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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.

**JULY CCSJ MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 18TH AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM.**

All are welcome.

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**CCSJ AT PRIDE BLOCK PARTY:**

Thanks to Mike Attfield and Mike Sharley, pictured here in a photo by Mike Attfield, who represented us at the Morgantown Pride Block Party on June 24th at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park.

**CCSJ RECOGNIZES JUNETEENTH:** Susan Brown, a member of the CCSJ steering committee, had a letter to the editor about Juneteenth in the Sunday, June 18th, issue of the *Dominion Post*.

**CCSJ SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FAIR TO BE SEPTEMBER 17TH:** We will be back at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park and amphitheater for our second Social and Environmental Justice Fair on Sunday, September 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be the first day of WVU's Diversity Week, and we are coordinating with the organizers of Diversity Week to publicize our event and encourage the WVU community to attend. At "press time," we have commitments from Morgantown Pride, the Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP, and, possibly, the ACLU of West Virginia. Steel Away of the CB Drum Studio, the Morgantown-based steel drum band, will be playing for us.

We appreciate the financial support of the City of Morgantown and FirstEnergy Foundation for this event.

**If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Mike Attfield at [mdattfield@gmail.com](mailto:mdattfield@gmail.com).**

**LIBRARY BOOKS FOR BOPARC:** CCSJ thanks Duane Nichols and Sue Miles for a donation of \$2000 to purchase social justice-related books for BOPARC's summer program. We are purchasing a total of 75 books to be distributed to 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, and 5th and 6th graders, with 25 books for each group.

**CONTACT US:** Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [mdattfieldo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ccsjwv@gmail.com). Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at [barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu](mailto: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



**MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:** The next regular meeting should be Thursday, July 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](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/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF)

### Here are the events for July:

**July 4: Independence Day** – Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776 which led to the creation of a new union and new rights for citizens.

**July 11: World Population Day** – Emphasizes awareness that the world's #1 problem is too many people using too many resources and creating too much unsustainable waste. Excesses impact current climate, energy, and support systems.

**July 26: ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Day** – Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM):** The League of Women Voters is a constituent member of West Virginia Women Vote (WVWV).

Follow the League on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LWVMM](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM) and contact them by email at [lwmorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:lwmorgantown@gmail.com). You can join the League of Women Voters at [tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm](http://tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm).

The state League of Women Voters has a new website at [lwvww.org/](http://lwvww.org/). "The League of Women Voters of West Virginia is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots civic organization that encourages informed and active participation in government."



### MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER FUTURE EVENTS:

**July 12:** Wine Down Wednesday at the Wine Bar, 510 Burroughs, Morgantown, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30ish

**August:** event TBD

**September 12:** 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway, Morgantown

**September 17:** CCSJ Social and Environmental Justice Fair

**October 22:** Ping Pong fundraiser

**November 14:** Annual Meeting / Voting for 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House and online



Morgantown NOW participated in the Pride Block Party on June 24th and posted this photo on its Facebook page.

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/) or email at [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com).

**NAACP**

**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, JULY 18TH:** This meeting of the membership 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 *Dominion Post* published an op ed by Anitra Hamilton, branch president, on Sunday, June 25th, that is an “annual report” of branch activities since the spring of 2022.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page\\_internal](http://www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal).



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE:** The church has a Blessings Box outside the church at 464 Virginia Avenue, Morgantown, where you can drop off extra food you may have or take some if you need it, or swap food. Feminine hygiene products are also welcome.

Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom except for the dates noted below, with the link available at [www.morgantowncob.org](http://www.morgantowncob.org). Masks are no longer required.

“Church services will not be held in the building for several Sundays this summer. There will be our usual potluck picnic after each service. Come join us in the sunshine!

“(Even if the sun doesn't show up, we will. Dress appropriately and join us!)”

**July 30:** "Wilderness" at Marge's home, 628 Joe's Run Road

**August 6:** We will be gathering in person and online at the Allegheny Mennonite Conference at the Laurelville Retreat Center.

**August 27:** "Back to School" at Cara's farm in Core

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).



**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN VIRTUAL SUNDAY PROGRAMS FOR JULY:**

We are a Welcoming Congregation and support the Community Coalition for Social Justice. See also: [UUFMWV.org](http://UUFMWV.org). or email [uufmwv@gmail.com](mailto:uufmwv@gmail.com).

The UNITARIAN CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP (UU-CLR\_ is easily available at the following internet link for various services online: <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/get-involved/where/clf>.

**Sunday, July 2, 2023: Independence Day Program.** WV state motto says “Mountaineers are always free,” but are we really? From an Article by: Sam Kirk, WBOY News 12, December 1, 2021, see the link below: <https://www.wboy.com/news/west-virginia/wv-state-motto-says-mountaineers-are-always-free-but-are-they-really/>

**Sunday, July 9: Nunavut Independence Day** (Inuktitut: ᓄᓇᓂᓄᓐ ᓂᓄᓐᓂᓄᓐ). The most important public holiday in the Canadian territory of Nunavut is on July 9. What about Barcelona in Spain? What about the growing divisions between the red states and blue states here in the USA?

**Sunday, July 16: 1945 U.S.A. Atomic Bomb.** The world's first atomic bomb was detonated near Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945. Linus Pauling and wife helps establish the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 1963. How many atomic bombs now exist and what about the future?

**Sunday, July 23: Social Justice with Hope Natural Gas.** West Virginia has a new natural gas company with an old name. What is going on here, under the radar and under the ground, through our streets and into our air?

**Sunday, July 30: “Name, Image & Likeness” is Changing Amateur Athletics.** NIL is very new and already out of control in collegiate athletics!

Note: On July 30, 1932, United States Vice President Charles Curtis declared, “I proclaim open the Olympic Games of Los Angeles, celebrating the tenth Olympiad of the modern era.” A crowd of 100,000 spectators watched as some 1,332 athletes, representing 37 nations, paraded into the stadium.

**PFLAG:** The closest chapter now is in Fairmont, with information available at [www.pflagfairmont.org](http://www.pflagfairmont.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont).

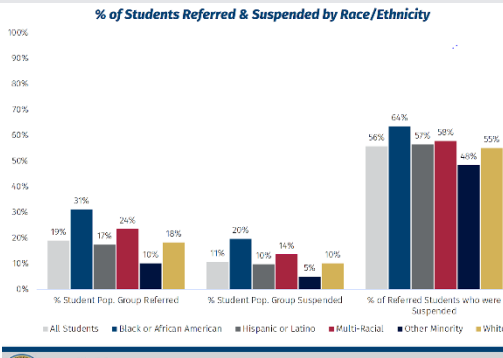


**DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER:** Dismantling Racism Together (DRT) will meet on Monday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m. to hear from Morgantown High School Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) parents, Angela Carver and Duana Crum. They will share what their role and activities are with the LSIC. DRT continues to explore how LSICs review and respond to data on student disciplinary actions and suspensions. Recent state aggregate

data shows that Blacks/African American students are referred and suspended at higher rates than other racial groups. We want to understand what role, if any, the LSIC plays in addressing this disparity. Please join us to learn more.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)





From WV Department of Education, SY22 Discipline Data in Review

The DRT is also working with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) for a program on **Tuesday, August 29th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at OLLI at the Mountaineer Mall on Greenbag Road. The program will start by viewing the video **“Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America.”** The video is described as “Interweaving lecture, personal anecdotes, interviews, and shocking revelations in the documentary, WHO WE ARE: A Chronicle of Racism in America, criminal defense/civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of anti-black racism in the United States from slavery to the modern myth of post-racial America.”

The two-hour documentary presentation will be followed by a lunch break, then an opportunity to interact with a panel of distinguished guests, featuring Bob Bastress (WVU Professor of Law), Rachel Fetty (Vice Chair of Morgantown Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board); Dr. Joseph Jones (WVU Visiting Assistant Professor in Reed College of Media); and Meshea Poore (WVU Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion). Mavis Grant and George Lilley will be facilitating this program as co-facilitators of Dismantling Racism Together.

The program requires advance registration and a fee of \$12 at the time of registration. OLLI members can register now at [OLLlatwvu.org](http://OLLlatwvu.org). Registration is limited and will open to the public on August 1.

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown](http://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown).




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

#### AREA EVENTS



#### MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR SUNCREST CAFÉ CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023!**   
**JOIN US ON JULY 15TH AT MOUNTAINEER GOLF COURSE - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM.**

There is still time to register a team or sponsor the event. 

3 Person Scramble: \$255 per team

Sponsorships

Par - \$150

- Tee sign with your logo or message  
Birdie - \$350
- Tee sign with your logo or message; Logo on event banner and on staff shirts

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Taylor at MCCAC: [tshultz@moncocac.org](mailto:tshultz@moncocac.org) or 304-598-0344.



**SCOTTS RUN  
RESONANCE-  
PASSING IT FORWARD**

**Sage  
Gospel  
'n Soul  
Community  
Choir**

**Join us Monday  
July 31 at 6pm at the  
Scotts Run  
Settlement House**  
(and same time on last  
Mondays of the month)

No experience necessary. **Al Anderson and Aristotle Jones** will lead and provide lyrics. Did you know that if you sing together for an hour, your hearts synchronize their beats? Call DJ Cassell, Resonance Director, at 304 918-8662 or email [DJGcassell@gmail.com](mailto:DJGcassell@gmail.com) for Questions. All are welcome. Come as you are.

This project is made possible by the Mid Atlantic Arts Central Appalachia Living Traditions grant awarded to the Scotts Run Resonance project with the partners of the Scotts Run Settlement House, The Scotts Run Museum and Trail, and THE SHACK



### STATE-WIDE EVENTS



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



**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA:** Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairnesswv](http://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv).



From Andrew Schneider, executive director of Fairness West Virginia: "The Roaring 20s Gala is quickly approaching, and I can already tell that this year's gala is going to be our best yet. I can't wait to join all of you on Sept. 9 to celebrate what we've accomplished together in the past year.



"I'll keep this short — we need to talk about the after party. Our supporters are welcome to enjoy a discounted night's stay (\$134) at Embassy Suites, the location of our event. To enjoy this discount, book your room by Sept. 2.

"Book Online: Visit Embassy Suite's website. and book your room like normal. Set the date of your stay, select 'special rates,' and enter the code '90U, that's nine zero 'u.'

"Book by Phone — Call 304-347-8700 and select 'reservations' from the menu. Give the reservationist the code '90U,' that's nine zero 'u.'

"Don't forget to buy your tickets soon! We've never sold out before, but this may be the year. Remember — you're not just buying a ticket to a fabulous party. You're making a downpayment on a better future for West Virginia."

Fairness West Virginia "seeks a Fundraising & Administrative Specialist to join our growing team. Our mission is to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender West Virginians can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community.

"This full-time position, which reports to the Executive Director, is responsible for fundraising and outreach assistance, office operations, facilities management, and executive support." For details on this position, please go to [fairnesswv.org/2023/06/21/were-hiring/](http://fairnesswv.org/2023/06/21/were-hiring/).



**ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES:** Follow this group at [www.acluww.org](http://www.acluww.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ACLUWV](http://www.facebook.com/ACLUWV). The 2023 *ACLU WV Magazine* is online at [www.acluww.org/en/2023-magazine](http://www.acluww.org/en/2023-magazine).



**WEST VIRGINIA TRANSGENDER COALITION:** "The West Virginia Transgender Coalition is a grassroots organization that works to ensure the wellbeing, safety and lived equity of all trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive community members within the state of West Virginia." For more information, please go to [www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/](http://www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/).



**Community Conversation about the Black Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate in West Virginia** Online event by West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy: "Would you like to learn more and share your experience with infant or maternal mortality or morbidity? Join our community conversation on July 21, 2023, at noon. All are welcome, particularly Black families and families of color who've experienced infant and maternal loss, inaccessible or biased health care, or are passionate about these issues. We need your voices and expertise. Register here: [bit.ly/IMMR-WV](http://bit.ly/IMMR-WV)."

#### **DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR JULY**

[www.diversityresources.com/july-diversity-calendar-2023/](http://www.diversityresources.com/july-diversity-calendar-2023/)

Summer is upon us, and July brings forth a captivating mosaic of celebrations. While the United States commemorates its independence, this month also offers a rich tapestry of religious and cultural events. Take time this July to learn about some other important celebrations across the world.



## **Disability Pride Month**

Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July to commemorate the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This month aims to change the way people think about disability and end the stigma that people with disabilities are limited in what they can do. Nearly 15% of the population has at least one disability in the United States.

### **July 1: Canada Day**

“O Canada!” This day commemorates the anniversary of the Constitution Act, which united the provinces and territories of Canada into one nation in 1867. Until 1982, it was known as Dominion Day. Similar to the 4th of July, citizens enjoy picnics and barbecues, festivals, and fireworks.

### **July 2: Thurgood Marshall’s Birthday**

The first African American justice of the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, was a civil rights attorney who led the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. He played a crucial role in the ending of racial segregation in 1954 with the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, which rejected the “separate but equal” doctrine. President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him to the court in 1967.

### **July 6: Dalai Lama’s Birthday**

His Holiness was first acknowledged as the reincarnation of his predecessor, the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, at the age of 2. The term “Dalai Lama” is given to the spiritual leader of the Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism. He dedicates his life to serving his people. This year, he celebrates his 88th birthday.

### **July 14: International Non-Binary People’s Day**

This day aims to raise awareness for issues faced by non-binary individuals worldwide. Many countries don’t legally recognize non-binary genders, making it difficult to obtain proper identification and passports. This LGBTQ+ awareness day is celebrated during Non-Binary Awareness Week. Celebrate this day by raising awareness and fostering inclusiveness with our online **LGBT Training in the Workplace**.

### **July 18: Nelson Mandela’s Birthday**

The Father of South Africa was born on this day in 1918. He played a pivotal role in establishing democracy after serving 27 years in prison for opposing apartheid, a system of racial segregation. Mandela died in 2013 at the age of 95.

### **July 19: Hijri New Year**

This day marks the start of the Islamic New Year, observed by most Muslims on the first day of Muharram, the first sacred month of the lunar calendar. The first 10 days of the month are significant [Islamic holy days](#), especially for Shia Muslims, who spend the time mourning the death of Husayn Ibn Ali al-Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

### **July 25: Pioneer Day**

The Utah state holiday celebrates the arrival of Brigham Young and Mormon pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley. Not only is it a state holiday, but also a special occasion for the Church of the Latter-day Saints. While the day has strong links to the church, it is celebrated by all residents as it showcases the arrival of the transcontinental railroad.

**July 26: National Disability Independence Day**

The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed on this date in 1990 to create the first equality declaration for Americans living with a disability. It prohibits discrimination by both state and local governments and sets important accessibility standards for public places. It also helps protect these individuals from discrimination in the workplace.