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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.

**Next CCSJ Meeting is Tuesday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.**

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*From Wikipedia. The Crisis is the NAACP publication.*

**SAVE THE DATE FOR PRESENTATION BY ILENE EVANS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT THE MOUNTAINEER MALL:**

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed on August 6, 1965. We will celebrate that event on August 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom B at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road – note new location. We will also have light refreshments and a new exhibit in Classroom A. We will also have a **Zoom option** for those who are not able to attend in person. That link was not available at “press time” but will be publicized later. It will require that people register to get the zoom link. This program is free and open to the public

**At 6:30 p.m.**, Ilene Evans will portray **Coralie Franklin Cook** (1861-1942), a descendant of those enslaved at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. According to the Monticello website, “In 1880, Coralie Franklin graduated from Storer College in Harpers Ferry, WV. From this time, she was widely noted as a powerful public speaker. She taught elocution and English at Storer and then at Howard University.

“In 1898 she married George William Cook (1855-1931), a Howard University professor and trustee. Coralie Cook served for twelve years as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Education. She was a founder of the National Association of Colored Women and a committed suffragist. About 1910, the Cooks became followers of the Baha’i faith. A longtime friend and admirer of Susan B. Anthony, she eventually became disillusioned by the women’s suffrage movement, feeling it had ‘turned its back on the woman of color’” (<https://gettingword.monticello.org/people/coralie-franklin-cook/>).

We will also have an exhibit based on the Voting Rights Act, including a panel on the dramatic story of West Virginia’s ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted suffrage to women (well, to almost all women – come to the exhibit to see who gets left out).

Although we did not get new funding from the City of Morgantown this year, we are authorized to spend \$1499.72 that we did not use in previous authorizations to support this program, and we appreciate that opportunity. We also appreciate the support of Jascenna Haislet, director of OLLI, for her assistance in making this event possible.

**WE WERE AT PRIDE DAY ON JUNE 14TH AT THE HAZEL RUBY MCQUAIN RIVERFRONT PARK IN MORGANTOWN.** We displayed the poster version of our exhibit on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and had copies of *West Virginians’ Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Been Connected All Along* and “coesist” bumper stickers for sale. We enjoyed being part of this very successful event, although we did close up after the rain came at 3:00. Mike Attfield took the photos below with Sheila Rye (on left) and Barb Howe in our booth.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING/POT LUCK PICNIC ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:** All are welcome to join us for a pot luck picnic at the Krepps Park Pavilion from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will have a very short business meeting but mostly just want to enjoy our time together.



**CCSJ WINS HISTORY IN LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY (AASLH) FOR OUR EXHIBIT ON 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND *WEST VIRGINIANS' EXPERIENCES IN CIVIL RIGHTS: HOW WE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED ALL ALONG!*** We are honored to receive one of the 54 awards to be presented at the AASLH annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, September 12.

"The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 80th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history." We particularly thank Dr. Hal Gorby and Dr. Melissa Bingmann of the WVU history department who wrote the letters focused on the scholarship behind the project and the presentation of the material required for the nomination.

If you are interested in hosting the 6-panel exhibit or the posters at a library, museum, or other public site, please contact Eve Faulkes at [faulkeseve@gmail.com](mailto:faulkeseve@gmail.com). It "travels" in the back of her car. The posters of our exhibit panels are half the size of the exhibit panels and do not have the "books" with additional information on some of the people featured in the exhibit. You can see the posters in the photo above from the PRIDE block party.

You can support local businesses and buy the book at:

**Appalachian Gallery**, 270 Walnut Street, Morgantown. The phone number is 304-296-0163. The store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Barnes & Noble**, 3000 University Town Centre Dr., Morgantown. phone: 304-599-1294. The store is open Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**Terra Cafe**, 4325 Industrial Avenue, Star City. phone: 304-554-2233. The cafe is open Monday-Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The book also is available on Amazon as both paperback (\$15) and Kindle (\$8) versions. The easiest way to find it is to type “Eve Faulkes” in the Amazon search engine.

If you buy the book on Amazon, you may be able to leave a review. Go to Amazon.com, search for Eve Faulkes to bring up the book title. Then go to the bottom of the page where it says “Review this product” in the lower left corner for the guidelines.



We have distributed 46 copies of the “seconds” version (with a graphics error) of the West Virginia Humanities Council-funded book to Mavery Davis for a leadership forum in Charleston in July and 52 copies of the “seconds” to Eric Jordan for the faculty, students, and staff at the Norman Jordan African American Arts & Heritage Academy at West Virginia State University in Institute in July. We are also coordinating with Mollie Kennedy of the ACLU-WV to distribute copies to their programs.

*It is important to note that “This project [our reprint] is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, the official state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations do not necessarily represent those of the West Virginia Humanities Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities.”*

**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 [barbarahowe3@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahowe3@gmail.com).

**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 17th 6:30 p.m. Contact information for the commission and information on filing complaint forms is 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/).

**Vacancies on Human Rights Commission.** There are currently three vacancies on the commission. According to the City of Morgantown’s website, “Appointments of to the Commission are made by City Council, and all must be residents of the City. All seats are non-ward specific.” Information on applying for the commission is available at [morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Boards-and-Commissions-Application-7/Application-to-Serve-on-City-Boards-and--45](http://morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Boards-and-Commissions-Application-7/Application-to-Serve-on-City-Boards-and--45).

**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 OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM).** Thanks to Susan Nelson, the secretary of the LWV-MM, for this report:

The League of Women Voters' West Virginia is pleased to announce the 2025 Legislative Score Card will soon be posted on our web pages and social media. The process of following the 2,460 bills introduced this year of which 247 were passed is a behemoth task that the LLAW team has taken on for 3 consecutive years now.

Following legislation allows us to draw attention in support of/or opposition to bills during the regular session of the West Virginia Legislature. Of the 247 bills passed, LLAW has applied League priorities of environmental protection, voting rights, women and children's rights and social justice and chosen 24 bills to be highlighted on this years' scorecard.

Through the user interactive link, voters will be able to track what the bill means to West Virginians and how your representative voted. Using the Scorecard resource has been an eye opener for users who believed their representatives shared their beliefs and values but did not vote on bills in a manner that was congruent with their campaign promises.

Watch our socials and web page for the Scorecard to come out in July. You do not have to be a League of Women Voters' member to navigate this resource.

The LWV of Morgantown-Monongalia County invites everyone to subscribe to LWV-MM's Substack <https://lwvmorgantown.substack.com>. A subscription gets you automatic updates. And it's free. We encourage you to read the June 29, 2025, "Remain Calm, All Is Well" contribution.

Follow the League 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). You can join the League of Women Voters at [tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm](http://tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm).

The next monthly board meeting will be via zoom on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all members to participate in the monthly meetings! The link to the meeting will be provided to members via email the week of July 14th.

The Morgantown/Monongalia County League is a member organization of CCSJ.





**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/) or email at [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com).



The group will be talking about plans for the second half of the year. “Please join us, and bring a friend!”

#### NAACP

**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, JULY 15TH.** 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 branch has a Readings on Race and Rights group and does its work with a variety of committees, including Education, Political Action, Legal Redress, Criminal Justice, and Health.

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

We appreciate the fact that the Branch shares this Update with its membership.



**MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS ONE MEMBER:** The City of Morgantown is currently accepting applications for the one vacancy on the board, and you can get a link to the application and more information by going to [morgantownwv.gov/640/Civilian-Police-Review-and-Advisory-Boar](https://morgantownwv.gov/640/Civilian-Police-Review-and-Advisory-Boar). “The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by City Council. 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.”

The board meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon at the Morgantown Public Safety Building conference room. For links to agendas and minutes of past meetings, go to [www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47](https://www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47).



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN-MENNONITE:** Sunday services are in person at 10:30 and on zoom.

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.



Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634](https://www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634). The website is <https://www.morgantowncob.org/>. The church is a member organization of CCSJ.

**MONONGALIA FRIENDS MEETING:** First Day meetings are at 11:00 a.m. at 648 E. Brockway, Morgantown. Contact them at [monquakers@gmail.com](mailto:monquakers@gmail.com). Monongalia Friends Meeting is a member organization of CCSJ.



**DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER.** There is no information available about the next meeting at "press time."

Follow this group on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown).



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MORGANTOWN:** The church is located at 456 Spruce Street. Adult Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Online worship is at 10:00 a.m., and in-person worship is at 11:00 a.m. The church's Facebook page is at [www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown) and has details about the many activities. The church is a member organization of CCSJ.

It is a value of First Presbyterian Church that when we gather we welcome one another just as God loves us, without any conditions.

No matter who you are or where you're from  
 No matter where you live or work  
 No matter your family of origin or ethnicity  
 No matter who you love or how you identify, or wherever you are on your spiritual journey  
 We welcome you just as God loves you, without any conditions.



**FAIRMONT PRIDE:** See photos of Fairmont Pride's successful PRIDE month events at <https://www.facebook.com/fairmontpride>.



**MORGANTOWN PRIDE:** See photos of Morgantown PRIDE's successful PRIDE month events at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page\\_internal](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal) or [www.morgantownwvpride.org](http://www.morgantownwvpride.org). There are also photos of our CCSJ booth there.

Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at [www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en).

**PROJECT RAINBOW:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv](https://www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv). There is a link under the Amazon image on the Facebook page to the Amazon.com wish list for Rainbow House.







**MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (MCCAC).** Follow this group at [moncocac.org/news/](http://moncocac.org/news/) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC](http://www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC).

### Superior Industrial Laundries Golf Tournament to benefit MCCAC

Swing into action and make a difference at the Superior Industrial Laundries Golf Tournament to benefit MCCAC!

Join us for a day of fun, competition, and community support at Mountaineer Golf Course on July 26th.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors, your participation helps us protect and empower children in our community. Gather your team, invite your friends, and let's drive change together!

Email Taylor at [tschultz@moncocac.org](mailto:tschultz@moncocac.org) to register your team of four or if you are interested in sponsoring the event.



**SCOTTS RUN COMMUNITY SING:** This group usually meets the last Monday of the month.



Morgantown WV Mutual Aid

**MORGANTOWN MUTUAL AID:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/search/top?q=morgantown%20mutual%20aid](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=morgantown%20mutual%20aid).

Please check their Facebook page for information about local resources, including free nasal naloxone and possible assistance with resources for those affected by recent flooding.



## STATEWIDE NEWS



**WEST VIRGINIA NOW:** For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow](https://www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow) or email Amanda Ray, the state NOW president, at [amandajray@yahoo.com](mailto:amandajray@yahoo.com).

Kanawha Valley: KVNOW meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Public Library.



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



**ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES:** Follow this group at [www.acluww.org](https://www.acluww.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ACLUWV](https://www.facebook.com/ACLUWV). The 2025 issue of the ACLU of West Virginia's magazine is available online at <https://www.acluww.org/en/aclu-wv-2025-magazine>.



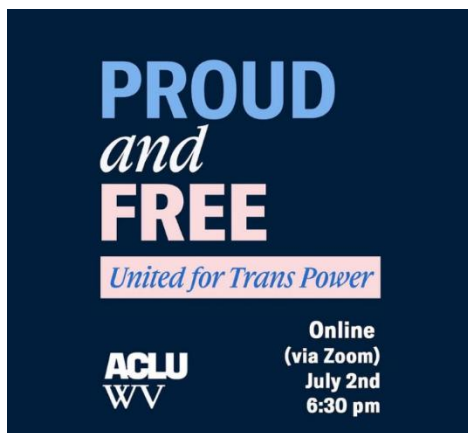
**RAINBOW PRIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA EVENTS:** For more on this group's events, go to [www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV](https://www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV) or [rainbowpridewv.org](https://rainbowpridewv.org).



**WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION ZOOM IS JULY 2ND:**

United for Trans Power 

"Join us on Wednesday, July 2nd from 6:30-8PM on Zoom to discuss our response to the *U.S. v. Skrametti* decision. Email or private message us for the Zoom link.



“This is a space to discuss the Supreme Court’s Decision and how to support trans youth. We will be joined by advocacy orgs across the state to discuss the work moving forward. Whether you’re personally impacted or there in solidarity, your voice matters. Let’s show up and remind everyone:

“We are Proud and Free. We will not be sidelined. Together, we’re United for Trans Power

“Hosted by: WV Trans Coalition, and ACLU WV.”

For more information, please go to

[www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/](https://www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/).

#### DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR JULY

<https://www.diversityresources.com/july-diversity-calendar-2025/>

**July 4: Independence Day** – Celebrated in the U.S., Independence Day marks the anniversary of the nation’s Declaration of Independence in 1776. It’s a day of festivities, honoring freedom with parades, fireworks, and gatherings.

**July 14: International Non-Binary People’s Day** – This day brings visibility to non-binary people, celebrating gender diversity and raising awareness about the unique challenges they face. It promotes acceptance and respect for non-binary identities worldwide.

**July 18: Nelson Mandela International Day** – This day honors the legacy of Nelson Mandela, a former South African president and anti-apartheid revolutionary. The United Nations declared this day in 2009, and it’s a time to promote freedom, justice, and global peace.

**July 25: National Hire a Veteran Day** – This day encourages employers to recognize the skills and dedication that veterans bring to the workforce. It promotes hiring initiatives to support veterans’ transitions to civilian careers.

**July 27: National Parents’ Day** – Celebrated in the U.S., National Parents’ Day recognizes the role of parents in nurturing and supporting their children’s development. It’s a day to show appreciation for the dedication and love parents give year-round.

**July 30: International Day of Friendship** – This day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2011. It’s a day to reconnect with friends or plan a fun day out.

#### July 2025 Awareness and Heritage Months

<https://www.diversityresources.com/july-awareness-and-heritage-months/>

## July Heritage Month 2025

**French-American Month:** This month, celebrate the history between France and the United States. Celebrate the contributions of French Americans to society. It is celebrated every July which also hosts Bastille Day on July 14 (*Fête nationale française* or *le 14 juillet*), a French Revolution event that united the French people.

## July Awareness Months 2025

**BIPOC Mental Health Month:** Originally called “National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month,” this month aims to raise awareness of the mental health challenges faced by racial and ethnic groups that have been oppressed or disenfranchised.

**Disability Pride Month:** Raise awareness about the capabilities and achievements of people living with a disability. This month-long observance aims to challenge stigma and promote a more inclusive workplace and world.

**National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month:** This month, rally to help better understand the mental health struggles felt in minority communities nationwide. This is a month for education, support, and most importantly solidarity.

## July Interfaith Calendar 2025 Highlights

[www.diversityresources.com/july-interfaith-calendar-2025/](http://www.diversityresources.com/july-interfaith-calendar-2025/)

**July 9\*: Baha’i: Martyrdom of the Bab** – This solemn day commemorates the martyrdom of the Bab, one of the founding figures of the Baha’i faith, who was executed for his beliefs. Baha’is mark the day with prayer and reflection, honoring his sacrifice and dedication to spiritual truth.

**July 10: Buddhist: Asalha Puja** – Asalha Puja, or Dharma Day, celebrates the Buddha’s first sermon after enlightenment, marking the beginning of his teaching journey. Buddhists gather to meditate, give offerings, and reflect on the core teachings of compassion and mindfulness.

**July 16: Roman Catholic: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Day** – This feast day honors Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a title for the Virgin Mary associated with the Carmelite Order. Roman Catholics observe the day with prayer and processions, seeking guidance and protection under her patronage.

**July 23: Rastafarian: Birthday of Haile Selassie** – This day celebrates the birth of Haile Selassie I, revered by Rastafarians as a messianic figure and a symbol of resilience and unity. Observed with gatherings, music, and prayer, it’s a day to reflect on his legacy and influence.

**July 24: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pioneer Day** – Pioneer Day commemorates the arrival of Mormon pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, a key moment in the faith's history. Celebrations include parades, reenactments, and reflection on the perseverance and faith of those who forged a new path.