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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, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice June Meeting
Time: June 15, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82407525718>

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CCSJ SUPPORT OF BLACK SCHOOLS INITIATIVE: Tim Hairston has volunteered to represent us on the project that Bekah Aranda and Adelheid Schaupp are leading to research, document, and recognize the historically black schools and the people who attended these schools in Monongalia County.

CCSJ AND LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING: We will be following and supporting the League of Women Voters' work focused on the mandatory legislative redistricting that will follow the release of 2020 census data on September 30th. The goal is to draw fair maps. There will be a short time frame to draw boundaries for state races before candidates start to file their papers in early 2022. The national NAACP is focused on this effort, and we will be sharing information from those Zoom calls with the League.

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, **June 17th** 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 June:

LGBT Pride Month – Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

June 1: Stand for Children Day – A day to emphasize the importance of standing up for children by supporting systemic change and increased funding for public education.

June 5: World Environment Day – Observance promoting an awareness of the impact of environmental conditions on individual and community well-being and food sources which make life possible for current and future generations.

June 8: World Oceans Day – Call for awareness of the importance of protecting oceans from pollution and rising sea levels to prevent individuals and entire communities from loss of property, housing, livelihood and food supplies.

June 12: Loving Day – Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia* which struck down the miscegenation laws in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

June 14: Race Unity Day – Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

June 19: Juneteenth – Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the United States to honor African American freedom and achievement.

June 20: World Refugee Day – Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

June 26: United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture - A day to remind people that human torture is not only unacceptable but also a crime and a universal violation of a human right.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Sarah Barnes is the new president of the League of Women Voters of Morgantown-Monongalia County.



Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM.



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

The June meeting will **June 10th at 7:00 p.m.** The plans are to hold it outside and in person. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email morgantownnow@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS JUNE 15TH: 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.

Branch members have been instrumental in drafting and promoting the new ordinance to create a Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board in Morgantown.

Dr. Jerry Carr, Jr., branch president, spoke at the Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on May 25th to request council support for the “For the People Act” now before Congress, dealing with voting rights. See below for more on this resolution.

The branch is also promoting this national program with a June 18th deadline:



APPLY ONLINE: NAACP.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS NAACP.



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. This group has resumed in-person worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN:

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 JUNE EVENTS: PFLAG will not be meeting in June for any programs other than the Raising Trans Kids program on June 19th at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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 FOCUSES ON “THE 1619 PROJECT” ON JUNE 21ST AT 7:00 P.M.: “Dismantling Racism will be hosting a three-part series this summer focused on the controversy surrounding teaching schoolchildren about the impact of systemic racism. The next meeting, on June 21st, will feature an introduction to the 1619 Project by the *New York Times Magazine*. In August 1619 a sailing ship, the *White Lion*, was anchored off the eastern shore of North America with a cargo that included ‘some 20 and odd negroes.’ It is believed to be the first Africans on the continent and was the beginning of slavery in North America fully a year before the Mayflower set anchor off the same shore. The impact of this landing continues to have a lasting impact on every aspect of our lives today.”

For more information, please go to www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together or email DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com.



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

MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCE TO CREATE CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD: The first reading for this ordinance was at the May 4th City Council meeting, with a public hearing and second reading/adoption on May 18th. The ordinance was adopted by votes of 7-0 on both readings, after months of hard work by the Special Committee that drafted the ordinance and many public comments by supporters. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, who chaired the committee, Mayor Ron Dulaney, and Councilors Bill Kawecki, Deb Bergen, Jenny Selin, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell for their support.

The application process for board membership is likely to be different from the usual form to volunteer for a City board or commission because the ordinance specifies, in Section 181.03. Membership and Terms:

(a) Members. The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by City Council.

(b) Qualifications.

(1) Each member shall be a resident of the City or an active member of an organization that works within the City to promote purposes consistent with the purpose of the Board. If a member ceases to meet this qualification, the member shall immediately notify City Council, but the member shall remain in office until a successor is appointed unless he or she resigns or is removed from the Board. Each member shall be at least 18 years of age.

(2) No member shall hold any other office or employment with the City while a member of the Board.

(3) No member of the Board shall be a former employee of the Morgantown Police Department.

(4) No member of the Board shall be an immediate family member of any member of the Morgantown City Administration, City Council, or Morgantown Police Department.

(5) Three members shall come from historically disadvantaged communities that have traditionally experienced disparate policing or shall be residents of publicly subsidized housing. Three additional members shall be nominated by organizations that seek racial or social justice on behalf of historically disadvantaged communities or persons with disabilities.

(6) Openings on the Board should be filled based on The City of Morgantown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan adopted by [Resolution XX-XX of the Morgantown City Council on (Date)], as amended. In the event of a conflict between the membership qualifications and appointment procedures of this Article and the provisions of the City's diversity, equity, and inclusion plan, the provisions of this Article shall control.

(7) In the event that no applicant meets the requirements of subparagraph(b)(5), a position may be filled by seeking applicants according to the process identified by The City of Morgantown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan.

MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "FOR THE PEOPLE" ACT, WHICH DEALS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: This resolution was presented, as noted above, by Dr. Carr for the NAACP and by Ash Orr for the Morgantown Human Rights Commission. The Act has passed the House of Representatives and is now before the Senate. You can find a copy on page 87 of the agenda for June 1st at www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06012021-1675.

Per the City's website, "This meeting will take place via WebEx at <https://cityofmorgantown.my.webex.com/meet/cityofmorgantown> using the meeting number 793 734 477. The meeting will be broadcast live on Morgantown 15 and live streamed via the City of Morgantown website at <https://morgantownwv.viebit.com/>. The public can also listen live by calling 415-655-0001 and using the access code 793 734 477. If members of the public wish to comment on a particular issue or public hearing, they should fill out the public comment sign-up form on our website, prior to the start of the meeting which can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MCC060121>. Additionally, the public can submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cwade@morgantownwv.gov."

MORGANTOWN CELEBRATES MULTIPLE EVENTS DOWNTOWN ON JUNE 12TH: According to www.visitmountainercountry.com/events/june-arts-walk/, "THE June Arts Walk is a true celebration of community! This month we celebrate West Virginia's 158th Birthday (June 20th), PRIDE month, Juneteenth (June 19th), Father's Day (June 20th) and the 100th birthday of the Monongahela Building at 235 High St. This Arts Walk also just happens to fall right on World Wide Knit in Public Day! Join us in celebrating on the 2nd Saturday of June from 11-4 🎉"

MORGANTOWN AND FAIRMONT JUNETEENTH EVENTS ON JUNE 19TH: Thank you to Delegate Danielle Walker for the following information:

EVERYONE'S INVITED! We will be holding a cookout in Morgantown, WV at the Mountainlair green! The address is 1550 University Ave, Morgantown, WV 26506. JUNE 19th at 3:00pm-8:00pm!!! We said in this lovely protest June 2nd back in 2020, "ALL of you are invited."

For those of you who don't exactly know what Juneteenth stands for: Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865. It was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

This is OUR July 4th. OUR May 5th. Let's celebrate OUR DAY!! June 19, 1865. Remember that date, because THAT'S an important date.

This is a FAMILY FRIENDLY gathering. Not a protest, but a celebration of the beginning of freedom. The things our ancestors have done are major milestones, and we have one in the making AS WE SPEAK!!! So, come on out, bring some food, drinks, dishes, games, ALL THAT FUN STUFF, and we'll see you there!!



#BLM

Event in Fairmont:

UPDATE ON 2021 UPPER MONONGAHELA JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY MAY 28, 2021.8:35PM

COLYN JONES AND THE KEEPERS HAVE ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. DECORATIONS
2. FOOD AND DRINKS
3. PAPER PLATES CONDIMENTS ETC
4. DJ PA SYSTEM
5. CLARKSON TROPHIES
6. PRINTED PROGRAMS
7. BOUNCY HOUSE

2021 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTIONS THUS FAR ARE:

1. \$75 FOR THE PAVILION PERMIT FROM JOHN KEMET SHABAZZ EL
2. \$500 FROM THE CITY OF FAIRMONT WV
3. \$100 FROM POET, INTERNET JOURNALIST, ENTREPRENEUR CRYSTAL GOOD OF BLACK BY GOD
4. \$50 FROM JAZZ AND NEO-SOUL SINGER DORIS FIELDS 'LADY D'

IF YOU ARE BUSINESS OR A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR WE CHALLENGE YOU TO MATCH THE \$500 CONTRIBUTION BY THE CITY OF FAIRMONT OR THE \$100 CONTRIBUTION BY ENTREPRENEUR CRYSTAL GOOD... OR CONTRIBUTE WHATEVER YOU CAN AS OTHER SPONSORS HAVE.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADVISE THEREAFTER FOR RECOGNITION AND POSTING THIS PAGE.

PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY TO THE LOCAL JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE COORDINATOR COLYN JONES AT HIS CASH APP:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

JOHN KEMET SHABAZZ EL

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS

JOIN THE STATEWIDE JUNETEENTH VIRTUAL CELEBRATION:



VIRTUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
with headline performer
MONTELL JORDAN

June 19

5 p.m.
Facebook Live @WVHHOMA

11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
WV Public Broadcasting
The West Virginia Channel

Herbert Henderson
Office of
Minority
Affairs

FestivALL

Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Holiday Commission

Sponsored by Charleston's FestivALL and the Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission
Saturday, June 19

5 p.m. – Live on HHOMA's Facebook page, @WVHHOMA
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. – West Virginia Public Broadcasting, The West Virginia Channel
With headline performer Montell Jordan, best known for "This is How We Do It"

And congratulations to the West Virginia artists selected to perform!

Event Lineup:

Montell Jordan
Appalachian Children's Choir, song, Charleston

Ashlyn Bell, dance, Charleston

Capital High School VIP Show Choir, medley song
MaKinsey Cline, baton dance, Gilbert Kelly Coberly, song, Buckhannon
Dale Kat Duvernay, poetry, Charleston
Brandhi Irvon, song, Morgantown
Alondra Johnson, song, Charleston

Aristotle Jones, song, Morgantown
Kingston and Mark Price, music, Charleston
Charles Shelton Jr., music, Charleston
Smoochie and the Heavy Hitters Band, music, Montgomery
Victoria LaVonne Wilburn, poetry, Huntington

The 2021 event marks the first time West Virginia Legislature has recognized June 19 as Juneteenth Day, the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States.

More information is available at minorityaffairs.wv.gov/June19/Pages/default.aspx.



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



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES: The *Dominion Post*, on March 29th, endorsed Fairness West Virginia's campaign to get Senators Manchin and Capito to support the Equality Act, which is now before the U.S. Senate. To see the editorial and sign up for updates on this campaign, please go to www.facebook.com/fairnesswv.

Fairness 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 NEWS: The West Virginia ACLU is among the groups that filed a lawsuit by and on behalf of Becky Pepper-Jackson protesting West Virginia HB 3293, banning transgender girls and women from school sports. You can get more information at www.acluww.org/en/news/see-you-court-aclu-wv-joins-suit-challenging-trans-student-athlete-ban.

THE 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 JUNE 2021

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

LGBT Pride Month

Caribbean American Heritage Month – recognizes the importance of Caribbeans in the history and culture of the United States.

6/2 – Native Americans: Indian Citizenship Act of 1924

6/12 – Black American: Loving Day – anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, ending bans on interracial marriage

6/14 – Puerto Rican: Puerto Rican Day Parade – festivities are planned across the country, to celebrate Puerto Ricans’ accomplishments and contributions

6/19 – Black American: Juneteenth – commemorates the liberation of slaves in Texas, and celebrated nationwide

6/27 – People With Disabilities: Helen Keller – birthday of the pioneer in advocating for those with disabilities