



TAG

Tyler Area Gays

Serving the LGBTQ+ Community

Newsletter - May 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.

We've added 2 new groups!



A support group for the LGBT+ Youth, but open for all ages

A safe environment & free hugs

The 3rd Thursday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Tyler Public Library's Taylor Auditorium

A Listening Ear

You are not alone. You are worthy. You are loved.

For more information, call 903-526-9692.

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Ride back home from doctors appointments

Companionship during chemo treatments

Chemo Companion

Nobody should have to go through treatment alone.

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Save the Date

May 18, 2019 - TAG Picnic - We need coolers (filled with ice and bottled water) and tents. Get with Jay if you can bring one.

June 1-2, 2019 - Dallas Pride at Fair Park

June 15, 2019 - Longview Pride

May Events

5/01 – TAG Board Meeting (rescheduled from April)

5/06 – Just as I Am (7:00)

5/06 – TTSG (7:00)

5/07 – Women's Dinner - (6 pm)

5/13 – Just As I Am (7:00)

5/14 – PFLAG Tyler (6:30)

5/15 – TAG Dinner - (7 pm)

5/16 – A Listening Ear (5 pm)

5/16 – TTSG (7:00)

5/17 – *International Day Against Homophobia*

5/18 – TAG Picnic

5/20 – Just As I Am (7:00)

5/22 – TAG Board Meeting (6:00)

5/22 – *Harvey Milk Day*

5/25 – Game Night

5/27 – Just As I Am (7:00)

June is LGBT PRIDE Month

6/1-2 – Dallas Pride @ Fair Park



The TAG Pride in the Park Picnic is Saturday, May 18th, from 11AM to 2PM at Southside Park, 455 Shiloh Rd, Tyler.

TAG is providing the Burgers and Dogs and all the trimmings. Please bring sides and desserts.

This year we have numerous vendors--everything from HIV testing to yogurt to puppies looking for a forever home. If you would like to be a vendor contact Carolyn Sanchez at carolinesanchez7@aol.com

We will be having a Silent Auction, Games and Prizes.

TAG is looking for Sponsors for this event, if you would like to Sponsor please contact Jay Hilburn at info@tylerareagays.com

Silent Auction donations greatly appreciated.

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for Pride in the Park.

Tyler Street Cleanup - Next one is June 22.

Come join us!

We had nine volunteers at our first Adopt a Street Clean Up Event! Our volunteers picked up a total of three garbage bags of trash! Thank you to the following individuals for helping Keep Tyler Beautiful! Rosemary Slayton, Carol Szarenski, Tim Hanson, Julie Cooper, Jay Hillburn, Summer and Zoe Adams, Jayden Chapman, and Caroline Sanchez, you all are awesome!

The next Adopt a Street Clean Up Event is scheduled for June 22 at 9 a.m. 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. That Texas sun is going to be hot! And 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.





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 May 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, May 18, from 11-2. We hope to see you there!



Coming soon...

Ever wonder about Just As I Am? Look for information next month.

October is LGBT History Month and October 11 is National Coming Out Day. I'll be collecting your coming out stories to include in the October newsletter.

April Game Night







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