

# TOMS RIVER PRIDE IMPACT

Since 2019, **Toms River Pride** and host organization **Exit 82 Theatre** gather **5,000+ attendees** and **100+ vendors** annually downtown to recognize and celebrate Ocean County's growing LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Nonprofit organizations, businesses, artists, media, and government officials come together in solidarity to showcase Toms River and the Jersey Shore as a **vibrant**, **safe space** for the LGBTQ+ community.

The festival allows participants to **celebrate and connect** with folks in the community, while stimulating the Downtown Business District year after year.

'TR' Pride has quickly been embraced as an **inclusive tradition** in which all can partake, reaching audiences across New Jersey and the Tri-state area and showcasing live entertainment, food and drinks, art, nonprofit resources, and community honorees.









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"[Toms River Pride] set the example with a mix of families and friends, adults and children. The event was emotional for many in attendance, because of the historic change it represented in the town. Older residents wiped away tears as they listened to the speakers.

Younger ones cheered."

Toms River Patch





Toms River Pride is proud to partner with **B98.5**, regional **media**, and guest speakers like Congressman **Andy Kim**, New Jersey First Lady **Tammy Murphy**, and NJ DEP Commissioner **Shawn LaTourette**.





# **POLITICO**

# **New Jersey Playbook**

WHILE YOU'RE CELEBRATING PRIDE, DO YOU FEEL SHAME FOR THE PAST? — "It's one of the biggest, most conservative towns in N.J. And now, it's embracing Pride," by NJ Advance Media





Ocean County welcomes first Pride festival a decade after it was battleground for gay rights



It's one of the biggest, most conservative towns in N.J. And now, it's embracing Pride.





Andy Kim for Congress 

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So great to be back in Toms River for #Pride this year. We have some incredible advocates for equality right here in New Jersey!









Toms River Pride celebrates our nonprofit partners like PFLAG Shore, hosts Jersey performances with local artists, engages Downtown businesses and vendors, and provides vital community resources.



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# **Vendor Opportunities**

Toms River Pride is a celebratory event that celebrates diversity and love. TR Pride's mission is to unify locals and organizations together to celebrate Pride as well as expand their outreach. Becoming a vendor is a great way to show your community and employees that you support diversity and inclusion and will open exposure to new individuals from all over the region.







Retail Business \$140



Food Vendor \$220

### **Festival Logistics**

- Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11am-5pm
- Location: Washington Street in Downtown Toms River
- Rain date: Sunday, June 15, 2025
- Vendor application deadline: Saturday, May 31, 2025
- Each non-food vendor will be allotted a 10x10 space

Application and Terms & Conditions can be viewed at <a href="exitte:exit

#### **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES**

Toms River Pride is a celebratory event that amplifies diversity and love. TR Pride's mission is to unify community members and organizations to celebrate Pride as well as expand networks. Sponsorships are a great way to show your customers and employees that you support diversity and inclusion! Sponsorship will allow for exposure to new individuals from all over the state.

## Platinum Sponsor \$5,000

- Billed as a "Brought to You By" sponsor for TR Pride
- Advertised as a main sponsor on all marketing materials i.e. social media posts, press releases, and emails
- Complimentary table at the festival
- Recognition during the opening ceremony
- Top billing and logo on the website, festival maps and handouts

## Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- Billed as a Sponsor for TR Pride
- Recognized as a sponsor on the website
- Complimentary table at the festival
- Logo included on all festival maps and handouts

#### Gold Sponsor \$2,500

- Billed as a "Main Stage" Sponsor for TR Pride
- Recognized as a sponsor at the festival Main Stage, on social media posts & on the website
- Complimentary table at the festival
- Logo included on all festival maps and handouts

#### **Bronze Sponsor \$500**

- Billed as a supporter for TR Pride
- Complimentary table at the festival
- Logo included on all festival maps and handouts

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Get Involved: Attend TR Pride with friends & family, become an official Pride Partner, Vendor or Sponsor, host a fundraiser or volunteer on the Pride Committee, follow @TomsRiverPride on Instagram & Facebook, and make a donation through 501c3 host organization Exit 82 Theatre Company. Thank you for your support of Pride!







