



**Community Coalition for Social Justice**  
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**UPDATE: APRIL 1, 2022**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Community Coalition for Social Justice is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting the principles of social, environmental, and economic justice and respect for all persons. We oppose discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

**CONTACT US:** Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@comcast.net. Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or **e-mail us at ccsjwv@gmail.com**. Please note our new email address. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES** - \$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations – to CCSJ, PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160. You can join or donate by credit card via PayPal on our web site.

**April CCSJ Meeting is April 19th at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.**

Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice April Meeting  
Time: April 19, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
us02web.zoom.us/j/82870942678?pwd=TjNXdjYxK0lONjFCLzRnb2xjYSt0Zz09

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**Sexual Assault Awareness Month** - A month to promote awareness of sexual assault, harassment, or other abuse to increase prevention efforts to protect all people of all ages.

**April 1: Youth Homelessness Matters Day** – Part of a campaign to create brighter futures for young people who have faced homelessness and to show them they have the power and opportunity to become whatever they put their minds to.

**April 7: World Health Day** – Calls for an awareness that, without nurture and protection of health, persons are vulnerable to economic and social hardship and unable to fully utilize or engage in human rights.

**April 16: Holocaust Remembrance Day** – Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising – Seeks to commemorate the Holocaust by remembering and honoring the victims of the Holocaust, which include six million Jews, thousands of Russian gypsies, homosexuals, persons with disabilities, and others.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM):** The League has started its series of forums in preparation for the spring elections. To watch previous forums with candidates for the Monongalia County Board of Education on March 30th and county commission and conservation district supervisor candidates on March 31st, go to [lwvmorgantown.org/YouTube](http://lwvmorgantown.org/YouTube).

The next forums will both be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed to Facebook with recordings posted later to YouTube:

**April 6: State Senate Candidates** for Districts 2 and 13. The candidates scheduled to participate are Eric Hayhurst (D 2); Carly Braun (R 13); Barbara Fleischauer (D 13); and Mike Oliverio (R 13).

**April 7: House of Delegates Candidates:** The candidates scheduled to participate are Geno Chiarelli (R 78); Scott Nale (R 78) Evan Hansen (D79) Matthew Kolb (D79-maybe) Katie Fallon (D82) Drew Talbot (R82).

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LWVMM](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM) and contact them by email at [lwvmorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmorgantown@gmail.com). You can join the League of Women Voters at [tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm](http://tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm).

**MAY PRIMARY INFORMATION:** For more information about the May election, please go to [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/WVRedistricting.aspx](http://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/WVRedistricting.aspx) for the new district maps. Note that the 51st District, which covers most of Monongalia County, has now been divided into five separate districts. Instead of voting for up to five members of the House of Delegates, you will only vote for one member for each district. Monongalia County is comprised of House of Delegates Districts 77-82 on the map.

Here is the **list of offices** that will be on the ballot in May for Monongalia County voters: [www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/myfiles/elections/2022Primary/Candidate\\_Filing\\_Information/Offices\\_on\\_the\\_ballot\\_for\\_the\\_May\\_2022\\_Primary\\_Election.pdf](http://www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/myfiles/elections/2022Primary/Candidate_Filing_Information/Offices_on_the_ballot_for_the_May_2022_Primary_Election.pdf). Note that the Board of Education election is the final election. The final election for the other positions will be in November.

**Names of candidates** for U.S. House of Representatives, House of Delegates, West Virginia Senate, are available at [apps.sos.wv.gov/elections/candidate-search/](http://apps.sos.wv.gov/elections/candidate-search/).

**Voter registration information** is available at [www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/voter-registration](http://www.monongaliacountyclerk.com/index.php/voter-registration). The deadline to register is April 19th. Early voting in Monongalia County will be available every day except Sunday from April

27th through May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road; VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover; Mason-Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core; and the former Urse Dodge Dealership at 2000 Mid-Atlantic Road. You may vote at any location, regardless of your precinct.

**Absentee ballot information** is available at [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/AbsenteeVotingInformation.aspx](https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/AbsenteeVotingInformation.aspx). You must request an absentee ballot.

The **calendar for the May primary** is at [sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx](https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/GoVoteWV.aspx).



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** The next meeting will be April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway, with a link available for those who wish to attend virtually.

Here are the April events:

**Sunday, April 3:** Morgantown NOW Legislative Update and Yoga session at 3:00 pm outside by the WVU Rec Center Evansdale Commons with Colleen Harshbarger, ERYT-500 (Sign up at

[www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAFA62EA7FF2-legislative](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAFA62EA7FF2-legislative)).

**RDVIC:** "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes," sponsored by RDVIC, will be held on April 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to the walk, there is also just a family friendly event planned at the Spruce Street Farmer's Market.

**Morgantown NOW** plans to have a table at the event with some flyers and info.

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/). Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email at [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com).



**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS APRIL 19TH:** This meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at [3241naacp@gmail.com](mailto:3241naacp@gmail.com) for more information and to learn how to participate.

The branch has a Readings on Race and Rights group that is publicized through the NAACP listserv.

The NAACP will be hosting a voter registration drive on April 9th during the Morgantown Arts Walk downtown on High Street from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The next NAACP blood drive will be Thursday, April 28th from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Sabra United Methodist Church, 1234 Richwood Avenue. To register, please go to [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive) and enter the code NAACPMORGANTOWN.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal).



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE:** Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634](https://www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634) or at [www.morgantowncob.org](http://www.morgantowncob.org). Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom, with the link available at [www.morgantowncob.org](http://www.morgantowncob.org). "We ask that everyone wear a mask inside the building."

The Mon County Health Department is holding a **Covid Vaccination Clinic** at Morgantown Church of the Brethren on Tuesday, April 5th, starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone in need of a first, second or booster shot is welcome.

“This year our Lent/Easter theme is **Creation and Re-creation**. We have been using the scripture from *The Women’s Lectionary, Year W* by Wilda Gafney. We are continuing that theme in our Palm Sunday service by using local bamboo rather than hothouse palm branches. The children are also working on special music for that service.

“Our Love Feast service (footwashing and communion) will be outdoors this year (weather permitting), which will require us to interact more directly with God’s creation.

“We are also tentatively planning a Sunrise Service for early Easter morning at Wiles Hill Park, followed by breakfast and an Easter worship service at the church. Here’s the schedule:

“Palm Sunday - April 10

Love Feast - April 14 (outdoors?)

Sunrise service? - April 17, 6:30 am, Wiles Hill Park

Easter service - April 17, 10:30 am, at the church”

Groups are again starting to use the various spaces at Morgantown Church of the Brethren. If you have a community event or meeting that needs a space to gather, contact Wes at 681-209-2029.



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN APRIL PROGRAMS:** These programs will be held via ZOOM at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please go to [www.uufmwv.org/](http://www.uufmwv.org/). The Zoom door opens at 10:45 a.m.

**April 3:** National Rainbow Day Program: What is unique about prisms and color, the attributes of diversity. And God said, “Let There Be Light.” Music: “Color My World” ~ Chicago.

**April 10:** BOARD MEETING @ 10:00 a.m. 🐾 National Pet Day Program: 🐾 Animal consciousness & identity. Reading: “A wise old owl sat in an oak .... Music: “Weeheeheehee dee heeheeheehee weeoh aweem away, In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight ...” (The Tokens)

**April 17:** 🐣 Easter Time in West Virginia: Spring time is amazing with new life and a path to recovery from the brutalities previously suffered. A couple lessons from the life of the historical Jesus. Music to match.

**April 24:** # 5. Fifth UU Principle: “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” Michael Siciliano presents this Principle and leads our discussion.

Info contact: [UUFMWV@gmail.com](mailto:UUFMWV@gmail.com), Beth Houseknecht or Duane Nichols

**PFLAG:** The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at [www.pflagfairmont.org](http://www.pflagfairmont.org). According to its website, “PFLAG Fairmont meets each month, usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Ruth Ann Musick Library on the campus of Fairmont State University.”



**DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER:** “Dismantling Racism Together is a WV group that meets monthly. We seek to educate and motivate citizens and organizations so they can collaborate to advocate for change.

Becky Rodd invites everyone to “Please Please join us as for the April 18th meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ash Orr will be talking to us about the important work of the Morgantown Human Rights Commission and how we can best support that work.”

Here is the link. Monday, April 18, 2022  
<https://bit.ly/DRTMonthlyProgram>

For reference, here is the full Zoom info:  
John Bolt (he, him, his) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dismantling Racism Together Monthly Program Meeting  
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86108590369>

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**MORGANTOWN PRIDE RAISING TRANS KIDS IS APRIL 9TH FROM 2:00 -3:30 P.M.:** The Raising Trans Kids Community Group is for West Virginia parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender or gender diverse kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender or gender diverse.

For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page\\_internal](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal) or [www.morgantownwvpride.org](http://www.morgantownwvpride.org). Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at [www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en).

**WVU Council for Gender Equity** is sponsoring "Champagne for SANE Panel Discussion" to be held virtually on April 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

# CHAMPAGNE FOR SANE PANEL DISCUSSION

April 7, 2022, 7:00 pm  
Expert Panel Discussion

The discussion led by experts in the field are open to all and will cover topics around sexual assault nurse examiner training and support services. Discussion will lead up to the Champagne for SANE fundraising event that will benefit the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services (FRIS) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training program, held on April 28th.

Discussion is virtual.

For link, please register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-mprT8pGN1Xo3LK\\_6NUaf10Ncu80jyT](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-mprT8pGN1Xo3LK_6NUaf10Ncu80jyT)

Panelists include:

- / Deborah Lopez Bonasso, FRIS (The WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services)
- / Cynthia Clark, FRIS
- / Jennifer Leer, FRIS
- / Jennifer Nieusma, Civil Legal Advocate, RDVIC (Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center)

Scan for link to register →



 COUNCIL FOR GENDER EQUITY

WVU Council for Gender Equity has their Champagne for SANE Silent Auction and Fundraiser event on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Table 9. The auction will be online again this year at [32auctions.com](https://www.32auctions.com).



**MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER EVENTS:** The Girls' Night Out benefit will be May 20th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Tropics, 2500 Cranberry Square. The theme is "A Night Out at the Tropics" and will include "a fun, fabulous evening of delicious dinner, dessert, and drinks, along with music, dancing, raffles, pampering, and a live auction." To be a sponsor or if you have questions, please contact Taylor Shultz at 304-598-0344 or [tshultz@moncoac.org](mailto:tshultz@moncoac.org). For ticket information, please go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-night-out-2022-night-out-at-the-tropics-tickets-264203799677](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-night-out-2022-night-out-at-the-tropics-tickets-264203799677).

A golf tournament to benefit the Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center is being planned for July 23, 2022.



**WVU LIBRARIES' FOOD JUSTICE IN APPALACHIA EXHIBIT:** This exhibit is available in the WVU Downtown Campus Library through June 2022. To see an online exhibit and the presentations at the exhibit opening in October, go to [exhibits.lib.wvu.edu/exhibits/food-justice-in-appalachia](https://exhibits.lib.wvu.edu/exhibits/food-justice-in-appalachia).



**EMPTY BOWLS MONONGALIA BOWL SALE IS APRIL 2ND:** The sale will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Center Court of Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road. Bowls will cost \$10.00 for one bowl or three for \$25.00.

**CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD CONCERT IS APRIL 23RD AT 7:30 P.M.:** In October of 1998, Matthew Shepard, a young, gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in a lonely field under a blanket of stars. Five days later, when Matt passed away, the world was watching. Leading up to the eve of the 20th anniversary, Craig Hella Johnson responded with his first concert-length work, "Considering Matthew Shepard." The WVU Chamber Singers will join together with a small instrumental ensemble and soloists to present this poignant and important work, ensuring that Matthew Shepard's story will never be forgotten. This is a ticketed event at the WVU Canady Creative Arts Center. Tickets purchased at the Creative Arts Center or WVU Mountainlair Box Offices are \$14 each. Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster are \$35 each.



**WVU PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES FEATURES U.S. POET LAUREATE JOY HARJO** (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), who will be the Program's honored guest April 4-6, 2022.

All are welcome to attend Ms. Harjo's poetry presentation on Tuesday, April 5th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Blue Ballroom of the WVU Mountainlair or attend VIRTUALLY. There will be music by award-winning flute player Cody Blackbird, starting at 6:30 p.m.; book sales and a display start at 6:00 p.m. in the Gold Ballroom. Ms. Harjo was recently appointed to a third term as Poet Laureate.

**U.S. POET LAUREATE  
JOY HARJO  
WVU POETRY READING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5 at 7 p.m.**  
**Mountainlair Ballroom or virtual**

*Hosts: Native American Studies  
& WVU Humanities Center*

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 

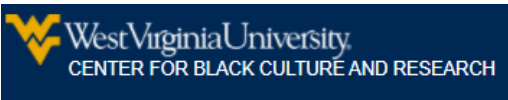




**WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER:** Go to the Center’s website at [lgbtq.wvu.edu/events](http://lgbtq.wvu.edu/events) to join the Center’s website and/or register for events. You can follow the Center on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter/](https://www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter/)



For more information and to register for this event, please go to [lgbtq.wvu.edu](http://lgbtq.wvu.edu). Mask use will be in accordance with WVU policies at the time of the event.



**WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH SELECTED SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS:**

**April 4:** Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.: Brotherhood Coalition: Black Men In Leadership: A conversation with Jihad Dixon, Associate for Strategy and Operations for My Brother’s Keeper Alliance, and president of the Black Alumni Association. Join Zoom meeting at [wvu.zoom.us/j/94053992957](https://wvu.zoom.us/j/94053992957)

**April 6 & 7:** Gluck Theater / Mountainlair Ballrooms: Center for Black Culture and Research Black Film Festival featuring several guest filmmakers.

# CBC&R BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

**April 6**  
**12 p.m.** "The Wrong Way"  
*Gluck Theatre*  
**1 p.m.** "Domino: Battle of the Bones"  
*Blue Ballroom*  
**3 p.m.** "Running With My Girls"  
*Gluck Theatre*  
**5:30 p.m.** "#NOCOVER Nipsey Hussle Feature"  
*Blue Ballroom*

**April 7**  
**1 p.m.** "Fighting On Two Fronts"  
*Blue Ballroom*  
**3 p.m.** "MEEK'S INHAIRITANCE"  
*Blue Ballroom*  
**5 p.m.** "The Butler"  
*Blue Ballroom*  
**7 p.m.** Conversation with  
 featured speaker — Wil Haygood  
*Blue Ballroom*

For more information scan the QR code

[cbc.wvu.edu/events/black-film-festival](http://cbc.wvu.edu/events/black-film-festival)

**CBC&R CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH**

**WVU ALUMNI FILMMAKER**  
**GARY MURRAY**  
 "The Wrong Way"  
 Independent film writer, director and producer.

"Domino: Battle of the Bones"  
**LORI TANNER**  
 Award-winning independent film and television production company.

"Running With My Girls"  
**REBEKAH HENDERSON**  
 Writer, podcaster, independent film producer.

"#NOCOVER Nipsey Hussle Feature"  
**DE JUAN GALLOWAY**  
 Director for BET and NBC.

"Fighting On Two Fronts"  
**JOEL BEESON**  
 Award-winning filmmaker and WVU Professor of Journalism

**WVU ALUMNI FILMMAKER**  
**ROGER TURNER JR.**  
 "MEEK'S INHAIRITANCE"  
 Independent film writer, director and producer.

"The Butler"  
**WIL HAYGOOD**  
 American journalist and author.

**April 19:** Mountaineer Rhododendron Room @ 7:00 p.m.: A Space to Process: A group conversation with Felicia Hooper, MA, LPC, NCC with the WVU Carruth Center

**April 21:** Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.: Brotherhood Coalition: Our Safety: A panel Discussion on the perceptions of safety and belonging of Black men on college campuses. Join Zoom meeting at [wvu.zoom.us/j/97468465954](http://wvu.zoom.us/j/97468465954)

**April 27:** Rhododendron Room Mountainlair @ 7:00 p.m.: Brotherhood Coalition Mentorship Mixer: Welcoming WVU Alumni, faculty, staff, and community members to meet current students.

## STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE REVIEW:** Senate Bill 704, allowing parents and other custodians to inspect instructional materials, passed. The good news is that Senate Bill 498, the so-called "anti-racism" bill, did not go through the normal committee process in the Senate so appeared dead until it was introduced directly into the Senate. It then did not pass because the vote was completed six seconds after the legislative session officially adjourned at midnight on March 12th.



**WEST VIRGINIA NOW:** West Virginia NOW is online at [www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow](http://www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow) and [wvnow.org](http://wvnow.org).



**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA GOOD NEWS:** Fairness tracked nearly two dozen anti-LGBTQ bills in the legislative session and none passed! SB 71 was a “pro-conversion therapy bill. It would have overturned the local bans on conversion therapy” in Charleston and Morgantown. Other legislation was designed to dismantle the state’s Human Rights Commission. It was also defeated. For more information, please go to [fairnesswv.org](http://fairnesswv.org).



**ACLU QUEER YOUTH SUMMIT REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** “This free camp will bring together young West Virginians either identify as LGBTQ+ or come from LGBTQ+ families from across the state, and give them the tools they need to organize and advocate for the issues they care about.

“Campers will learn how to talk to legislators, run effective meetings, tell powerful stories, and more, and will participate in a collective action to better the lives of LGBTQ+ people after the camp concludes. Perhaps most importantly, AQYS campers will get to be themselves for a weekend around people who understand them.

“The 2022 Summit will take place at Jackson's Mill in Lewis County from late morning on August 1st to the afternoon on August 5th.”

For more information and the registration link, please go to [action.aclu.org/webform/wv-aqys-2022](http://action.aclu.org/webform/wv-aqys-2022).

The summit received national publicity in the Spring 2022 issue of the *ACLU Magazine* with a short story entitled “S’mores, Songs, and Activism.”

### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2022**

From [www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/](http://www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/)

#### Celebrate Diversity Month

4/2 – World Autism Awareness Day (People with Disabilities): A day that seeks to improve the lives of those who suffer from autism

4/2 – Ramadan (Islamic): The first day of Islam’s sacred month in which Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dusk until dawn

4/15 – Passover (Jewish): start of Jewish holiday honoring the freeing of Israeli slaves

4/17 – Easter (Christian): most important holy day in the Christian faith, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus following his death

4/22 – Earth Day (International): celebrates the planet we live on, observed internationally in more than 192 countries

4/21-23 – Gathering of Nations (Native American): more than 500 Native tribes meet and celebrate various traditions and cultures