



## INTRODUCTION

Dallas is full of LGBTQ+ culture, with June (Pride Month) being a loving celebration of just that! Dallas has one of the largest LGBTQ+ communities in the country. This month, the city will be vibrant with colors and supportive activities, starting with the Dallas Pride Parade and Festival with its theme: Unity in the Community.

## CELEBRATING LOVE AND COMMUNITY

The kickoff is a music festival on Saturday, June 1st, at Fair Park, with an entrance fee. Over 200 vendors and several Main Stage acts are expected to begin at 11 am. The event also includes a Family Pride Zone with child-friendly activities and Teen Pride, which “fosters a safe environment for LGBTQ+ youth, ages 13 to 19,” according to [dallaspride.org](http://dallaspride.org).



Celebrations continue all month long with special features at the Dallas Comedy Club. Neighboring cities, like Arlington and Longview, will each host their own main events along with the Dallas Arboretum’s Third Annual Pride in Bloom Celebration, which will be held on June 8th, Pride Mesquite Family Festival taking place on June 15th and the Dallas Arts

On Sunday, the Dallas Pride Parade and Festival is FREE for all to enjoy! Vendors open at 10 am, while the grand parade starts at 2 pm and will be a barrage of inventive floats and colorful costumes, supporting the LGBTQ+ community in a mile-long event. This year’s parade welcomes none other than actor, singer and LGBTQ+ advocate Billy Porter as this year’s Honorary Grand Marshall!

District Pride Block Party on June 21st. Pride Month is a month long celebration of love and support for the LGBTQ+ community and families. Happy Pride Month!



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