



Save the Date

RIDGEFIELD PRIDE IN THE PARK

June 4, 2022

Ridgefield's Third Annual Pride in the Park celebration will take place on **Saturday, June 4th** from **noon until 3 pm in Ballard Park** (rain or shine) with a parade around the park starting at 1pm. As with our past events, Ridgefield Pride in the Park is a free event, open to the public and catering to families, with a variety of activities, crafts, entertainment and informational tables geared towards all ages. For more information and updates go to [RidgefieldCTPride.com](https://www.ridgefieldctpride.com) or check us out on facebook at [RidgefieldCTPride](https://www.facebook.com/RidgefieldCTPride) (no spaces).

Last year's event was a huge success. In addition to Pride in the Park, Ridgefield CT Pride helped coordinate a multitude of celebratory Pride events which took place throughout the entire month of June. There was something for everyone, from our tiniest tots to our seniors. Events ranged from Rainbow Week at the Ridgefield Library and LGBTQ+ themed feature film screenings at the Ridgefield Playhouse and the Prospector to Pride Portrait making for kids at the Aldrich and a Pride T-shirt dying event hosted by the Ridgefield Running Company. There was even a virtual Pride event for teens hosted by Ridgefield High School's GSA and Wooster's Spectrum. Even our religious community showed their support for our LGBTQ+ community and their belief in the importance of caring and inclusion. Besides a presence at Pride in the Park, Congregation Shir Shalom hosted its annual Pride Shabbat service while St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has graciously kept the Pride banner up year-round alongside their own banner which is all about inclusivity. Finally, who can forget that Ridgefield's Pride in the Park 2021 attracted people from all over the state, from Watertown, to Wallingford and Waterford to West Hartford as well as some from MA and NY. Finally, more local businesses than ever showed their Pride in a variety of ways ranging from sponsorship, participation at the event or via the Pride Perks Card, creating a signature Pride offerings like Pride ice cream at Deborah Ann's and Pride cookies at Ross Bread to running dazzling activities at Pride in the Park such as Adam Broderick Salon and Spa's Hair Flair Station.

Ridgefield CT Pride is a non-profit organization that was created to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community, to educate, promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of this community; and to provide support for LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. In addition to organizing Ridgefield's annual **Pride in the Park** celebration, Ridgefield CT Pride also runs two monthly support groups that serve the CT and NY communities. The **LGBTQ+ Youth** group meets the first Monday of the month and offers support to LGBTQ+ Youth. The second group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month and is designed to support family and friends of people in the LGBTQ community. During Covid, meetings are held virtually and the family group is a joint meeting with Waterbury PFLAG. For more information on the [support groups](#) contact supportgroup@ridgefieldctpride.com.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/prideridgefield/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/781519255874271>

DONATE: ridgefieldctpride.com (then click the Donate button)

Sponsorship information: <https://ridgefieldctpride.com/become-a-sponsor/>

June Pride Events:

June 1-30 - [Ridgefield Library](#)

- Displays around the Library of resources and books for all ages throughout the month
- June 4 - Rainbow Family Storytime (at Pride in the Park) 1:30 pm.
- June 9, 16 & 23 – Rainbow Family Storytime continues at the Library from 10:30-11:15am
- June 16 – Trans Awareness program for adults with Jillian Celentano at 6:30pm in the Library's Main Program Room

June 3 - Pride Shabbat at Congregation Shir Shalom, 6-7:30pm For information email office@ourshirshalom.org

June 4 - [Ridgefield Pride in the Parks](#) 12-3, march around the park at 1pm

[Schedule of Events](#) for Pride in the Park on June 4th

June 6 - Ridgefield CT Pride [Youth Support Group](#) - 7-8:30pm

June 9 - [Ridgefield Library](#) - Rainbow Family Storytime - 10:30-11:15am

June 10 - [Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum](#) - 5pm

[Teen Art-Making Workshop: Trans Power and The Artist's Voice](#)

June 16 - [Ridgefield Library](#) - Rainbow Family Storytime - 10:30-11:15am

[Ridgefield Library](#) - Trans Awareness program for adults with Jillian Celentano at 6:30pm in the Library's Main Program Room

June 18 - [Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum](#): Free family-friendly tour 1-2pm

[Family Tour of 52 Artists: Confronting Gender Stereotype](#)

June 18 - [Ridgefield Playhouse: Isaac Mizrahi](#) - 8pm

June 20 - [Ridgefield Playhouse: Cured](#) - **FREE** Diversity Film Screening Cured: The doctors called them sick. The remedy was rebellion in the fight for LGBTQ rights. 7:30pm.

June 23 - [Ridgefield Library](#) - Rainbow Family Storytime - 10:30-11:15am

June 28 - Ridgefield CT Pride [Parent Support Group](#) - 7-8:30pm

June Pride Promotions:

June 1-30

Deborah Ann's - Pride ice cream (a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Ridgefield CT Pride)

Stacy's Totally Baked - Pride cupcakes (\$5 from every dozen sold will be donated to Ridgefield CT Pride)

Ross Bread - Pride Macarons
Cake Box - Pride Cupcakes
June 3-5 Southwest Cafe - Pride Margaritas

Check out **RidgefieldCTPride.com** for more details on events and participating shops, organizations, restaurants and businesses.

In these times of social upheaval and division it is essential that we come together and support each other. The LGBTQ community is one of our vulnerable populations. It is important that we work to lift people up rather than pull them down. RidgefieldCTPride provides just such an opportunity to do so, so please come and join us.

Activities include:

DJ
Bands
Bring your own picnic
Raffle
Photo station
Lawn games
Crafts
Kid-friendly activities (ie: Simon Says, coloring, beading...)

Informational Tables

Calderone Financial Services
Mosquito Joe of Northern Fairfield County
PFLAG Waterbury
Ridgefield Allies
Ridgefield Democrats
Ridgefield Pediatric Associates
Ridgefield Playhouse
Stonewall Speakers
St. Stephen's Church
Triangle Community Center

Activity Tables

Adam Broderick Salon & Spa - Hair flair station
Congregation Shir Shalom - craft
Datto - press on tattoos
Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance - balloon animals
Ridgefield Poet Laureate - poetry table
Ridgefield Public Library - Rainbow Family Storytime & button making
SDSS Martial Arts - obstacle course, board breaking and crafts

Dignitaries

First Selectman, Rudy Marconi
CT House Representative, Aimee Berger-Girvalo

CT Senator, Will Haskell
CT Senator, Julie Kushner

Website: ridgefieldctpride.com

Ridgefield Pride in the Park

Date: June 4, 2022

Time: 12-3pm (March around the park starts at 1:00 pm)

Location: Ballard Park, 485 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Free admission - Family friendly event.

Music, Games and Activities.

Bring a picnic and come with family and friends.

Hosted by Ridgefield CT Pride, Ridgefield Parks & Recreation and the Ridgefield Schools
Combined GSA