



Community Coalition for Social Justice
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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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING/ANNUAL PICNIC, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH: Please join us for a potluck community social justice picnic at the Krepps Park pavilion, 1235 Parkview Drive, Morgantown, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



CCSJ members are invited to attend a brief annual meeting at 3:45.
CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization so no political campaigning is allowed at our events.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting chat link

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Join by SIP

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Join instructions

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SAVE THE DATE OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH TO CELEBRATE MORGANTOWN'S MEI SCORE: We are working with the new West Virginia University (WVU) Center for Community, Connections, and Culture to host an event at the WVU Gluck Theatre in the Mountainlair on Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the City of Morgantown's 2024 score on the Municipal Equality Index, which was released in 2025. We hope to provide a zoom/webinar option that we can advertise widely, including through the Appalachian Studies Association. Our 100% score was one of the best in the country.

Annie Cronan Yorick, who prepared the report, has agreed to speak along with Andrew Schneider, executive director of Fairness West Virginia, and Julia Myers from the Center for Community, Connections, and Culture. Kym Scott will direct a choir singing appropriate songs. We very much appreciate working with Javier McCoy, director of the Center, and Julia on the arrangements for this program.

It is free and open to the public with partial financial support from the City of Morgantown so all are welcome.

Civil Rights Act Exhibit and Voting Rights Exhibits available:



If you wish to exhibit the original 6-panel exhibit on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or the Voting Rights version, please contact Eve Faulkes at faulkeseve@gmail.com, who designed both exhibits. Both exhibits “travel” in the back of her car. We also have half-size posters of the six panels of the 1964 Civil Rights Act to show in smaller spaces.

WEST VIRGINIANS’ EXPERIENCES IN CIVIL RIGHTS: HOW WE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED ALL ALONG!, our graphic novel, is available at:

Appalachian Gallery, 270 Walnut Street, Morgantown. The phone number is 304-296-0163.

Barnes & Noble, 3000 University Town Centre Dr., Morgantown. phone: 304-599-1294.

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 still have a few copies of this printing for libraries, museums, schools, and related organizations.

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. 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. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at 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, August 21st**, at 6:30 p.m. Contact information for the commission and information on filing complaint forms is at www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission. There is one vacancy on the 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/.

Here are events for August from

<https://www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/396/Calendar-of-Annual-Human-Rights-Observances-PDF/>:

August 6: National Night Out – Marks the importance of collaborative efforts in reducing crime and for strengthening neighborhood relationships which 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.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM). Thanks to Cynthia Nelson, the secretary of the LWV-MM, for this report:

Please watch for LWV-MM voter registration tabling in the community this summer and fall. On August 7th we will be at the 1st Friday for the Arts in Downtown Morgantown.

August 23rd, we will be at the Stewartstown Community Center.

We can instruct you on how to check that your voter registration is active too! You will find us in front of the Morgantown Library and other community events throughout Morgantown. Follow our socials for announcements.

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.

Follow the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM and contact them by email at lwvmorgantown@gmail.com. You can join the League of Women Voters at tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm.

The next monthly board meeting will be via zoom on August 20, 2026 at 6:30pm. We encourage all members to participate in the monthly meetings.

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



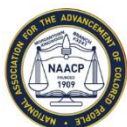
MORGANTOWN NOW MEETS AUGUST 11TH:



The Friends Meeting House, 348 E. Brockway is near the new Marilla Pool.

Dr. Culcasi is a Professor of Geography and the Harriet E. Lyon Professor in Women and Gender Studies at West Virginia University. Harriet E. Lyon was the first female student to graduate from WVU, earning the title of Valedictorian in 1891. Here is a link to some of Dr. Culcasi's extensive publications, based on years of fieldwork, including her recent award-winning book, *Displacing Territories*. <https://karenculcasi.geo.wvu.edu/>

Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/ or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com.



MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH: The 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 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.



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. “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.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE: Please go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077219207233> for information on relief efforts related to the recent floods in Lewis and Upshur counties and connections to the Appalachian Mutual Aid Collective.

Services are in person or on Zoom at 10:30. For Zoom instructions, please go to <https://www.morgantowncob.org/>.

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.

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. Monongalia Friends Meeting is a member organization of CCSJ.



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.

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.



Garden produce goes to local food banks.

The church's Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown and has details about the many activities. The church has been a member organization of CCSJ.



FAIRMONT PRIDE: "Join us for our monthly meetings at the Frank & Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center on the campus of Fairmont State University. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM." Go to <https://fairmontpride.com/meetings/> to access the link to join the meeting virtually.

Follow this group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fairmontpride> and at Fairmontpride.com.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE: Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en. Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride.

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PROJECT RAINBOW: Follow Project Rainbow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv or on the web at www.projectrainbowwv.com.



MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (MCCAC) EVENTS:



Follow this group at moncocac.org/news/ or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC.

OSAGE GOSPEL 'N SOUL COMMUNITY CHOIR: The choir meets the last Monday of every month, except around specific holidays, at the Ferry House at 6:00 p.m.



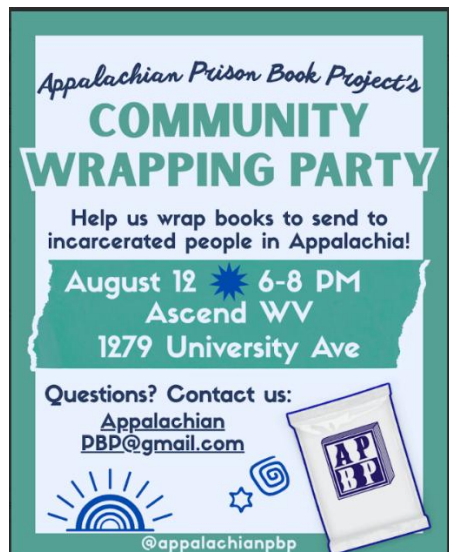
Morgantown WV Mutual Aid

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



Help us keep our community hydrated all summer. Scan the QR code to sign up for a shift to stock the cooler outside the Morgantown Public Library at 373 Spruce Street with a case of water and ice.

APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT WRAPPING PARTY IS AUGUST 12TH:

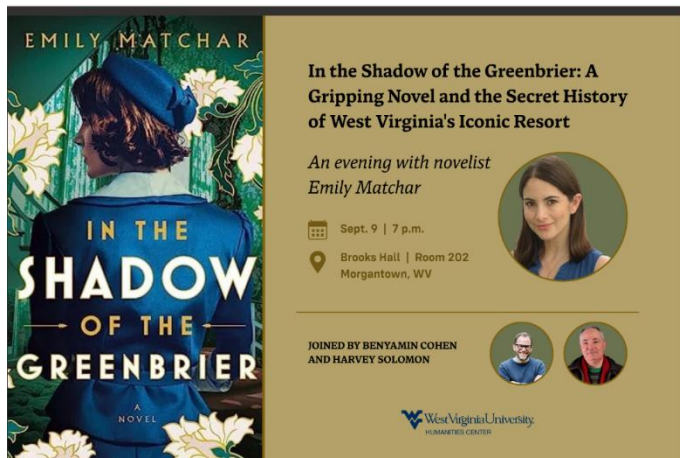


The Appalachian Prison Book Project sends books free of charge to people incarcerated in our region. "We've been hosting (mostly) monthly community wrap events--a gathering of any and all folks in the Morgantown area (and maybe beyond!) interested in helping APBP get books in the hands of eager readers.

If you do plan to attend, please email AppalachianPBP@gmail.com to help them prepare adequate supplies.

REV. NAOMI WASHINGTON-LEAPHART COMMUNITY ADVOCACY EVENT IS SEPTEMBER 27TH: Reverend Leaphart is an LGBTQ+ speaker, author, and activist who will be speaking at First Presbyterian Church, 456 Spruce St., Morgantown. CCSJ is a co-sponsor of this free public event at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Leaphart will also be giving the sermon that morning with a potluck following the service.

WVU HUMANITIES CENTER LECTURE OPEN TO PUBLIC ON SEPTEMBER 9TH:



"The WVU Humanities Center invites you to join us for an evening with Emily Matchar at 7:00 p.m. on September 9th in 202 Brooks Hall. Matchar will be discussing her novel, *In the Shadow of the Greenbrier*. (Light refreshments at 7:00, talk begins promptly at 7:30.)

"In the Shadow of the Greenbrier" is a multigenerational Jewish family saga set around the iconic West Virginia luxury resort, the Greenbrier. The novel is a deeply poignant exploration of trauma, legacy, and the stories we tell to survive. Inspired by the

remarkable yet little-known true events that shaped West Virginia history, *In the Shadow of The Greenbrier* follows four generations of one Jewish American family in the inevitable clash between legacy and individualism.

"Did you know that German diplomats were staying at the Greenbrier Resort in the 1940s? Do you know why? To learn more about a relatively unknown chapter of West Virginia history and meet a spectacular novelist, join us!

"This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required, but it helps us plan: <https://wvu.libcal.com/calendar/events/shadow-of-the-greenbrier>.

"This programming is made possible thanks to our Pi Lambda Phi Jewish Studies Endowed Lectureship."

STATEWIDE NEWS



WEST VIRGINIA NOW: For more information, go to www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow or email Amanda Ray, the state NOW president, at amandajray@yahoo.com. Follow this group on its Facebook page for updates on legislation relating to NOW's interests.

Kanawha Valley NOW: "Join us for KVNOW's very first Empower Hour—a happy hour with purpose 🍷✳️ We're gathering at The Wine Down (a fabulous women-owned business!) for an evening of connection, conversation, and community. Whether you're a longtime member or just curious about the Kanawha Valley chapter of NOW, this is the perfect chance to meet like-minded folks, make new friends, and talk about the issues that matter most to you.

🍷 Enjoy 10% off drinks for NOW attendees

🗣️ Meet KVNOW members and learn more about what we do

★ Share ideas, build community, and get inspired

This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are space—no speeches, no pressure, just good vibes and meaningful conversation.

Wednesday, August 19, 5:30–7:00 PM, The Wine Down, Charleston, WV, Free to attend

Bring a friend, bring your voice, and let's raise a glass to empowerment 🍷🍷

#KVNOW #EmpowerHour #FeministCommunity #SupportWomenOwned

Charleston, West Virginia”

Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068111934197>. The May newsletter is on the Facebook page.

Huntington NOW:



Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564175287992>.



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA: Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at

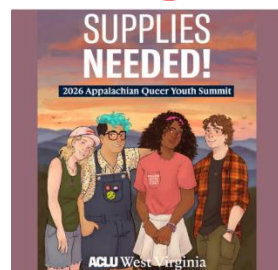
www.facebook.com/fairnesswv.

Read Fairness's June 30 statement after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on *West Virginia v. B.P.J.* that upheld the State's ban on transgender girls on girls' sports teams at

<https://www.fairnesswv.org/news/fairness-wv-issues-statement-on-scotus-decision-in-west-virginia-v-bpj>.



ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES: Follow this group at www.acluww.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACLUWV. T



“Camp is just around the corner, and you can help us make this year's camp a success by helping us with our wish list!

Make sure to choose 'Mollie Kennedy's Morgantown Gift Registry Address' when checking out. Please include your name, contact information, and any message you'd like to share with the campers with any supplies donated - we'd love to send you a thank you! We will be sure to share this message and let them know about the many people who support them.”

There was no link to an Amazon wish list at “press time” so keep checking the Facebook page above if that is updated.

The Facebook page also has information explaining important decisions from the last term of the U.S. Supreme Court.

RAINBOW PRIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA: Follow this group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV>, which includes information on the Charleston PRIDE Singers.



WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION: Follow this group at www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/.



AUGUST DEI CALENDAR

<https://www.diversityresources.com/diversity-calendar-2026/>

August recognizes themes of intersectionality and includes observances focused on humanitarian work, Indigenous cultures, and spiritual traditions.

August 9 – UN: International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples: Recognizes the rights, histories, and contributions of Indigenous communities worldwide.

August 19 – UN: World Humanitarian Day: Honors humanitarian workers and those affected by crises.

August 26 – US: Women’s Equality Day: Marks the certification of the 19th Amendment granting US women the right to vote.

August Awareness Months 2026

Black Business Month: This month, we honor Black-owned businesses in the United States. First celebrated in 2004, there are 2.6 million Black-owned businesses in America. This month hopes to push for equity in the business space and celebrate those who own a business despite daily challenges.

Intersectionality Awareness Month: Intersectionality is the idea that someone identifies with two or more marginalized groups, including gender identity or race. It’s important to try to understand the experiences that all people have with their identity. A diverse and inclusive workplace and world means that we uplift disadvantaged societal groups. By spreading awareness, we are promoting positive change.

Month: This month focuses on treating others the way we want to treat others with respect and kindness. This should be something celebrated every month, but in August, it’s a main focus for the month.