



TAG

Tyler Area Gays

Serving the LGBTQ+ Community

Newsletter - July 2019

Tyler Area Gays (TAG)

promotes wellness and celebrates our diversity through support, education, outreach, and advocacy.

- We believe in the inherent dignity of and have respect for all people
- We believe we must work together with mutual trust to build a community
- We believe community should provide comfort, through courtesy and hospitality
- We believe honest, unbiased communication is the basis for understanding
- We respect the diversity of the cultures forming the Tyler Area Gays community.
- We believe in educating ourselves, our families, and our community
- We believe each individual's opinions are valuable.

The TAG Board meets at 6 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Genecov Room at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Public is always welcome.

Genecov Room
Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce

Local Groups/Activities

TAG membership is not required to attend these functions.

A Listening Ear - Meets from 5-7 on the third Thursday of each month at the Tyler Public Library's Taylor Auditorium.

PFLAG Tyler – PFLAG Tyler meets at 6:30 pm on the Second Tuesday night in the Genecov Room.

TTSG– Tyler Transgender Support Group meets at 7 pm on the first Monday and the third Thursday night in the Genecov Room.

Game Night – is from 6-9 pm the last Saturday of the month in the Genecov Room.

Dinner Group meets at 7 pm on the third Wednesday.

Ladies Dinner– Meets at 6 pm on the first Tuesday.

TAG Picnic – TAG's Pride event is held annually at Southside Park in Tyler. TAG provides hamburgers and hot dogs and asks everyone to bring a side. The picnic is open to all LGBTQ and allies in the surrounding area

TAG Ball – This year's Ball “Wild Wild West” was Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Holiday Inn South Broadway in Tyler. The ball allowed friends to gather for dinner, dancing, socializing, entertainment, and a silent auction. This year's event had a cash bar, dance floor and a Casino. The Ball serves as TAG's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Just As I Am – meets every Monday at 7 pm.

Rainbow Members Club (RMC) - Founded in 2010, RMC is a big supporter and sponsor of the annual Longview Pride Festival. In addition to regular drag performances, RMC also hosts Social Sunday twice a month.

July Events

June

6/28 – *Anniversary of Stonewall Riots*

6/29 – Game Night (6-9)

July

7/01 – Just as I Am (7 pm) - Lectio Divina style bible study that will stir discussions about independence

7/01 – TTSG (7 pm)

7/02 – Women's Dinner - (6 pm) Little Italy

7/04 - Independence Day

7/08 – Just As I Am (7 pm) - Dear Younger Me - Anne McCrady

7/09 – PFLAG Tyler (6:30)

7/10 – PFLAG Longview

7/15 – Just As I Am (7 pm) - Game Night

7/17 – TAG Dinner - (7 pm) - Texas Music City Grill (former Coyote Sams)

7/18 – TTSG (7 pm)

7/22 – Just As I Am (7 pm) - Video

7/24 – TAG Board Meeting (6 pm)

7/27 – Game Night (6-9)

7/29 – Just As I Am (7 pm) - Eucharist - Ryan Mails - Video

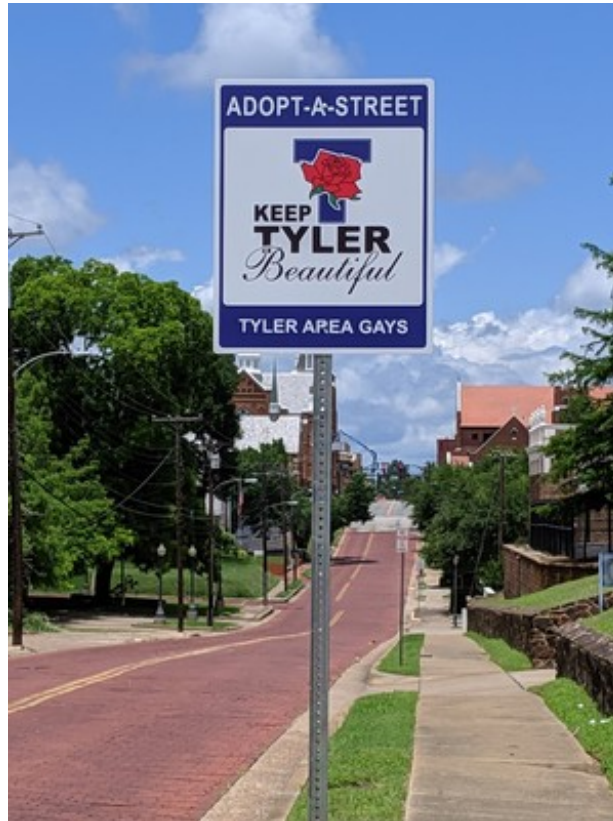
Tyler Street Cleanup.

A big THANK YOU to everyone that came out to the Adopt a Street Clean Up for June!

Roxie Gardner, LouAnne Smoot, Brenda McWilliams, Jaylo Tyler, Britni Edwards, Jammer, Rob Jerger, Kenbri Echols, Maikel, Fanci Edwards, Brian Brickel. Breakfast was provided by Brenda

Choy. You all are awesome! We certainly cannot forget the TAG Volunteer Coordinator, Caroline Sanchez. Thank you, Caroline.

The next Adopt a Street Clean Up Event is not yet scheduled. We will meet in front of the Tyler Public Library, but please park in the parking garage or along the street on Bois D'Arc. (It is free to park in the garage.) Make sure you wear a hat and suntan lotion. For the safety and comfort of our volunteers, please wear comfortable close toed walking shoes. The street that we have adopted is Bois D'Arc, from Front to Gentry.



Happy Belated Anniversary!

On June 24, 2019, Just As I Am celebrated their 2-year anniversary.

Congratulations, Just As I Am!

2020 TAG Ball

We're already planning the TAG Ball 2020. It's a Luau, Y'all!

March 28, 2020.

It's never too early to get your sponsorship in!

TAG Picnic

TAG's **Pride in the Park** is set to be an incredible event! If you would like to be a vendor at this event, please contact Caroline Sanchez at carolinesanchez7@aol.com or text her at 941-896-2140. Vendor applications will be accepted through September 15.

TAG will provide hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings. We ask our guests to bring sides and/or desserts. If you have a cooler with bottled water you can bring, that will be awesome! Please let us know.

The **Pride in the Park** picnic will be at Southside Park in Tyler, Saturday, September 21, from 11-2. We hope to see you there!



Free Cold Bottled Water at Tyler Bus Stops

Tyler, Texas (May 31, 2019) – Persons who use Tyler Transit buses can now enjoy a cold bottle of water that will be waiting at several bus stops throughout the Tyler area. The Northeast Texas

Public Health District (NET Health) continues its annual partnership with The Worthy Ones, a local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to making a difference one person and one moment at a time.

You will notice blue water coolers with the NET Health logo positioned at these Tyler bus stop locations:

- North Broadway Avenue & Ferguson Avenue – next to the KLTV studios
- North Broadway Avenue & Bow Street – next to the Tyler Municipal Court
- West Loop 323 & West Erwin Street – in front of Walgreens
- West Erwin Street & Lyons Avenue – in front of the 3 Charritos Mexican Restaurant
- South Broadway Avenue & South Town Drive – near Target & Jack in the Box
- Old Jacksonville Hwy & Professional Drive – near Home Depot
- South Beckham & Hospital Drive – in front of the UT Health Olympic Center
- South Broadway & Elm Street – in front of the Fair Parking Garage
- South Broadway in front of the Chipotle Restaurant
- South Broadway in front of the Natural Grocers
- South Broadway in front of Bergfeld Park – near the new splash pad
- South Broadway & Houston Street – in front of Ruelle Restoration
- East 9th & Roseland Boulevard – near the large water tower behind Brookshire's
- West Gentry Parkway and M.L.K. Boulevard – near the Caldwell Zoo
- East 5th Street & Clayton Avenue – in front of Tyler Junior College
- East 5th Street & Loop 323 – near Taco Bell & Brookshire's

TAG has adopted these 5 stops:

1. Target on Broadway (at Pot Belly)
2. Natural Grocers on Broadway
3. Broadway Square Mall (old Sears side)
4. Downtown on Broadway (by KLTV)
5. Salvation Army on Broadway (across the street, by the church)

If you would like to help keep one of TAG's five (5) adopted stops replenished with water, please contact [Caroline Sanchez](#), TAG Volunteer Coordinator, at 941-896-2140. All water and ice are provided.

Future TAG Dinner Locations (subject to change)

- July 17 - Texas Music City Grill (former Coyote Sams)
August 21 - Clear Springs
September 18 - Bruno's

October 16 - Oliveto

November 20 - Poch's Rice Cafe

December 18 - Don Juan's

Street Cleanup





Longview Pride



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