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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.



CCSJ ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM: 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. This book was made possible through a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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.

Preserving the Stories of Scotts Run is available for a donation of \$25 at the Scotts Run Museum and Trail at 465 Scotts Run Road in Osage. The museum is open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and by appointment by calling Mary Jane Coulter at 304-599-9615. The Museum and Trail is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Or call Eve at 304-692-2226.

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 have agreed to be re-elected 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. We will also elect/re-elect the following officers: Mike Attfield (chair), Al Anderson (vice-chair), Sheila Rye (secretary), and Barb Howe (treasurer).

Our bylaws allow for up to 12 members of the steering committee. There are currently 10 members. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at ccsjwv@hotmail.com by September 5th. Our meetings are open to everyone.

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 REQUESTS TO BE INTERVENOR IN FOP LAWSUIT ON CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP was looking for groups committed to social justice in Morgantown to be intervenors on behalf of the City of Morgantown in the lawsuit that the Fraternal Order of Police brought against the City as a result of city council passing the ordinance establishing this board. The CCSJ steering committee immediately approved our being involved. If Judge Susan Tucker accepts our motion to intervene, we will be kept apprised of the developments in this case. We appreciate the assistance of Bob Cohen and Bob Bastress in facilitating this process and are now waiting to see if this motion will be approved.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY 2022 THEME IS "RESPECT": We have decided to again hold this event via Zoom on January 17th in cooperation with the WVU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) because of concerns about COVID-19. We have received an allocation of \$1500 from the City of Morgantown to reimburse us for expenses. If you have ideas for the program, please send them to ccsjwv@hotmail.com.



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, **September 16th** 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/.

Ash Orr of the Human Rights Commission made a presentation to the Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on August 31st to encourage council to prohibit conversion therapy for LGBTQ minors by licensed providers.

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 September:

September 6: Labor Day – Celebrates the historic struggles of workers in the United States to achieve safer working conditions, shorter hours, and humane restrictions on child labor while contributing to productive economies.

September 8: International Literacy Day – Supports awareness of the importance of persons being able to read and write in order to participate in today’s economic, legal, health and social environments.

September 17: Constitution Day and Citizenship Day – Commemorates the ratification in 1787 of the United States Constitution, the organization of government, and rights of citizenship. Also honors all who have become United States citizens.

September 21: International Day of Peace – Calls for continual working for peace and reduction of use of violence in 21 attempting to solve problems among individuals and all levels of human interaction.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM): Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM and contact them by email at lwvmorgantown@gmail.com.

League member Judy Ball had an op-ed published in the *Charleston Gazette*, which is online at www.wvgazette.com/opinion/op_ed_commentaries/judy-k-ball-why-we-need-expanded-voting-rights/article_bf352799-8f19-5ed0-9599-d2019ff8d0a0.html

The next LWV-MM Board meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The LWV-MM Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Interested in joining the League of Women Voters? Join online here at tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETS SEPTEMBER 14TH: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/. The September meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, due to rising COVID cases. Details and agenda are available through the weekly newsletter or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com.

For more information, go to

[www.facebook.com/events/871020016842224?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D\]%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/871020016842224?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D]%7D)

NOW also announces



The cost is \$20, and you can order at watch.eventive.org/era/play/611bf4ef3cb3d10053b1fc7d.

“After this content becomes available September 8th at 6:00 pm EDT, you'll have 48 hours to start watching. Once you begin, you'll have 24 hours to finish watching.

“Presented by the ERA Coalition/Fund for Women's Equality & the National Women's History Museum in collaboration with Amazon Films

“Join the ERA Coalition, the Fund for Women's Equality, and the National Women's History Museum for an exclusive conversation about the film *My Name is Pauli Murray*.

“Speakers:

Jennifer Herrera, Vice President of External Affairs, National Women's History Museum

Carol Jenkins, President & CEO, ERA Coalition and the Fund for Women's Equality

Julie Suk, professor at Fordham University's School of Law and author of the essay "A Dangerous Imbalance: Pauli Murray's Equal Rights Amendment and the Path to Equal Power."

Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College

Julie Cohen and Betsy West, Directors of the documentaries *My Name is Pauli Murray* and *RBG*”



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS SEPTEMBER 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.

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.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE: 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. There are now potlucks at the park across from the community center around noon. “Non-vaccinated people need to wear masks in the church and we ask that everyone bring a mask to wear during singing.”



UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown will continue to meet via Zoom. Our Internet site can be accessed via UUFMWV.org.

Here are the programs for September, with all presented via Zoom:

September 5: Stories and Songs of Labor, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Jim Magaw, Sunnyhill Congregation, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. In celebration of Labor Day weekend, we’ll be singing songs about work and about the American labor movement as we reflect on the meaning and nature of work. In what ways have working conditions improved and in what ways have things started to regress? And what can be done to improve work for all? ACCESS — Go to Sunnyhill.org and click on the Orange Banner in the upper right corner of the page.

September 12: Walter Reuther, From Wheeling, WV, to Detroit, MI, With Many Stops In Between, 10:45 a.m. Zoom Session with the UUFM Congregation here in Morgantown. Walter Reuther as head of the United Auto Workers Union almost single handedly revolutionize the industrial unions of the United States. He set high standards in many different areas. ACCESS — Zoom link to be provided. See also UUFMWV.org

September 19: Al Gore & James Hansen Describe Climate Change Then and Now, 11:00 a.m. Zoom Session with the UUFM Congregation here in Morgantown. Let’s review Al Gore’s recent activities in light of what he was saying 20 years ago. And, then consider the science of climate change as developed by Prof. James Hansen and others. What can we say about the future of climate change? ACCESS — Zoom link to be provided. See also UUFMWV.org

September 26: From a Tucker County Lumber Camp to the Cleveland Polka Scene with Frankie Yankovic, 11:00 a.m. Zoom Session with the UUFM Congregation here in Morgantown. Polka Music has evolved in the United States and is alive and well in the mid-western states. Frankie Yankovic popularized “Just Because” and the “Blue Skirt Waltz” among others. Can we measure music satisfaction? ACCESS — Zoom link to be provided. See also UUFMWV.org

PFLAG: The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at www.pflagfairmont.org.

MORGANTOWN HUMANISTS: The Humanists have a small book reading group focused on reading Carnegie Mellon’s Professor Andy Norman’s *Mental Immunity*. The discussion date is not yet set, but if interested, please contact Tim at 304-685-9673. The Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/groups/855227111328432.



DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER: No information about future meetings was available at “press time.” For more information, please go to www.firstpresmorgantown.org/dismantling-racism-together or email DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE SEPTEMBER EVENTS: The September free public meeting is September 12th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. via Facebook.



Upcoming events include the Annual Block Party on October 23rd and the Queer Hoedown on November 13th. Information about volunteering or sponsoring these events is available at www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride.

You can get more information at www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or go to 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.

WVU DIVERSITY WEEK IS OCTOBER 10-16TH: "Cultural Conversations: Celebrating the Social Significance of Ethnicity' is the theme of West Virginia University's Diversity Week 2021.

"WVU's annual Diversity Week endeavors to promote celebration, education, and understanding of different identities and experiences present on our campuses. It's 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.

"The 2021 theme is designed to provide the WVU community with an opportunity to explore the ways ethnic and pan-ethnic identities lead to shared social, cultural and historical experiences that can be a source of pride and belonging, while also being a source of conflict and prejudice."

For more information, go to diversity.wvu.edu/diversity-initiatives/diversity-week.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH FALL EVENT:



RECEPTION FOR WVU COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN AMELIA S. RINEHART IS SEPTEMBER 23RD: There will be a "Meet and Greet" Reception with West Virginia University College of Law Dean Amelia S. Rinehart on September 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Reception will be held at the offices of Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, 1000 Swiss Pine Way, Suite 200, Morgantown, West Virginia. You can access the invitation for the Reception at mcusercontent.com/9e9528c4f3593489a7fa4f716/files/e2e235c1-4339-aaaa-e15f-49d540475378/Rinehart_Reception.pdf. Please take the opportunity to stop by to meet and welcome Dean Rinehart.

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



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

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



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA GALA IS OCTOBER 23RD:



“Our gala is scheduled on October 23rd and will be hosted at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston. This black tie-optional party will help us celebrate our efforts to make the Mountain State a better place for LGBTQ people to live, work and raise a family. Buy your tickets now!

“This year, we’re excited to announce that Sydnee and Justin McElroy, hosts of the critically acclaimed *Sawbones* podcast, will deliver the keynote address and record an episode of their podcast live! The dynamic duo are a part of the well-known McElroy family of podcasters, a family whose podcasts have been downloaded millions of times.

“*Sawbones* offers listeners a deep look at the strange history of medicine to uncover all the odd, weird, wrong, dumb and just gross ways we’ve tried to fix people over the years. Sydnee, a practicing doctor from Huntington, used her expertise to help Fairness advocate against discriminatory anti-transgender bills proposed at the state Legislature.”

To order tickets and get more information, please go to fairnesswv.org/2021gala/.

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



ACLU EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.: “**Constitution Day** is coming up and we're celebrating the importance of our civil liberties with a statewide Constitution, Civil Rights, and ACLU-WV trivia night!

“Register your team and put your heads together to take home some civil liberties bragging rights and prizes (\$20 for teams of up to five members; only one registration form per team is necessary) or register as an individual (\$5) and join a team to participate.

“Register at the link below and you will receive the event Zoom information by email:
<https://action.aclu.org/event/wv-trivia2021>

“Please contact Mollie Kennedy at mkennedy@acluwv.org with questions.”

NOVEMBER 13, 2021 (ALL DAY) BILL OF RIGHTS BASH 2021: “Join the ACLU-WV staff, board and friends for an evening of civil rights and celebration!

“We hope you can be a part of our Bill of Rights Bash fundraiser this year as we celebrate the work of the ACLU of West Virginia, honor giants in the civil liberties community, and look forward to the challenges ahead.

“Three outstanding West Virginians will also be honored at this event: Rabbi Victor Urecki and Ibtesam Barazi will receive the Sid Bell Memorial Award for their service to the ACLU of West Virginia, and West Virginia Delegate Danielle Walker will receive the Roger Baldwin Award for her service to our state.

“Interested in being a sponsor? [View sponsorship options and descriptions here](#), and contact Rose Winland at rwinland@acluwv.org with questions.

“We are looking forward to seeing you at the Bill of Rights Bash!” The event will be held at the Beni Kedem Temple, 100 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

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 spaces.

“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.

ETHNIC HOLIDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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

9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

This September diversity month is actually celebrated from September 15 to October 15. The date was chosen because it's the anniversary of when five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua – declared independence in 1821. Throughout this month, watch films or read books about Hispanic culture. And help foster an inclusive workplace for Hispanics and all races with cultural competency training online.

National Recovery Month

Alcohol and addiction recovery are among our September diversity topics. National Recovery Month seeks to educate Americans regarding substance use treatment and mental health services. Recovery Month also aims to celebrate the gains made by those living in recovery.

9/6-9/9: Rosh Hashanah

September multicultural holidays include Rosh Hashanah, the holiday celebrating the Jewish New Year. It's seen as a time for reflection on the past year and the year to come. It begins at sunset the previous day, and culminates 10 days later on Yom Kippur. Build inclusion for Judaism and all religions with online diversity training.

9/10: Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi is a highlight of our September diversity celebrations. This 10-day Hindu festival marks the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesha. Ganesha is the god of prosperity, wisdom, and new beginnings.

9/22: Autumnal Equinox

September diversity days include the Autumnal Equinox, a time for various religious observances worldwide. During the Autumnal Equinox, the sun passes directly over the Earth's equator, which means the day and night are exactly equal in length. Going forward, you'll have shorter days and longer nights in the northern hemisphere.

9/20: Anniversary of HeForShe Formation

HeForShe is included in our September diversity events. It's a solidarity movement for the advancement of gender equality, created by the United Nations on September 20, 2014. It fosters the idea that gender inequality is an issue that affects all people socially, economically, and politically. This movement seeks to involve men and boys in standing up and taking action against negative gender stereotypes and behaviors.