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**UPDATE: AUGUST 1, 2021**

**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, August 17th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.** Here is the Zoom link.

TOPIC: COMMUNITY COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AUGUST MEETING  
TIME: AUG 17, 2021, 07:30 PM EASTERN TIME (US AND CANADA)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84244353419](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84244353419)

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**CCSJ ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7:30 P.M.:** We are pleased that **Eve Faulkes** has agreed to be our speaker for our annual meeting, discussing her forthcoming book entitled *Preserving the Stories of Scotts Run, West Virginia: A Ten-Year Partnership From 2011 to 2021* that reflects the work that she and her students have done to celebrate the history of Scotts Run. Eve is a WVU professor emerita of design, where she taught graphic design with a focus on social justice. This will be a Zoom presentation that we expect to record for our website. Her photo is from the WVU announcement of her new Eve Faulkes Justice Through Design Endowment. More information about that is at [arts.wvu.edu/news/2021/06/28/eve-faulkes-justice-through-design-endowment](https://arts.wvu.edu/news/2021/06/28/eve-faulkes-justice-through-design-endowment)

Following Eve’s presentation, we will have a short business meeting and election of steering committee members. CCSJ members are eligible to vote. Our by-laws provide for a steering committee of 8-12 members, and the following current members are eligible for re-election for three-year terms: Al Anderson, Mike Attfield, Susan Brown, Judy Cohen, Laura Cohen, Tim Hairston, Barb Howe, Sandra Nelms, Sheila Rye, and Mike Sharley.

Here is the Zoom link for the Annual Meeting:

Topic: Community Coalition for Social Justice Annual Meeting

Time: September 8, 2021, 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85087284790>

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**CCSJ ENCOURAGING PUBLIC INPUT INTO USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS:** City and county governments in Monongalia County are receiving a total of over \$32 million through the American Rescue Plan. CCSJ joined the Morgantown-Kingwood Branch of the NAACP in asking that there be opportunities for public input into the use of these funds by following follow federal and state public outreach stipulations in “Best Practices for Local and State Prioritization of American Rescue Plan Act Funds” from the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy Fact Sheet (May 2021). The Treasury Department explicitly “urges state, territorial, tribal, and local governments to engage their constituents and communities in

developing plans to use these payments, given the scale of funding and its potential to catalyze broader recovery and rebuilding.

We asked that these government bodies create channels to collect public input on their community's needs prior to crafting spending plans for these funds. This could include public meetings, surveys, and citizen advisory committees. Once an initial proposal is crafted, the public should again have the opportunity to comment on the plans because these funds provide a unique opportunity to help people who have suffered inequitable health and economic consequences from the pandemic.

See below for information on how you can help determine how to spend these funds.

**CCSJ SUPPORT OF BLACK SCHOOLS INITIATIVE:** Tim Hairston represents 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 are 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. See below for information on the Morgantown meeting.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2022:** We have received an allocation of \$1500 from the City of Morgantown to reimburse us for expenses 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 will be Thursday, **August 19th** 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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf).

**Here are the events for August:**

**August 6: National Night Out** – Marks the importance of collaborative efforts in reducing crime and for strengthening neighborhood relationships that help prevent crime and protect persons from criminal activity.

**August 9: International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples** – Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination and denial of basic human rights.

**August 12: International Youth Day** – Celebrates young people and the integral role they play to create a world fit for children.

**August 23: International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition** – Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santa Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition. Tragically, other forms of slavery still persist today.

**August 30: International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance** – A day to promote taking a stand against secret imprisonment, forced disappearance and abduction, and placing persons in any situation without access to relatives and/or legal representation



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM):** 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).

The LWV-MM’s new board met for the first time on July 15th: The current officers, all with terms expiring in 2023, are President Sarah Barnes, Vice President Judy Ball, and Secretary Vicki Conner. The directors are Shirley Rosenbaum, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Nancy Ulrich, all with terms expiring in 2023, and Marly Ynigues (term expires 2022, unexpired term)

The Nominating Committee members are Penny Thomas (chair) with two vacancies. All terms expire in 2022.

Continuing Board Members are Treasurer Lyndell Millecchia and Directors Carol Barnes and Penny Thomas. All terms expire in 2022.

**LWV-MM Program Update:**

At the annual meeting in June, the LWV-MM adopted a new program with three main areas of focus: Voter Services, Social Justice, and Broadband Access.

**Voter Services:**

The right to vote and equal access to the ballot represent pillars of U.S. democracy and guiding principles for the League of Women Voters (LWV).

**Social Justice:** The LWV is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. We are all responsible for making Morgantown, Monongalia County, and the state of West Virginia welcoming and inclusive communities.

**Broadband Access:** The pandemic proved that education, community engagement, and achievement of the LWV's other priorities depend on access to 21st century digital infrastructure, a need that will not expire when the pandemic is over.



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/). The next meeting will be August 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway, Morgantown. The meeting will be outside if the weather is nice.

Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com)."



**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS AUGUST 17TH:** 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 is leading the effort to ask local government officials to provide opportunities for public input into the use of American Rescue Plan funds. There is also a book club that is open to members.

The branch is discussing the potential membership of Morgantown's new Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board. CCSJ has been involved in these discussions, as we await the City's plan to solicit nominations from groups. See below for the membership categories designated in the ordinance. The City's website for volunteers has been updated to include the Police Review and Advisory Board at [morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4274/Board--Commission-Application-Updated-PDF](http://morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4274/Board--Commission-Application-Updated-PDF).



**Morgantown Kingwood  
Chapter of the NAACP**

**Sabra United  
Methodist Church**

1234 Richwood Ave  
Morgantown

**Thursday, August 12  
1:00PM—6:00PM**

*All blood donations from African-American donors will be screened for the sickle cell trait to help provide lifesaving blood to the over 100,000 patients fighting sickle cell disease.*

Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and using the sponsor code:  
**NAACPMORGANTOWN**

 **American Red Cross** All donors receive a free health screening prior to donating.  
1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org/OurBlood](http://RedCrossBlood.org/OurBlood) | #BlackBloodDonorsNeeded

\*Free health screening will check temperature, blood pressure, pulse rate and hemoglobin level levels. © 2021 The American Red Cross | 2021-APL-0004 | 1016001-MS-02



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE:** Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634](http://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). There are now potlucks at the park across from the community center around noon.



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN:** The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown will continue to meet primarily via Zoom since the COVID-19 emergency pandemic continues world-wide. Our Internet site can be accessed via [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org).

**SUNDAY, August 1, 2021:** “Hope, Not Hell” from Sunnyhill.org — UU Church of the South Hills, Mt. Lebanon, PA. Rev. Jim Magaw will describe messages of John Murray in early America and what it means for today’s times. 10 AM. See also [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org).

**SUNDAY, August 8, 2021:** “What Have We Learned — The Olympics from Ancient Greece to Today.” Following a short historic video, the details of recent Olympics are fascinating. 10:45 AM. See also [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org).

**SUNDAY, August 15, 2021:** “Nomadland” is a movie about condition of our world today. This video presentation by Rev. Lee Paczulla will review this movie and discuss some of the realities affecting real people. Finding and retaining jobs plus other factors are resulting in many moves to find “home.” 10:45 AM. See also [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org).

**SUNDAY, August 22, 2021:** “RETREAT to Cooper’s Rocks State Forest.” This program is planned to be both on-site at Cooper’s Rocks and virtual on Zoom. The role of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in making Cooper’s Rocks what it is today to be included. Details to follow.

**SUNDAY, August 29, 2021:** “The Battle of Blair Mountain After 100 Years.” After a virtual visit to the WV Mine Wars Museum at Matewan, WV, we will discuss the movie “Matewan” that describes the US government attack on the miners, among other issues. 10:45 AM. See also [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org).



**MORGANTOWN PFLAG CHAPTER IS CLOSING.** We regret to announce that the Morgantown PFLAG chapter has decided to close. The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at [www.pflagfairmont.org](http://www.pflagfairmont.org).

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



**DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER:** Future meetings noted on the website are set for August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, and December 20th (tentative). The August topic is listed as statewide initiatives and possible legislation around antiracism education.

For more information, please go to [www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together](http://www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together) or email [DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com](mailto:DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com).



**MORGANTOWN PRIDE:** The August meeting is Sunday, August 1, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. You can get the Zoom link from the group's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal) or go to [www.morgantownwvpride.org](http://www.morgantownwvpride.org).

**MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP:** As noted above, 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 Public Hearing on Redistricting is August 12th:** This will be at the Monongalia County Extension Services & 4H Center at Mylan Park, 270 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown, WV 26501. All hearings are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to sign up to speak. More details are available at <https://www.wvpublic.org/government/2021-07-26/public-hearings-set-for-redistricting>.

The League of Women Voters of West Virginia is publishing information about redistricting on their website. They will be listing public hearing dates and locations, and other information on redistricting compiled by the League of Women Voters of West Virginia Fair Maps Committee at [www.wv.org/redistricting-information-resources/](http://www.wv.org/redistricting-information-resources/)

Redistricting is required every ten years and is complicated this time by the fact that demographic information may not be available until September 30th because of COVID-related delays. This is important for Morgantown area residents because the 51st House of Delegates district, which now has five delegates, will be split into five separate districts.

**Morgantown to survey residents on spending American Rescue Plan Act funds.** The City of Morgantown is scheduled to receive \$11.2 million from this act, with \$5.6 million already in the bank. You can learn about the ARPA funds at [www.morgantownwv.gov/636/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-of-2021](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/636/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-of-2021), and the survey link is now live as part of the “Community Engagement” section of this description.

#### STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



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

The **WV NOW state Conference** is scheduled for November 13-14, 2021. This will be a virtual event. Details will be forthcoming.



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**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES:** Fairness is hiring a Voter Engagement Organizer. The position description and application are available at [fairnesswv.org/2021/07/25/were-hiring-a-voter-engagement-](http://fairnesswv.org/2021/07/25/were-hiring-a-voter-engagement-organizer/)

Fairness has also announced that South Charleston has become the fifteenth city in the state to pass a local fairness law.

Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairnesswv](https://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv) or at [fairnesswv.org](http://fairnesswv.org).



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**ACLU NEWS:** The ACLU has an Equity and Justice Fellowship that is “open to undergraduate students, graduate students, law students, and nontraditional students or citizen activists who identify as being in a historically marginalized community that is underrepresented in West Virginia advocacy and policy-making



“Depending on fellows' areas of study and career goals, fellows can work with ACLU-WV staff on legal advocacy, policy advocacy, research, communications, community education, organizing, development, or nonprofit management matters.

“Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. There is no deadline to apply.” The application is available at [www.acluww.org/en/aclu-wv-equity-justice-fellowship](http://www.acluww.org/en/aclu-wv-equity-justice-fellowship).

### **ETHNIC HOLIDAYS FOR AUGUST 2021**

From [www.diversityresources.com/2021-diversity-calendar/](http://www.diversityresources.com/2021-diversity-calendar/)

8/4 – Black American: Barack Obama – first Black President of the United States

8/9 – United Nations: International Day of the World’s Indigenous People, celebrates unique cultures of indigenous peoples worldwide

8/10 – Islamic: Al-Hijri (New Year) – begins the prior evening

8/15 – Roman Catholic: Feast of the Assumption – celebrating the belief of the entry into heaven of the Virgin Mary

8/24 – People with Disabilities: Marlee Matlin – birthday of the only hearing-impaired actor to win the Oscar for best actor/actress

8/26 – Women’s Equality Day – commemorates US women gaining the right to vote

8/30 – Hindu: Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna) – one of the great Hindu festivals, celebrating popular deity