



## Star City Pride

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### Message from the President

We are already a full month into the reorganization of the Star City Pride board, and we have several exciting announcements to share. First, let me introduce our new and previous board members, who, with the generous assistance of our Star City Pride volunteers, will continue to bring our community together in celebrating Pride!

**President: Buffy Cranford**

**Vice-President: Dan Huntley**

**Secretary: Patrick Alexander**

**Treasurer: Larry Williams**

**Sponsorship and Development Director: De Monson**

**Community Outreach Coordinator: Kody Abarr**

**Entertainment Director: Ron Royer**

The board has been communicating regularly and attending board and corporation meetings to coordinate fund raisers, sponsorship packets, the non-profit reinstatement plan, reconciliation of paperwork, organization of treasury financials, and insurance. Your 2019-2020 board is committed to reinstating our non-profit status, and providing complete transparency in communications, meetings, financials, and challenges. We are your board, and we need your insight, guidance, and recommendations to make our organization successful.

### Star City Pride 2019

Pride 2019 will be dedicated to honoring the 50-year anniversary of Stonewall. Originally, the 2019 theme was entitled "Building Pride – One Brick at A Time." During the corporation meeting on January 2, 2019, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the current political state and government shutdown in our country. Star City Pride was created to support the LGBTQIA community and host an event where allies and members of our community can come together to raise awareness of equality in our city. We have seen new vendors and donors support Star City Pride each year, and we would like to continue these professional relationships without political connotations. Concerns were communicated the theme would be closely associated with a current political division. **After careful consideration, the corporation voted to change the Star City Pride 2019 theme to: "Rise Up: Stonewall 1969-2019."**

The history of Stonewall appears yearly as Facebook blurb, and you've likely clicked a link, read an article about the Stonewall Uprising (sometimes referred to as the Stonewall Riots), and moved onto the next topic in your newsfeed. Stonewall represents a time when the LGBTQIA community found it difficult to find a safe place to gather. Frequent, and often harassing raids by authorities, meant gay bars like the



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Stonewall Inn struggled to provide a safe environment for patrons. Imagine walking into Pride, an Outlinc meeting, the Panic, or Das Haus, and being accosted just for being gay. Additionally, you should plan to be arrested if you were not wearing at least three articles of gender-appropriate clothing. (Yes, this was an actual criminal statute in New York at the time!)

Star City Pride 2019 will honor the Stonewall Uprising as a momentous time in history, and those in the LGBTQIA community and their allies whose goal was to attain equal rights by educating society, and who worked tirelessly to begin a nondiscriminatory trend in government policies.

### Upcoming Events and Activities

With a new theme in place, our sponsorship packets will undergo a major edit and then be distributed to previous and potential vendors and sponsors. Star City Pride is a costly endeavor, and without vendors and sponsors, we cannot pay for quality entertainment, a venue, and important services such as security. **This means we need YOU!** A simple phone call or stopping into an LGBTQIA friendly business with one of our sponsorship packets can make a difference. Please contact De Monson our Sponsorship and Development Director if you would like to help.

**The Pride Festival:** June 7 & 8, 2019

**Volleyball Tournament:** April 27, 2019

**Awards Dinner:** April 6, 2019

**Golf Tournament:** TBA

**Theme artwork:** Submit online by Jan 20, 2019

**Storage Unit Cleanup:** TBA

### Volunteer Coordinator

Speaking of volunteers, we could really use a volunteer coordinator! Interested, please contact one of the board members.

### Meeting Attendees

Please consider attending any of the upcoming corporation meetings. We provide notice on the web site and Facebook and would love to hear your ideas! Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming Star City Pride activities!!

**Buffy Cranford**

**President, Star City Pride**