miss for entertainment junkies. Can’t make it in person? You can watch the event online at Livestream. Learn more at https://www.seattlepridehockey.org/

Wenatchee Pride Festival
Wenatchee, Memorial Park
Free
All-Ages
Wenatchee Pride returns after a COVID-induced two year hiatus! They’ll have food trucks, live entertainment, a beer garden, and more! The lineup includes Cockphophotix, The Crunchers, Himiko Chord, and so many others! Don’t miss it! https://www.wenatcheepride.org/2022-pride-festival-for-more

Kremwerk Pride Week
Seattle, Capitol Hill
Full Week Pass - $80
Age: 21+
A full week of performances at Kremwerk, Timbre Room, and the Cherry Complex. 22 can’t miss parties and performances. Single day tickets available!

https://www.kremwerk.com/pride-2022 for tickets and more

Munch at Factory Luxe
Seattle, Airport Way
Tickets starting at $15
Age: 18+
Kinky Queer Cabaret. If those three words don’t pique your interest, I can’t help you. From the event page: “A cabaret show featuring some of the most amazing Queer Performers in the PNW… The perfect Gay marriage of getting to REALLY know your artists & supporting amazing queer performers during Pride Month!!!” VIP Tickets available for this 7pm show.

Check out https://www.thefactoryluxe.com/events/munch-kinky-queer-cabaret for tickets!

Yakima Pride Parade and Festival
Yakima, Naches Parkway
Free
All-Ages
Enjoy a celebration of Pride in the heart of Central Washington. Yakima’s Pride Parade kicks off at 10 am! The festival advertises a main stage with live music, drag performances, and more! Check out yakimapride.org/events/ festival-parade for more details.

Lavender Rights Project Presents:
The Black Trans Comedy Showcase
Seattle, Capitol Hill
$21.20 in-person/$5.50 Livestream
Check out this hot lineup of comedians celebrating Pride, Trans identities, and Blackness at the Northwest Film Forum. Hosted by the fabulous Molyne Decadence and featuring three Black Trans PWN comedians, the show also includes a raffle, snacks, and drinks!

Go to https://intheatre.org/event/lavender-rights-project-the-black-trans-comedy-showcase/ for details.

Totally Gay Sing Along
Seattle, Central Cinema
$16
Celebrating a triumphant 10 years, the totally campy, totally fun Totally Gay Sing Along is back! $16! Substituted for your enjoyment with host and curator Jason Milker back at it again!

www.geekievent.com/CentralCinema/Totally-GAY-Sing-Along10thAnniversary-for-tickets!
Dungeons & Drag Queens Pride Show
Belltown, Seattle
$20
Age: 21+
Celebrate Pride by watching drag queens engage in hilarious collaborative storytelling, with dungeon master and comedian Paul Curry! Though the regular show takes place at Jai Thai in Capitol Hill, this event will be at the Here/after in Belltown. Doors open at 6 p.m.


Hula Hula Pride Karaoke
Capitol Hill, Seattle
Free
Age: 21+
Hula Hula is famous for its karaoke seven nights a week at 9 p.m., and you’re invited to join in the all-inclusive, Pride-themed fun! Known as “one of Seattle’s wildest karaoke hot spots” and “the place where my mom started a bar fight,” Hula Hula also has a full menu and delicious cocktails to choose from.

See https://www.hulahulaloco.org for details.

Mbar Pride in the Sky
Downtown Seattle
$10
Age: 21+
Join Mbar for a rooftop Pride party! A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Lavender Rights Project. Don’t miss the beautiful view!

Go to https://www.mbar.com for more info.

Pride in a Box: Queen/Prider Festival

Y2Gay at Neumos
Capitol Hill, Seattle
$10
Age: 21+
Get down at Neumos with this Y2K-inspired dance party and drag competition. It’s the perfect time of year to show off your favorite plastic shades and diamond-encrusted purple tights. But this year’s theme is hosted by pride! Don’t miss the fun at 9 p.m.


Sapphic Pride at Chop Suey
Capitol Hill, Seattle
$10
Age: 21+
Sapphic & Queer women ONLY
Shade Simone hosts this all-star lineup at one of Seattle’s most famous venues. Doors open at 8 p.m. for DJs, dancing, and a whole lot of Sapphic Pride!

Tickets and info are at https://ido206.com/events/2021/6/24/sapphic-pride-tickets.

Union Pride Block Party
Capitol Hill, Seattle
Free
Age: 21+
Union is throwing its annual Pride block party! Video DJs will light up the block all weekend with tunes for you to groove to, and the street will be closed for your enjoyment. The entrance for this free outdoor event is at 11th and Union. Festivities start at 4 p.m. Friday and pick up again at noon Saturday and Sunday.

For more info, go to http://www.unionseattle.com.

PrideFest Capitol Hill
Capitol Hill, Seattle
Free
All ages
The big one! Seattle’s 16th Annual Pride Festival on Capitol Hill. The event’s got vendors, information booths, and performances galore! Don’t miss Bacon Strip on the main stage at noon. Second Stage highlights include Entre Hermanos (1 p.m.), POCAAN (2 p.m.), the LatinX Showcase (3 p.m.), and the Pride ASIA Showcase (4 p.m.). Come say hi at the SGN/Broad booth and meet the team that puts together this paper every week! We’d love to meet you!

Visit https://www.seattlepridefest.org for more info.

Pride Pops with Seattle Men’s Chorus & Seattle Symphony
Benaroya Hall, Seattle
Tickets start at $24
All ages
The Seattle Symphony and Seattle Men’s Chorus join forces for a vibrant, fun weekend concert event series! Saturday’s matinee takes place at 2 p.m., but you can also catch it at 8 p.m. on Friday. Saturday’s evening performance was canceled, so snatch up the remaining tickets while you can! This event does require masks and proof of vaccination. Doors open 90 minutes prior to the performance.

Get your tickets at https://seattlesymphony.org/concert/ticket/calendar/2021-2022/06/

For more details, check out https://seattlepridefestival.org/event/wild-rose- pride-2022.

Tickets and info are available at https://www.unionseattle.com.

Stache Bash & Men’s Gathering
Capitol Hill, Seattle
Free
Age: 21+
Great special event! Men’s gathering in celebration of the LGBT Community at the Stache Bash. Enjoy food, drinks, and music, with a special appearance by the Seattle Men’s Chorus. For more info, call (206) 541-6696.

Venue change: The event will now be held at the Seattle Men’s Chorus rehearsal space at 1515 12th Ave.

Wildrose Pride
Capitol Hill, Seattle
$25 Friday & $35 Saturday, donation-based entry
Age: 21+
Join Seattle’s Lesbian destination bar for the return of its annual weekend block party, back again after two-year hiatus! Talent will include Adam Bux, Jt Skiddle, Mr. Charming, and more. Party all weekend long! The event starts at 6 p.m. Friday. Advance tickets are already on sale.

For more details, check out https://www.wildrosepride.com.
Rhein Haus Pride Weekend
Capitol Hill, Seattle
General admission $50 General admission brunch $75
Age: 21+
Featuring Keri Hillison, with performances by iconic queens from RuPaul’s Drag Race: Symone, Jo’Jay, Ra’Ja O’Hara, Blair St. Clair, Trinity K. Bené, Tarianna, Thorgy Thor, and Mayhava Miller. Additional performances by Anita Spitzer, Kinggrow Meow, Lacy Paradiso, Miia Skyx, Sable Jones, St. Jamas, Alisia McEnnes, Beyonce Black St. James, Rylee Husty, Andrew Scott, Cookie Couture, Rowan Ruthless, Vincento Amore, and Kylie Mooncakes. VIP and side-stage tickets are available. Tickets are going fast so snag yours today!

Get your kicks at https://www.rheinhaussa.com/pride.

Run and Walk with Pride
Seward Park, Seattle
Adults $35 / youth & students $20
All ages
Join the 40th annual Run & Walk with Pride at 9 a.m. at Seward Park! All event profits benefit local LGBTQA+ nonprofits — this year, GenPride and Peer Seattle. Tickets are tax-deductible charity donations. Registration includes chip timing, tach shirt, and post-race refreshments.

Go to https://www.runwalkwithpride.org to find out more.

Seattle Dyke March
Seattle Central College, Seattle
Free
All ages
Support the annual Dyke March as it amplifies the voices of feminists and Queer community! The march has been a staple of Seattle’s Pride weekend since 1994 and is still going strong. Watching the event is free, but donations are appreciated!

To donate, go to https://seattle-dyke-march.swombl.com/giving-portal.

Sound of Pride Port Townsend
Port Townsend, Olympic Peninsula
Free
All ages
Support a smaller Pride event this summer! Port Townsend’s Sound of Pride, hosted by MC Katrina D’Avila, has it all! Musical performances include The Cabin Project, Kim Archer, DJ Magik Marker, and more!

Check out https://olympicpride.com/ sound-of-pride for more information.

Taking It (back) Pride Present:SeaChella
Music Amphitheater, Seattle Center
Durations accepted
All ages
This event aims to empower and uplift BIPOC Trans, Queer, and gender-diverse communities in the light of a largely white, Gay-only Pride celebration scene. Headliners include PPCocaine and Kidd Kemm!

Hosted by DJ Myrite & DJ Kween Kaysh.
Taking It (back) Pride asks white allies for a suggested donation as a nod toward reparations and to help keep the festival affordable. festivities start at 10 a.m.

Check out the event website at https://takingitblackpride.org.

Unicorn Pride – A Celebration of Local Artists
Capitol Hill, Seattle
$25 to advance / $30 at the door / VIP tic in advance $100
Age: 21+
Unicorn is hosting its first-ever Pride block party featuring local performers. Unicorn Disco, drag and burlesque shows, and a showcase sing-along are only some of the fun things you can expect at this event!

Go to http://www.unicornseattle.com/ unicorn-pride for more info.

June 26

Seattle Pride Parade
Downtown Seattle
FREE
All ages
‘The main event!’ This year’s Seattle Pride Parade honors Gaysha Starr and frontline workers Elissa Maples, Johnathon Pitch, Brandon Trainbolt, Mattie Mooney, and Jai Lucas as its grand marshals! Don’t miss out! The parade starts on Fourth Ave.

Visit seattlepride.org/events/ pride-parade-2022 for more information.

PrideFest Seattle Center
Seattle Center
Free
All ages
Three stages and so many artists and vendors, all in the shadow of the Space Needle! The SJN will be on the Fisher Pavilion Terrace, come say hi!

Go to https://www.seattlepridefest.org/ seattlecenter for updated event information.

Capitol Hill Pride March, Rally, and Barbeque
Col Anderson Park, Seattle
Durations accepted
All ages
Back for its 13th year, the Capitol Hill Pride March, Rally, and Barbeque calls itself the only all-inclusive Pride event in Seattle. Barbecue, fun, and doggie bags? Check it out! Don’t miss the Downsham Drummers performing at 10 a.m.

Go to https://www.capitolhillpridefestival.com/ for more details.

West Seattle Pride March
West Seattle, Morgan Junction Park
Free
All ages
West Seattle celebrates its third annual Pride March, beginning at 2 p.m. at Beverly Place Pub and walking up California Ave. Kids and dogs welcome!

https://westerntownblog.com/events/pride- march-west-seattle has all the news you can use for this event.

Woodinville Pride
DeYoung Park, Woodinville
Free
All ages
The first-ever Pride celebration in Woodinville! Vendors include Lifting Taco and Zeek’s Pizza. Look for the Pride selfie station, free goodies, and a giveaway basket raffle! The event takes place from noon to 4 p.m.

Head over to https://www.facebook.com/events/10026632269281303/ for more information.

Pride Market of the Beast
Capitol Hill, Seattle
Free
Age: 21+
This curated market focuses on weird, oddball, and obscure LGBTQ+ art and artists. Indulge your dark desires at Unicorn between noon and 6 p.m. Over 40 artists will be selling their wares.

Check out www.marketsforbeasts.net for all the gruesome details.

Young Women Empowered Presents:Midnight Garden Black Queer Prom
Black & Seattle
Free
Age: 15-38
This first-ever Pride celebration focuses on Black LGBTQ+ people of all genders. The colors for the prom are sage green and lavender. From the event page: “We want Black Queer people to have a place where they can feel understood and loved in their own skin and celebrated as royalty. Make a flower crown, make new friends, and enjoy dinner and dessert, performances, and dancing.” Masks are optional. Runs 7:30-11 p.m.

More details are at https:// youngwomensempowered.org/event/black- queerr-prom.
OL Reign Pride Match
Lumen Field, Seattle
$22
All ages

July 1
At 7 p.m. on July 1, Seattle’s own OL Reign will face off against North Carolina Courage in the NWSL’s annual Pride match. Fans will get the chance to support their favorite LGBTQ+ players, like forward Megan Rapinoe, forward Jodie Taylor, midfielder Jess Fishlock, and others as they don Pride-themed jerseys and show support. Courage what women’s soccer is all about.

For more information, go to https://www.olreign.com/tickets/single-match-tickets.

Sunday Sip: Pride Edition
Hilltop, Tacoma
$30
21+

July 3
Drag crew Arrietty, Boujee Cherry, Kowan Ruthless, and Vivienne Duchaine will appear at two installments of their drag show and brunch buffet, complete with musical performances and a fierce energy, with the lovely Anita Spritzer as host. The shows will begin at 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on July 3 at The Mix, just north of the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma.

For more details, go to https://www.themistacomama.com/branch.

July 7
Big Gay Energy! A Super Gay Comedy Show
Belltown, Seattle
$15-30 sliding scale
21+

Nam Nam Productions will yet again showcase Queer and Trans comedians in the ADA-accessible Jewelbox Theater on July 7, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 7. Andrea Uitz, Arlo Onica, and Stephanie Nam herself are lined up for July’s shows, with the SGN’s Lindsey Anderson as host.

For more details, go to https://www.stephanieanem.com/shop/big-gay-energy.

Tacoma Pride Block Party
Hilltop, Tacoma
$25 / $60 VIP
Age: 21+

At The Mix on July 7, Tacoma’s beloved Anita Spritzer will be hosting 14 hours of celebration, starting at noon and ending at 2 a.m., featuring live performances by DJs Jane Don’t and Skiddle and a number of drag queens. Grammy Award-winning DJ Spinderella and two-time RuPaul’s Drag Race competitor Blair St. Clair are headlining the event.

For more information, go to https://www.tacoma-proud.org.

July 16

July 17

July 23

 Kitsap Pride
Bremerton
Free
All ages

Although not much is set in stone yet for the 20th annual Kitsap Pride, they’ve got a tentative time and place: July 23 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Previous years have seen performances from cabaret group Caravan of GLAM and Seattle singer-songwriter Diana Macanlay, featuring headliner like NBC’s The Voice finalist Voci Martinez.


PNW Black Pride
Seattle
Free
All ages

Aug 18

Sep 1

Sep 24

Grays Harbor Pride
Grays Harbor
Free
All ages

Drag king and activist Caesar Hart’s home invites visitors to “sail away” with the Out & Proud Grays Harbor Coalition on a festive adventure at the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport. Family activities, vendors, music, and more start at 1 p.m. Caesar Hart himself will be hosting a drag show at 7 p.m.

For updates, check in with https://www.facebook.com/OPGHC.
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