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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.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:00** p.m. at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We will try to reserve the meeting room, but Panera has changed its policy. **Please note the new time.** *Note that we will not meet if Monongalia County schools are closed for the day or close early due to inclement weather.*

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.

SCOTTS RUN STREET FAIR: We had a table there on September 15th.

MLK DAY 2019 PLANS UNDERWAY: We have reserved the Metropolitan Theatre for our MLK Day 2019 event on January 21. We are pleased to report that the City of Morgantown has budgeted \$1,740 to help cover our expenses for this event. Our focus will be on the role of children/youth in the civil rights movement, but please let us know if you have ideas for a theme or participants.

Hidden Figures for Local Schools: We have purchased nine copies of *Hidden Figures: Read Aloud* version for the younger students (K-2) and nine copies of *Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition* for older students (grades 3-5) for Monongalia County's elementary schools. This is the landmark study of the African American women who worked for NASA, two of whom had connections to Monongalia County. We have placed a bookplate in each book to acknowledge our donation.



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

CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization so we do not endorse candidates, but please remember that the deadline to register to vote in November’s General Election is October 16th. Information is available at sos.wv.gov/elections/VoterRegistration/Pages/default.aspx.

Any registered voter within Monongalia County is eligible for early voting, beginning October 24th and ending November 3rd. The official times and locations of early voting are as follows: Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road, Unit D-20 (old Goodwill Store) in Morgantown; Mason Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road in Core; and Westover Community Building, 399 Crowl Street in Westover. The times are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for Monday, October 29th, when the polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. 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/.

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 October:

LGBT History Month – Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the United States.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – A time for celebrating the strength of battered women and their children and for connecting those working to end violence against women and children.

National Crime Prevention Month - Special awareness for the practice of crime prevention as well as victimization, volunteerism, and the need to create safer more connected neighborhoods and communities.

October 1 - International Day of Older Persons – Appreciates the contributions which older persons in diverse situations make to their communities and recognizes the need for opportunities for willing and capable persons of advanced age to participate in and be celebrated for their action in society.

October 12 - Indigenous People Day (Native American Day) – Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.

October 15 - World Food Day – A day for awareness of the need for greater equity in access to food production and distribution locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Day – Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

October 24 - United Nations Day – Commemorates the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

October 31 - World Cities Day – “The human future is largely an urban future. We must get right reduction of greenhouse emissions, strengthening resilience, ensuring basic services such as water and sanitation, and designing safe public streets and spaces for all to share.” (UN Sec.Gen.)



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (GMIA) MEETING IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH. The meeting will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 456 Spruce Street, Morgantown. The theme is global citizenship.

This is a very active group, and you can follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/. Action, education, and connection plans are on the agenda.



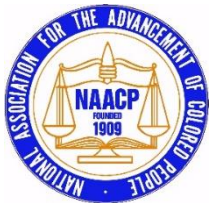
MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 9TH: The next meeting will be Tuesday October 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Monongalia Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway Avenue, Morgantown. “We will also continue talking about our plans around GOTV, Amendment 1 and Events. Our 2019 Legislative Committee will be giving us an update on the two bills we will be working on for the New Year!

“If you have something you would like on the agenda, please email items to morgantownnow@gmail.com by Sunday, October 7th at 5pm.

“Also, please let us know if you require childcare.”

The group will also be marching in the WVU Homecoming parade on Friday, October 5th.

Learn about this group’s activities at www.facebook.com/groups/375050676186301/.



NAACP NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 9TH: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Pines Country Club on Point Marion Road, Morgantown.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EVENTS: Everyone is invited to the League’s two candidate events: Thursday, October 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at South Middle School for candidates for the House of Delegates; and Thursday, October 18th at South Middle School from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. for the County Commission candidates and 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. for the West Virginia Senate candidates. There will be time for one-on-one discussions with the candidates at the end of each forum. At the invitation of the League, CCSJ has submitted some ideas for questions for the candidates.

– Save the Dates! –

DIVERSITY WEEK / SEPT 29 - OCT 7, 2018

ONE MOUNTAINEER FAMILY

Go to diversity.wvu.edu/diversity-initiatives/diversity-week/2018-diversity-week-schedule for the schedule of events. There are usually many activities that are open to the public.

WVU WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES EVENTS: The Fall schedule includes:

Thursday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m.: Film “Blackburner Dreams” with presentation by filmmaker Brenda Hayes, 104 Library.

Thursday November 29th, 2:00-5:00 p.m.: Women’s and Gender Studies Fair, Mountainlair Ballroom.

For more information, please go to womensgenderstudies.wvu.edu.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH HOMECOMING EVENT: The Annual Homecoming Tailgate will be held on October 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper Coca Cola Hospitality Tent in Tent City.

WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER EVENTS:

Every **Friday** throughout the academic year:

- **Friday Morning Cartoons, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
 - Come chill out, watch some cartoons, and join Daniel and friends for cereal, Pop Tarts and breakfast snacks!
- **Cosplay/Makeup Tips & Tricks - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

- Celebrate your favorite characters and join Julie and friends for some afternoon fun! Learn new makeup techniques and let your beauty shine!
- **Thursday, October 4th** - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Safe Zone & Trans/Non-Binary Panel (LGBTQ+ Center)
- **October 4th and 5th** - Tunnel of Awareness - Evansdale Campus, Bennett Tower - The LGBTQ+ Center presents "The LGBTQ+ Experience: Then & Now"
- Thursday, October 4th - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 5th - 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **October 8th - 12th - WVU Health Sciences presents LGBTQ+ Health Week**
- **Monday, October 8th** - 12:00 p.m.: EMS and Emergency Medical Care of the LGBT Patient, Dr. P. S. Martin, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, WVU School of Medicine, Okey Patteson, 1175
- **Tuesday, October 9th** -12:00 p.m.: Sexual and Gender Minority Research Activities at NIH, Dr. Karen Parker, Director of the Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office, NIH, Okey Patteson, 1175
- 1:30 p.m. – Grantpersonship at NIH, Dr. Karen Parker
- LGBTQ Read-In (open-mic style) - Room 104 Downtown Campus Library; 5:00 p.m. for hangout and pizza; 5:30 p.m. - Readings
- **Wednesday, October 10th** - 7:00 a.m.: Safe Zone: LGBTQ Healthcare Disparities, Dr. Nova Szoka, Assistant Professor of Bariatric Surgery, WVU School of Medicine, Conference Room 4080 (4th floor HSC-N)
- 12:00 p.m. – Mental Health Disparities among LGBTQ Youth, Dr. Mike Marshal, Clinical Psychologist at the Center for Mental Health and Wellness, Okey Patteson, 1175
- 7:00 p.m. - Office of Multicultural Programs presents "Hocus Pocus," Gluck Theater, Mountainlair
- **Thursday, October 11th** – National Coming Out Day
- 12:00 p.m.: Fertility and Parenting Options for LGBTQ Individuals, Dr. Roger Toffle, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, WVU School of Medicine, Okey Patteson, 1175
- 12:00 p.m. – Existing Laws affecting LGBTQ+ Community, Jennifer Powell, Director, Center for Law and Public Service, WVU Law, HSC-N 2118 PATH Auditorium
- **Friday, October 12th** -8:00 a.m.: Gender Dysphoria, Aydin Olson-Kennedy, Director of the LA Gender Center, Fukushima HSC-N 1901
- 9:30 a.m. – Transcare Clinic Workshop, Aydin Olson-Kennedy
- **Tuesday, October 16th** - 6:00 p.m. - LGBTQ+ Center hosts Queer Appalachia

- **Wednesday, October 17th** - 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Presentation of "Pelo Malo" ("Bad Hair") and post-film discussion as part of the Latin American and Iberian Film festival, Woodburn Circle



WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM ANNUAL PEACE TREE CEREMONY IS OCTOBER 30th:

This event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Peace Tree, across the street from the front of the Mountainlair. Dr. Sarah Kastelic (Alutiiq), executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, will be the guest of honor. The Peace Tree is directly across the street from the front of the Mountainlair. In case of bad weather, the event will be held in the Blue Ballroom of the WVU Mountainlair.



Conversations with Cops

CONVERSATIONS WITH COPS ON NOVEMBER 13TH: This program will be in the WVU Mountainlair Commons Area from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

“Conversations with Cops’ is an ongoing multicultural program series that seeks to foster positive communication between Morgantown law enforcement and the cultural communities that create WVU. The theme of the upcoming program will be, “Women and Law Enforcement”. The discussion will lead with the introduction of law enforcement agencies and a discussion of women’s rights, and then open the floor for a question-and-answer session.

“This is an open forum for students to communicate freely and openly with local law enforcement agencies about any subject. Representatives will be present from the Morgantown Police Department, the WVU University Police, the WV State Police, the Monongalia County Sheriff’s Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and WVU’s Equity Assurance Title IX Office. The event will be moderated by Jason Burns of the WVU Office of Multicultural Programs, Eric Jordan of the WVU Center for Black Culture & Research, and Mariana Matthews of the Title IX Office.

“FREE PIZZA will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Sponsored by the WVU Office of Multicultural Programs, the WVU Center for Black Culture & Research, WVU’s Equity Assurance/Title IX Office, and will include representatives from the Morgantown Police Department, the WVU University Police, the WV State Police, the Monongalia County Sheriff’s Office, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office. For more information, please email: Jason.Burns@mail.wvu.edu or call: 304-293-0890.”



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP EVENTS TO ALL: All events will be at the Fellowship building at 429 Warrick, Morgantown unless otherwise noted.

October 7th - 10:45 a.m.: Mollie Kennedy from ACLU, Mountaineers for Progress, and the Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association will present information about Reproductive

Rights legislation and Family Separation work that is being done.

October 7th - 12:30 p.m.: Candidates Forum

October 14th - 10:45 a.m.: Paul Pinkus and his son will talk about Puerto Rico and building hurricane resistant homes.

October 14th -2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Rev. Robin Zucker will do a workshop on Wellness.

October 21st – 10:30 a.m.: At Heritage Village, an eco-friendly activity on “Planting the History of Health and Wellness in our own Morgantown region.”

October 28th - 10:45 a.m.: Terra Shirrazi will present a program that includes a video on fairness, health, and women's issues in Iran.



For more information about this event, go to nwvcil.org/

NEW BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES DUE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC:

Thanks for Ed Horvat for passing on this information:

“Every day 115 people die from an opioid related overdose. Within this epidemic there are a lack of resources for the friends and families of the victims. We here at Harmony, want to provide help during this time of crisis.

“We are starting a support group for those who have lost friends, family, or loved ones to the opioid epidemic. The group will run from 5-6pm every other Thursday, beginning July 19th. The group will be free of charge, but donations are appreciated. Donations from the group will be given to the West Virginia Family Grief Center.

“If you would like to attend please give our office a call so that we can have the appropriate space ready. This group is designed for those who are 18 years and older. If you have any questions, or would like to reserve a spot, please call us at 304-460-5123 Option 1.”

Cole Warner, Harmony/ROOTS, 1005 White Willow Way, Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-460-5123 ext. 1; www.grwhealth.com/

Harmony & R.O.O.T.S. - Your Ally In Mental Health; www.grwhealth.com

“Harmony & ROOTS your ally in mental health. Harmony is a clinic dedicated to treating mental illness. ROOTS is a clinic for treating opioid addiction.”

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



Call for Proposals

**MOUNTAIN STATE
RACIAL JUSTICE
SUMMIT**

November 30 - December 1, 2018
Rekindle Power. Generate Light. Build Futures.
CARECOALITIONWV.ORG

Call for Workshop Proposals

We are organizing West Virginia's first racial justice conference, the Mountain State Racial Justice Summit, on November 30 and December 1, 2018 at a location TBA.

Our theme this year is "Rekindle Power. Generate Light. Build Futures." We are looking for individuals or small groups interested in facilitating 1.5 hour workshops, dialogue and discussion groups, or strategy sessions on a variety of topics as they relate to racial justice organizing in West Virginia and Central Appalachia, including:
criminal justice reform and restorative justice (decarceration, end money bail, school-to-prison pipeline, drug court)

health, economic, and social justice (anti-oppression work, black mental health, captivating black men for the movement, the black church and its role in racial justice, healing)
intergenerational movement building
sustainable (rather than reactive) community organizing
Accepted facilitators will receive a stipend.

Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018

We will follow-up regarding your proposal after October 19.
If you encounter issues with the form, you may email your proposal to
GabrielleChapman@CARECoalitionWV.org

Submit your proposal online at
docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDIXx7I_XiBD72Ry3HhIAR251zyjp9NjbHJ5CdIVXnryFg/viewform!



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-NOW-1976287046030339/?ref=br_rs or email kanawhavalleynow@gmail.com.

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow/.



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA: StoryCorps is in Charleston through October 7th, and Fairness West Virginia is “partnering with them to help tell the stories of LGBTQ West Virginians! Are you and a partner interested in sitting down for an interview?” Send a private message through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv/ or email billy@fairnesswv.org to get added to their list.



Community Forum

Purpose of the meeting:

- ❖ Share information about the Olmstead decision and West Virginia's Olmstead Plan. The Olmstead decision protects the rights of individuals of any age who have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, to receive supports in the most integrated setting.
- ❖ Solicit stakeholder input and feedback for updating the goals, objectives and action steps of West Virginia's Olmstead Plan.

Date: **Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

Time: **2:00-4:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Pick whichever time works best for you)**

Location: Colasessano's Restaurant – Executive Room
141 Middletown Circle,
Fairmont, WV 26554
(behind the Middletown Mall)

Participate in a discussion about the needs of people with disabilities in your area.

If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact Vanessa VanGilder by one week prior to meeting date at: 304-558-3287 or 866-761-4628 or by email at Vanessa.K.VanGilder@wv.gov.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER 2018 FROM PETER CLARK

Observing LGBT History Month

For Native Americans, October marks the season of the Cherokee Green Corn Ceremony and the season of Xlaaw, the season to put up food for the coming winter.

Monday, October 1

* Simchat Torah – Judaism

This festival, also known as “Rejoicing with the Law,” marks the end of Sukkot and the completion of the Torah reading cycle with the beginning of reading the first book again. Jews celebrate this day by singing, dancing, and marching around the synagogue or temple with Torah scrolls. This festival begins at sundown.

Tuesday, October 2

* Jashan-e Mehregan – Zoroastrianism

A celebratory festival of friendship, righteousness and justice.

Thursday, October 4

* Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi – Christianity

A celebration of the patron saint of animals and ecology and the founder of the Franciscan Roman Catholic religious order, known for its ethic of simplicity and service. Many Christians mark this festival by bringing their animal companions to churches for a blessing.

Friday, October 5

* Bodhidharma Memorial – Buddhism

This day celebrates the monk (5th – 6th centuries C.E.) who emigrated from India and is credited with transmitting Ch’an [Zen] Buddhism to China.

Saturday, October 6

* Worldwide General Conference begins – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints^[1]_[SEP]

This is the largest worship service for Latter-day Saints (also known as Mormons) and lasts for two days. Conference proceedings are broadcast live over the Internet and through other electronic media.

Sunday, October 7

* World Communion Sunday – Christianity

Tuesday, October 9

* Navaratra or Navaratri Dusserha – Hinduism

The beginning of a nine-day festival of the divine mother, honoring Shiva’s wife Durga and seeking her blessings. It is also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna. Fasting and prayer are practiced.

Friday, October 12

* Ghambar Ayathrem – Zoroastrianism [through Tuesday, October 16]

This festival celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of winter crops, and herds' return from pasture.

Saturday, October 13

* Nichiren Shonin Memorial – Buddhism

This day celebrates the monk (1222 – 1282 C.E.) who encouraged his followers to devote themselves to the Lotus Sūtra as the exclusive means to enlightenment.

Tuesday, October 16

* 'Ilm – Bahá'í

The beginning of the twelfth month of the Bahá'í year, meaning “knowledge.”

Wednesday, October 17

* Birth of Gurū Ram Das – Sikhism

This date in the Nanakshahi tradition celebrates the birth of the 4th Sikh gurū (1534 – 1581 C.E.), who is remembered for organizing the structure of Sikh society and for composing a four-stanza hymn that is the basis of many Sikh wedding ceremonies.

Friday, October 19

* Dashara, Vijaya Dashami, or Dussehra – Hinduism

Celebrates the triumph of Durga, the Divine Mother who manifests fierce compassion, over the forces of evil, as well as commemorating Rama's victory over the demon Ravana.

Saturday, October 20

* Installation of the Gurū Granth Sahib – Sikhism

This date in the Nanakshahi tradition celebrates the transmission of the gurūship to the Holy Scriptures (the Gurū Granth Sahib Ji) by the tenth gurū, Gobind Singh Ji.

Wednesday, October 24

* United Nations Day

* Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Gurū Tegh Bahadur Ji – Sikhism

This day commemorates the martyrdom of the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurūs (1621-1675 C.E.). He is remembered for defending the Sikh faith, as well as the rights of Hindus and the cause of religious liberty.

* Pavarana – Buddhism

This day is the end of the three-month Vassa or rains retreat observed by Theravadin Buddhist monks.

Saturday, October 27

* Karwa Chauth – Hinduism

A day of fasting for married women, in which they dress like new brides and offer prayers for the long lives and safety of their husbands. Husbands offer sweets to their spouses at the end of the fast, once the moon is sighted.

Sunday, October 28

* Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas (Creation Day) – Jainism

On this day Jains celebrate that, in 1896, the poet Shrimad Rajchandra-ji (who was a spiritual guide for Mohandas Gandhi) wrote the legendary treatise Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, which explains the quintessence of Jainism.

Wednesday, October 31 Halloween

* Reformation Day – Christianity [Protestant churches]

This day commemorates October 31, 1517 C.E., when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, eventually leading to the Protestant Reformation in Europe. Most Protestant Christian churches will mark this on Sunday, October 28th.

* Samhain – Wicca

Celebration of the Celtic New Year. The dying God returns to the womb of the Goddess in preparation for rebirth at Yule. The souls of ancestors and those who have died during the turning of the past year's wheel are remembered. Vegan Wiccans harvest nuts, the kernels of which symbolize wisdom.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact

UCSF Health Spiritual Care Services at 415-353-1941 (Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark)

Our thanks to the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, the Multifaith Action Society of British Columbia (Canada), BBC's Religion Website, Peel Schools District Board (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), the Arizona State University Provost's Office, the NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the Anti-Defamation League, Project Interfaith (Omaha, NE), the University of British Columbia's Equity and

Inclusion Office, the University of Victoria Faculty of Law (British Columbia, Canada), the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, and www.interfaith-calendar.org

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