



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.

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@hotmail.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.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice May Meeting
Time: May 18, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81664188435>

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2022: We have submitted our funding request to the City of Morgantown for funding for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 2022 and signed a contract with the Metropolitan Theatre with the hope that we can all gather again there next year. Please let us know if you have ideas as we begin to plan this event.



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



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting should be Thursday, **May 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/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf.

Here are the events for May:

Older Americans Month – Celebrates progress in protection of older people in the United States and recognizes the importance of end-of-life independence and care for older adults.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

May 1 - International Workers Day – Also known as May Day, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a worker’s strike for an eight-hour day.

May 3 - World Press Freedom Day – Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

May 15 - International Day of Families – Celebration of two or more persons providing a continuity of support for each other, usually in terms of affection, nurture, security, and protection.

May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange, and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS STATE CONVENTION IS MAY 15TH: The guest speaker is Dr. Ken Martis, WVU emeritus professor of geography, who will discuss redistricting and the current legal standings, including a focus on redistricting in West Virginia. His talk will be at 1:00 p.m. People who are interested can go to <https://convention.lwvww.org> and register as a visitor. If “local league” is a required field, just select

Morgantown/Monongalia County, even if you are not a member of the league. People are welcome to stay for the whole meeting or just for Dr. Martis’s talk.

The convention will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Convention check-in begins at 9:30 am; the First Plenary commences at 10:00 am; Lunch at 12:00; Dr. Martis at 1:00 pm; Second Plenary begins at 2:00 pm and should end by 3:00 pm.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/.

The May meeting will **May 11th at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email morgantownnow@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS MAY 18TH: This meeting 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.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE: Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634 or at www.morgantowncob.org.



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN STAYS VIRTUAL IN MAY: Check the web site at www.uufmwv.org or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Morgantown-WV-367256688732 for updates and Zoom links.



PFLAG MAY EVENTS: PFLAG is asking people to support the proposed Morgantown ordinance to create a Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board (see information on this below) and to please consider calling your senators to urge them to vote for passing the Equality Act. PFLAG National has been phoning members and urging them to call their senators. To reach Senator Manchin, please call 304-342-5855 (Charleston

office) or 202-224-3954 (Washington office). To reach Senator Capito, please call 304-292-2310 (Morgantown office) or 202-224-6472 (Washington office).



Please join us for the Morgantown PFLAG May 2021 Events!

May Meeting

General Meeting & Pride Month Plans

Tuesday, May 11th
6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pflag-org.zoom.us/j/94700561392>

Meeting ID: 947 0056 1392

Passcode: flowers

May Social Saturday

Every Saturday (5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, and 5/29)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PFLAG Morgantown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PFLAG May Social Saturday

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pflag-org.zoom.us/j/92731711445>

Meeting ID: 927 3171 1445

Passcode: oats

May Raising Trans Kids Meeting

Saturday, May 8

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For meeting information, please email raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org

May Meeting Agenda

- I. Check In/social
- II. March Minutes Approval
- II. Education committee updates
- III. Pride Month Plans

Raising Trans Kids is for parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender kids (of any age) or have kids who might be transgender. The Zoom link is zoom.us/j/97802381738. The meeting ID is 978 0238 1738. Please email raisingtranskids@pflagmorgantown.org for the Zoom password.

The June Raising Trans Kids event will be June 19th.

For more information on this group, go to www.facebook.com/pflagmorgantown/?ref=page_internal or www.pflagmorgantown.org.

MORGANTOWN HUMANISTS: For information about this group, please contact Mike Attfield at mdattfieldo@gmail.com. The Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/groups/855227111328432.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER: For more information on this group, please go to www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together or email DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com.

We have shared their list of “Resources for Racial Justice Theology” on our website at ccsjwv.org/resources-rrjt.html.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE MEETS MAY 2ND: Morgantown PRIDE will meet via Zoom on Sunday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. To access the meeting, go to us02web.zoom.us.

For more information on this group, please go to www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or go to www.morgantownwvpride.org.

MORGANTOWN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY POLICING AND CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD ON CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MAY 4TH: The committee met on April 20th and made major changes to the proposed ordinance by eliminating the sections related to investigations. The ordinance would create a volunteer board which would be a venue where people can bring complaints about their interactions with the Morgantown Police Department instead of the current system where they must go directly to the police or to the city manager.

As important, the board would have the authority to review the policies and procedures of the police department and suggest revisions. It would not have the authority to hire, fire, or discipline police officers. Chief of Police Eric Powell and City Manager Kim Haws were involved in discussions with committee members that led to these revisions.

The first reading of this ordinance is scheduled for May 4th at 7:00 p.m. There are multiple ways you can watch or participate in the meeting.

- Watch via WebEx at <https://cityofmorgantown.my.webex.com/meet/cityofmorgantown> using the meeting number 793 734 477.
- Watch on Channel 15
- Watch via live stream on the City of Morgantown website at <https://morgantownwv.viebit.com/>.
- Listen live by calling 415-655-0001 and using the access code 793 734 477.

If you wish to comment on a particular issue or public hearing, you should fill out the public comment sign-up form on the City’s website, prior to the start of the meeting which can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MCC050421>. A

You can also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cwade@morgantownwv.gov.

You can access the ordinance and information about how to participate in the virtual meeting by going to http://www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05042021-1652. The text of the ordinance starts on page 27.

You can also contact city council members by email to show your support:

- First Ward-Rachel Fetty (Deputy Mayor): rfetty@morgantownwv.gov.
- Second Ward-Bill Kawecki: wkawecki@morgantownwv.gov
- Third Ward-Deb Bergen: dbergen@morgantownwv.gov
- Fourth Ward-Jennifer Selin: jselin@morgantownwv.gov
- Fifth Ward-Ron Dulaney Jr. (Mayor): rdulaney@morgantownwv.gov
- Sixth Ward-Dave Harshbarger: dharshbarger@morgantownwv.gov
- Seventh Ward-Barry Lee Wendell: bwendell@morgantownwv.gov

If the city council votes for the ordinance on first reading, there could be a public hearing and second reading for passage on May 18th.

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



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



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES: Fairness West Virginia is hiring a Development and Administrative Associate. More information is available at fairnesswv.org/2021/04/27/were-hiring-a-development-administrative-associate/.

Fairness has also issued a statement in response to Gov. Jim Justice’s signing of HB 3292, the transgender athlete ban. You can find it at fairnesswv.org/2021/04/28/fairness-west-virginia-releases-statement-after-gov-justice-signs-transgender-athlete-ban/.

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv or at fairnesswv.org.



ACLU AND AMIZADE APPALACHIAN QUEER YOUTH SUMMIT IS JULY 31ST-AUGUST 1ST: “The ACLU-WV, in partnership with Amizade, is thrilled to announce our 2021 Appalachian Queer Youth Summit!

“This camp will bring together high school juniors and seniors (homeschool students welcome) who either identify as LGBTQ+ or come from LGBTQ+ families from across West Virginia 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, how to run 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.”

Note that registration is limited, and the priority registration date was April 30th.

For more information on this event and to register, please go to www.acluww.org/en/events/appalachian-queer-youth-summit-2021.

MULTICULTURAL HOLIDAYS FOR MAY 2021

From www.diversityresources.com/2021-diversity-calendar/

Mental Health Awareness Month – raises awareness of people with mental or behavioral health issues, and seeks to reduce their stigma

Older Americans Month – celebrates the accomplishments of older citizens

Jewish American Heritage Month – recognizes the history of American Jews, and their valuable contributions to society

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

5/5 – Mexican American: Cinco de Mayo – commemorates Mexico’s defeat of the French army, observed primarily by Mexican Americans

5/17 – LGBTQ+: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia – raises awareness of LGBT rights, commemorated in more 132 countries

5/19 – Black American/Muslim: Malcolm X – birthday of the civil rights leader