

Pride Month at Glen Echo Park

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Presents June Programming Highlighting LGBTQ+ Artists and Welcoming Visitors

GLEN ECHO, MD (May 26, 2025) – The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents <u>Pride</u> <u>Month programming</u> throughout the month of June, highlighting LGBTQ+ artists and celebrating togetherness as a community.

The Pride Month celebration kicks off with the 5th Annual <u>Pride Family Day</u>, Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. In collaboration with the office of <u>Montgomery County Councilmember Evan Glass</u>, the Partnership invites families to the Park's iconic "Bumper Car Pavilion" to enjoy FREE activities, including:

- Hands-on Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Roving Puppets from resident Children's Theater the Puppet Co.
- <u>Carousel Rides</u> on the 104-year-old <u>Dentzel carousel</u> (FREE tickets while supplies last!)
- <u>Glen Echo Park Aquarium</u> (FREE tickets while supplies last!)
- Snacks & Drinks, including Rainbow Cupcakes
- Special Backdrop for Family Photo Op

Families may also enjoy a photoshoot with resident photography program <u>Photoworks</u>, a variety of <u>art</u> <u>galleries & open artist studios</u> throughout the Park, and the playground and picnic area.

Dance and music lovers can join the fun with two social dances and a FREE summer concert celebrating Pride Month.

On Thursday, June 5, from 7:00pm to 10:30pm, the Partnership presents a special <u>Bumper Car Squares</u> dance in celebration of Pride Month. Dancers can enjoy live music by The You Holler Stringband, comprised of "four Old Time musicians who are all proud members of the LGBTQIA+ community," with calling by Janine Smith. Monthly Bumper Car Squares dances feature a lesson for all skill levels (free with the price of admission), followed a caller-led, rousing square dance to live music! Tickets are sold at the door and are \$15 for adults, \$5 for teens, and FREE for kids 12 and under! After the Pride Month dance, Bumper Car Squares will take a short break, returning with a dance in September.

FREE <u>Summer Concerts</u> begin Thursday, June 12 at 7:30pm, with a performance by <u>Gina Simone & The</u> <u>Moaners</u> celebrating Pride Month. Gina DeSimone & The Moaners are a DC-based blues and swing foursome that are sure to liven up any event with an eclectic mix of music from all eras! Since 2007, The Moaners have made their mark on the D.C. music scene with unrelentingly danceable tunes and fun-loving humor. The group's musically-diverse backgrounds come together to deliver a night of enthusiastic fun, foot tappin' rhythm, and killer harmonies.

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For 16 years, summer at Glen Echo Park has been synonymous with the weekly, Thursday night Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The Partnership presents local musicians and performers who represent a diverse range of styles, influences, and cultures. Sponsored by the <u>Bethesda-Chevy Chase</u> <u>Rotary Foundation</u>, all Summer Concerts are FREE, rain or shine, and welcome dancers. Limited seating is available, so audiences are invited to bring their own folding chairs. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks are for sale in Bumper Car Pavilion courtesy of <u>Praline</u>. Bringing your own alcohol is not permitted.

Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 7:00pm – 11:00pm, <u>DC Rawhides</u> presents an LGBTQ+ country western dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion. DC Rawhides is a nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that the tradition of same-sex country dancing in the Washington DC area lives on. They present inclusive, diverse, affirming, fun, high energy LGBTQ+ dances, where all are welcome, structured so all levels of dancers, including beginners, can participate. Tickets are \$10 at the door and a one-hour dance lesson is included with the price of admission.

FREE parking is available in the Park's <u>main parking lot at 5801 Oxford Road</u>. Search "Glen Echo Park Parking" in Google Maps. Find more information and a link to our Park Map here.

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For high resolution images of Pride Family Day, Summer Concerts, and Social Dances, contact <u>icloud@glenechopark.org</u>.

About Glen Echo Park and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children's theater, music programs, nature programs, and art classes to more than 300,000 visitors each year. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization, oversees these and other activities, including preserving the historic structures in the Park. Glen Echo Park, part of the National Park Service, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades. For more information on Glen Echo Park, visit glenechopark.org or follow us on Facebook, and Instagram.

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