



Community Coalition for Social Justice
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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.

Also: Please note that CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization and therefore is non-partisan. While we encourage everyone to vote and participate in the political process, we do not endorse candidates, provide a forum for candidates to campaign, or publicize partisan political statements.

NEXT CCSJ MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR WAS SEPTEMBER 18TH: We had perfect weather for our fair at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre and thank the many groups and individuals who contributed to the event in some way as we enjoyed hearing Al Anderson sing: ACLU West Virginia, Appalachian Prison Book Project, Church of the Brethren, Eve Faulkes (Listening for Racial Understanding Project), First Presbyterian Church, Friends of Deckers Creek, Morgantown Human Rights Commission, Mon River Trails Conservancy, Morgantown Friends, Morgantown NOW, Morgantown-Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters, PFLAG Fairmont, Poor People’s Campaign, Rape and Domestic Violence Center, Results, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, WVU LGBTQ+ Center, WVU Native American Studies Program, and WVU Student Sierra Club.



We know that some important connections between groups have already started and hope to continue to strengthen those connections and have submitted an application to FirstEnergy Foundation to reimburse us for the event expenses.

For more photos, please go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/108240242119.

CCSJ AT NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM PEACE TREE CEREMONY: We were pleased to have a table at the annual Peace Tree Ceremony at WVU on September 21st.



“READ ALOUD” PROJECT WITH THE SHACK NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FINAL PROJECT: We had almost \$500 remaining after purchasing the books for this project and are pleased that the staff of the Shack could use that to purchase seating for the children.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2023: We are beginning to think about Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 2023 and have signed our contract to be back at the Metropolitan Theatre on January 16th. Our tentative theme is “Telling West Virginia’s Stories and Dreams,” and we plan to include stories from former Morgantown Mayor Charlene Marshall and long-time Osage resident Al Anderson. Chris Haddox is also scheduled to perform.

BOOK LISTS UPDATED: We have updated our lists of books at the Morgantown Public Library system that focus on social justice topics. These are available under the “Resources” tab of our website at www.ccsjwv.org/resources.html.

CONTACT US: Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at mdattfieldo@gmail.com. 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 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.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Just look for “Community Coalition for Social Justice” under “Groups” and become our friend. Thanks to Mike Sharley for being our group “leader.”

LOCAL NEWS

GETTING READY FOR THE ELECTION:

Check your voter registration status at www.nass.org/can-i-vote

Last day to register to vote or change your registration: October 18th.

Early voting: October 26th to November 5th, excluding Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In Monongalia County, early voting will be at the County Election Center (Mountaineer Mall): 5000 Greenbag Road Morgantown, WV 26501; Mason-Dixon Historical Park: 79 Buckeye Road Core, WV 26541; Westover VFW Post 9916: 340 Holland Avenue Westover, WV 26501; and Pierpont Landing: 2000 Mid-Atlantic Drive: (Former Urse Dodge Location) Morgantown, WV 26508. Anyone can vote early at any location.

Election day: Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Go to www.monongaliacyclerk.com/index.php/elections/17-current-election/112-2022-general-election-information to find your polling place for election day, information on write-in candidates, voter identification requirements, a link to register to vote, application procedures for absentee ballots, sample ballots, text of the four proposed constitutional amendments, text of the Monongalia County EMS levy order, and the text of the Star City ballot question order.

“Whether you care about voting rights, public education, access to abortion or amendments to the WV Constitution, there is so much at stake this election season. Help educate your community and encourage voter participation in one of two ways:

“1. Adopt-a-voter program

“You'll receive a list of 30 local residents to contact 3 times ahead of election day. We will supply contact information,

scripts and materials as needed; we just need your time and enthusiasm! (As a thank you, all volunteers who complete this task will get a \$25 gift card!)

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/812ZUutTH6h8ib7SA>

“2. Paid canvassing

“We are recruiting folks who are interested in getting paid to do voter outreach at various events and targeted door-knocking in local neighborhoods. The pay is \$15 per hour and the hours are flexible. We provide training and all materials. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a9ac28a4fac34-crowd

“This program is a joint project by Morgantown Kingwood NAACP, League of Women Voters Morgantown - Monongalia County, Morgantown NOW, West Virginia Can’t Wait, Delta Sigma Theta Morgantown Chapter, with funding in part with a grant from the Partnership of African American Churches.”

Email wwwmorgantown@gmail.com for more information

MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE: We are still waiting for news of appointments to this board.



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, **October 20th** at 6:30 p.m. You can get contact information for the commission, including information on filing complaint forms at www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission.

You can get copies of the agendas and minutes for the commission meetings at www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/.

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF

Here are the events for October:

LGBT History Month – Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the United States.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – A time for celebrating the strength of battered women and their children and for connecting those working to end violence against women and children.

National Crime Prevention Month - Special awareness for the practice of crime prevention as well as victimization, volunteerism, and the need to create safer more connected neighborhoods and communities.

October 1: International Day of Older Persons – Appreciates the contributions which older persons in diverse situations make to their communities and recognizes the need

for opportunities for willing and capable persons of advanced age to participate in and be celebrated for their action in society.

October 10: Indigenous People Day (Native American Day) – Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.

October 15: World Food Day – A day for awareness of the need for greater equity in access to food production and distribution locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

October 17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Day – Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

October 24: United Nations Day – Commemorates the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

October 31” World Cities Day – “The human future is largely an urban future. We must get right reduction of greenhouse emissions, strengthening resilience, ensuring basic services such as water and sanitation, and designing safe public streets and spaces for all to share.” (UN Sec. Gen.)



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM): The League is finalizing details for its candidate forums for the November election. CCSJ will provide the schedule via email and on our Facebook page and website when they are finalized.

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

GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: The next meeting should be Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. No further information was available at “press time.”

NOW to be at **West Virginia Wine and Jazz Festival** at Camp Muffly October 2nd and 3rd: On Saturday, October 2nd (11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, October 3rd (noon-6:00 p.m.), Morgantown NOW will be tabling to provide voting information and resources to current and potential voters and assisting with voter registration as needed. It is not necessary to be present throughout the entire event, times are flexible!

WVU Student Walk-out is Thursday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Woodburn Green on WVU Downtown Campus. Morgantown NOW will be tabling to distribute resources and providing support assistance to the organizers of this event. “This walk-out is part of a larger national event in protest of the recent abortion legislation and includes demands for reproductive justice on WVU campuses, at the state level, and at the federal level. We encourage attendance and wearing green in solidarity with the

cause. At the rally, there will be speakers, voter registration, contraception/pregnancy test giveaways, and literature distribution.” The list of demands is available at docs.google.com/document/d/1dZw3OS7DdM5wgHsV6JYO0STqmIIERBVpVoZR0G2TEIk/edit.



Please email morgantownnow@gmail.com to volunteer your time during these events!



Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com.



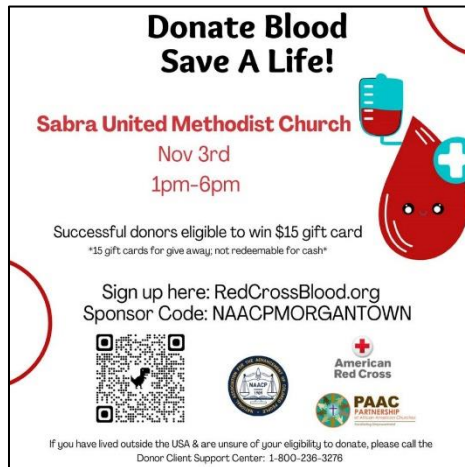
MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH: This meeting of the membership will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at 3241naacp@gmail.com for more information and to learn how to participate.

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

The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP is sponsoring **"Being Your Own Patient Advocate" on Thursday, October 27th** at 7:00 p.m. The program will focus on health literacy, Preparing for the Visit, Aging Parents, Autonomy, and the support of Doulas. It will feature speakers with expertise in healthcare as providers and caregivers, including Dr. Lauri Andress (associate dean for equity, inclusion and community engagement at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine), Arthur Breese (director of diversity and inclusion at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine), Staysha Quentrell (professional birth doula), and Joyce Dole (caregiver).

The public is invited to participate through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/naacp3241> and on Zoom.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE: HERE'S ENOUGH FOR ALL: JUST FOODS" IS THE THEME FOR AN OCTOBER 1 EVENT AT MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, CO-SPONSORED BY MORGANTOWN FRIENDS MEETING: Begin at 4:30 with games and displays, then enjoy a "Just Foods" potluck at 5:30. Interpret "just foods" any way you wish: avoiding food waste, foraged foods, vegan, vegetarian, wild game, local organic, heritage food, food for sharing. There will be prizes! Bring the recipe for our latest recipe collection, "Recipes for the Climate Aware II."

At 7:00, Movie night will start with more snacks. We expect to be showing "Youth vs. Gov." People are invited to set up a display if they wish.

Please bring your recipe, along with your statement of how you see this as "just food."

Come for any part of the evening that suits you, and help us out just by being there. Our goal is to encourage and to connect.

We may have some guests from the Public Health program at WVU informally presenting a little of their research into food justice. And some other surprises, like making shopping bags from T-shirts.

The church has a Sharing Box outside the church at 464 Virginia Avenue, where you can drop off extra food you may have or take some if you need it, or swap food.

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634 or at 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. “We ask that everyone wear a mask inside the building.”



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN: The UUFM resumes live programs at the Fellowship A-Frame Building each Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. at 429 Warrick Street.

Sunday, October 2nd.: “Mohandas K. Gandhi Brought Non-Violence to India and the World.” [October 2nd is a National Holiday in India to celebrate Independence.]

Sunday, October 9th: “UUFM Minister, Rev. Michael O’Kelly Discusses His Latest Book.” (Twenty-five copies of ‘Ports Of Call’ will be distributed.)

Sunday, October 16th: “Profiles of Marie Antoinette (d. 10/16/1793) and Margret Sanger (birth control center 10/16/1916).”

Sunday, October 23rd: On This Date in 1956 ~ “The Hungarian Revolution and the Birth of the International Atomic Energy Agency (peaceful uses of the atom).”

Sunday, October 30th: “Halloween Rituals & Discussion of the Death of Whitey Bulger on 10/30/2018.”

Email at: UUFMWV@gmail.com. See also: UUFMWV.org

PFLAG: The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at www.pflagfairmont.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER will meet **Monday, October 17th** at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Shelia Price, associate dean and professor in the WVU School of Dentistry, will present on **Implicit Bias**, an out-of-awareness phenomena that affects how we act/react in certain situations. Join by zoom at bit.ly/DRTMonthlyProgram



MORGANTOWN PRIDE: For information on this group, go to www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or www.morgantownwvpride.org. Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en.



Morgantown Pride monthly events are now scheduled for **Tuesday, October 11th**, Tuesday, November 8th, and Tuesday, December 13th, all at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.



PRIDE ALLY SIGNS AVAILABLE: In response to the Monongalia School Superintendent Dr. Eddie Campbell’s ruling on removing pride flags from schools and to support Mon County students, you can order "Proud Ally" rainbow yard signs for \$10. Information on ordering and payment is available at [docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17VIWsmA1cD09Grx8p9c7--](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17VIWsmA1cD09Grx8p9c7--bddkJRFOUngFWlqBFFkxc/edit?fbclid=IwAR2S56eyo0mFLZ81gJtM808OVcz7z5bS4bgC2HvqIRKZ0a9Qt4_mQwrkJKU#gid=0)

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All signs must be ordered and paid for by Wednesday, October 5th and can be picked up between October 14th and 17th. Any signs not picked up by the 17th will be donated to the Morgantown High School Gay-Straight Alliance (SAGA) or Morgantown Pride. There will be no refunds.

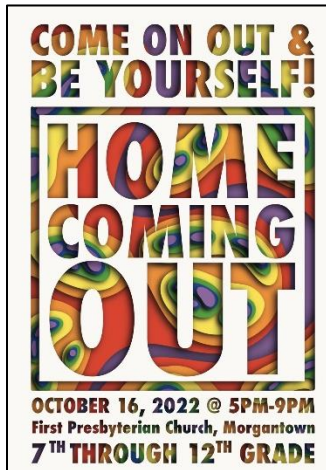
Any additional funds from the signs will be donated to Morgantown High School Gay-Straight Alliance Club and Morgantown Pride.



RAISING TRANS KIDS MEETS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. *NOTE 3rd Saturday of October*. Future meetings will be Saturday, November 12th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 10th from 2:00 to 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. Meetings are normally the second Saturday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm. All meetings are held virtually

via Zoom for now. Email raisingtranskids@gmail.com for the call-in passcode and/or more information. Follow Morgantown Pride on Facebook.”



“First Presbyterian Church is hosting a gathering of LGBTQ teens (grades 7-12) and their friends to celebrate friendships, joy, and the community they are building together.

Dancing, photo booths, and food will be provided!

First Presbyterian Church is NOT sponsoring this event, but they have been long-time advocates for LGBTQ folks in Morgantown and have graciously offered to host us!

First Presbyterian Church is located at 456 Spruce Street, Morgantown.

MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER EVENTS: THE MCCAC is once again participating in West Virginia Botanic Garden's Scarecrow Spectacular with its Medusa Scarecrow. Scarecrows from nonprofits in the community will be throughout the Botanic Gardens through October. When visiting, you can vote for your favorite one by scanning the QR code on the signs next to the scarecrow.

The next MCCAC “Girls’ Night Out” will be May 19, 2023.



INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL

October 8th, 2022 **11am - 4pm**

- Located on the Morgantown Courthouse Square
- Celebrate culture and heritage in the heart of Morgantown
- Offering exciting and cultural food, music, and performances

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM: The Native American Studies Program is collaborating with the Art Museum of WVU so that Marie Watt’s work will be on display at the Museum with an exhibit entitled “Storywork: The Prints of Marie Watt” this fall. The link to the exhibit is at artmuseum.wvu.edu/art/exhibitions/catalog/2022/05/13/storywork-the-prints-of-marie-watt. The Art Museum is free and open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bonnie M. Brown, Coordinator of the Native American Studies Program, West Virginia University, PO Box 6284, Morgantown, WV, 26506-6284, NAS.WVU.EDU, [@WVU_NASprogram](https://www.instagram.com/WVU_NASprogram), or call 304-293-4626.



AN EXHIBITION BY WVU ART IN THE LIBRARIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES IS OPEN. This exhibit will be intentionally curated with the expertise and contribution of

Indigenous Appalachians alongside scholars of Native American Studies. The exhibit will be available through May 2023 (print and online) at the WVU Downtown Library and from June through December 2023 at the WVU Beckley Campus Library. It will be at the Appalachian State University Library from January through July 2024 and at the Marshall University Library from August through December 2024.

The **launch event** with Joe Stahlman, director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum and assistant research professor of the Department of Anthropology at the University at Buffalo and Maryam Marne Zafar, visual strategist and graphic designer, will be **November 14, 2022**, at the WVU Downtown Library.

The content of the exhibit includes exploration of the following themes:

- Discussion of the complexities involved in public discussions and portrayals of Indigenous cultures and histories, especially in consideration of European colonial history, U.S. policies, and social forces; these include centuries of genocidal acts
- Acknowledgement of WVU Libraries' Indigenous related holdings
- Indigenous People in Appalachia Today and their ancestry
- Indigenous Place Names in West Virginia
- Contemporary Indigenous Appalachian perspectives through creative work. Confirmed artists: Nadema Agard (painting, Cherokee), Connor Alexander (game design, Cherokee), Erin Lee Antonak (sculpture/drawing, Oneida), Kayln Barnoski (fabric/mixed media, Cherokee), April Branham (painting/photography, Monacan), Ethan Brown (gourd design/painting, Pamunkey), Annette Clapsaddle (writing, Cherokee), Robert D'Alimonte (woodworking/carving, Tuscarora), Brent Michael Davids (composing/music, Mohican/Munsee-Lenape), John Gritts (drawing/painting, Cherokee), Benjamin Harjo, Jr. (drawing/painting, Absentee Shawnee), Yonavea Hawkins (bead/fashion, Delaware), Antoinette (Toni) Scott (cornhusk dolls, Seneca), Rosy Simas (transdisciplinary art/dance, Seneca), Amelia Winger-Bearskin (NFT/digital, Seneca-Cayuga).

For more resources check out the Indigenous Appalachia Library Guide at libguides.wvu.edu/c.php?g=1172031&p=8561998.

The exhibit will also become a digital exhibit living on the WVU Libraries' website and archived on the Research Repository at WVU at researchrepository.wvu.edu.

For further information, please contact Sally Brown Deskins, WVU Libraries' Exhibits Coordinator, at sally.brown1@mail.wvu.edu or 304.293.0369.

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Other sponsors are the WVU Office of the Provost and Humanities Center, The Antero Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, MPB Print & Sign Superstore, Marshall University Libraries and Online Learning, Appalachian State University University Libraries, and West Virginia Library Commission.

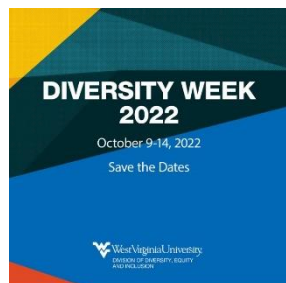
WVU LGBTQ CENTER: There are a number of events planned for students this month. For details go to lgbtq.wvu.edu/events.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH FILM FESTIVAL:



AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS KENESHIA GRANT TALK ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH: Keneshia Grant, an associate professor of political science at Howard University, will speak on “The Great Migration and the Black Vote.” Her research and teaching focuses on state and local government and Black voters. She is the author of *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20th Century* (2020, Temple University Press). The program will be in the Shenandoah Room of the WVU Mountainlair at 5:00 p.m.

WVU CENTER FOR WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES: Kelly Watson, service assistant professor and assistant director of women’s and gender studies, will be discuss the Museum of Modern Arts’ Femfolio: 20 Women Artists collection on Friday, October 14th from noon to 1:00 p.m. as part of the WVU Art Museum’s Lunchtime Look Series. Lunchtime Looks are short presentations and discussions led by speakers with a variety of interdisciplinary backgrounds, who offer unique perspectives on the Art Museum’s exhibitions and collections. This is an in-person event. A recording will be posted to the Art Museum’s YouTube playlist in the days following the talk.



WVU’S DIVERSITY WEEK WILL BE OCTOBER 9-14: “WVU’s annual Diversity Week endeavors to promote celebration, education, and understanding of different identities and experiences present on our campuses. Its aim is to create an atmosphere that provides the WVU community, including students, faculty and staff, the opportunity to explore different cultures, engage in discussions that bring new perspectives, and celebrate the presence of, and contributions made by, people of all identities and experiences.”

Events will be added to the Diversity Week website as they are confirmed. Details should be forthcoming at cal.wvu.edu/event/wvu_diversity_week_2022, but nothing was posted at “press time.”

STATE-WIDE EVENTS



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: West Virginia NOW is online at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow and wvnow.org.



“Our bodies, Our voices, Our vote” is the theme of the West Virginia NOW’s 2022 annual meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Huntington on Sunday, December 4th. The agenda will include preparing for the upcoming legislative session. Registration is free for current NOW members. There are also rates for students (\$20), new members (\$35), and for those who want to sponsor a new member (\$70). You can register and pay at www.wvnow.org/state-

meeting?fbclid=IwAR1YIIR4FANdTJFzzV2RoImbLV0FYgOTXbU22HIKzkx8EyliUFBhO3zWiSw
For those unable to attend in person, there will be a live stream available.



MONONGAH BECOMES 17TH COMMUNITY IN WV TO BAN LGBTQ DISCRIMINATION:

“Members of the Monongah Town Council voted unanimously on September 26th to become the 17th community in West Virginia to adopt a local fairness law.

“Local fairness laws are nondiscrimination ordinances that protect LGBTQ residents from discrimination in employment, housing and public spaces. Monongah was the second municipality in the state to adopt these protections in 2022, with the town of Bolivar adopting one in April.

“Monongah is the first municipality in Marion County to adopt these protections.”

Fairness West Virginia has an on-line form to encourage people to **email members of the Monongalia County Board of Education to protest the decision to take down Pride flags.** “Tell them to support LGBTQ students and allow teachers to re-hang their flags.

“To make your message as effective as possible, be sure to customize your message to board members. Add your own thoughts and words about why this issue matters to make sure your email stands out.”
Go to [/fairnesswv.org/2022/09/21/tell-the-mon-county-leaders-to-let-teachers-hang-pride-flags/](http://fairnesswv.org/2022/09/21/tell-the-mon-county-leaders-to-let-teachers-hang-pride-flags/).

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv for information on the federal efforts to protect same-sex marriages and on how access to abortion affects the LGBTQ community.



ACLU of West Virginia: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACLUWV.

WEST VIRGINIA BLACK PRIDE FOUNDATION: This group organized in December 2021 in Charleston “to illuminate the experiences of LGBTQ+ people of color in West Virginia and provide them with a safe space of fellowship,” according to a story in the Juneteenth edition of *Black By God: The West Virginian*. For more information, email WVBPfoundation@outlook.com or Kasha@wvpfoundation.com.

SUPPORT BLACK BY GOD: THE WEST VIRGINIAN: According to its website, blackbygod.org, “We are an emerging news and storytelling organization centering Black voices from the Mountain State. We

provide a more nuanced portrayal of the Black experience in the Appalachian region.” Crystal Good is the editor/publisher/founder of *Black By God*. There is a weekly online edition and a quarterly print edition. To contact BBG, email Info@Blackbygod.org or call 304-207-0352. The mailing address is 2156 University Ave. Suite 400, Morgantown, WV, 26505. To make a tax-deductible donation, go to blackbygod.org/donate.



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2022

From www.diversityresources.com/2022-diversity-calendar/

Global Diversity Awareness Month: aims to promote knowledge and respect for various cultures

National Disability Employment Awareness Month: advocates for people with disabilities, and their inclusion in the workforce

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: aims to increase awareness of the disease, one of the leading causes of death in women

National Polish American Heritage Month: dedicated to honoring Polish heritage, October was chosen because it was when Polish settlers first arrived in Jamestown, VA in 1608

10/10 – World Mental Health Day (People with Disabilities): promotes mental health awareness and education, and advocates against social stigma relating to mental health

10/10 – Indigenous Peoples’ Day (United States): formerly called Columbus Day, honors the indigenous people of North America

10/14 – Defender of Ukraine Day – honors all who have fought for the sovereignty of Ukraine

10/21 – Spirit Day (LGBTQ+): wear purple on this day to support LGBTQ youth and speak out against bullying

10/24 – Diwali (Hindu): significant celebration in the Hindu faith in which they praise diverse deities