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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.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026, AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**CCSJ IS CO-SPONSOR OF ROUNDTABLE ON HOMELESSNESS IS TUESDAY, MARCH 24, AT WVU FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. AT GLUCK THEATRE:** CCSJ is pleased to be co-sponsoring this program with the West Virginia University student government and Mountaineers Indivisible Citizen Action (MICA) to get students more interested in voting. Gabriella Selders is leading the students' work to organize a panel featuring a representative from RAMP (the warming shelter), Mindy Thorn (Catholic Charities Grace Shelter), Laura Jones (Milan Puskar Health Right), and Danielle Stoneberg (a service provider). Trey Kay from West Virginia Public Radio will moderate the panel. This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to contribute toiletries.

**CCSJ EXHIBIT ON VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AT BLACK POLICY DAY:** Eve Faulkes took our exhibit to the state capitol in Charleston on Tuesday, February 24, for Black Policy Day. She also had cards for people to be able to order our graphic novel.



*On the right, Laurie Gioux, director of the Black Student Union at West Virginia Wesleyan College, and Mavery Davis of Westside Together look at our exhibit at Black Policy Day.*

At Ms. Gioux's request, Eve is taking the exhibit to West Virginia Wesleyan on March 17.

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](mailto: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.

**NEW SOUTH MEDIA, INC. HOSTING JUNE 23RD BOOK CLUB MEETING FEATURING OUR BOOK:** New South Media, publishers of *WV Virginia Living* and *Wonderful West Virginia*, among other magazines, is purchasing copies of our book for the June 23, 2026, session of its "Book of the Month" meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EDT. Eve Faulkes, who compiled and illustrated the book, plans to attend, as does Joan Browning, one of the storytellers who is a Freedom Rider.

You can get information about the Book Club at <https://wvliving.com/bookclub/> and register for the June meeting at <https://304tix.com/events/west-virginians-experiences-in-civil-rightsa-wv-living-book-club-discussion-event-6-23-2026>. You can choose to attend in person for \$12.24, including food and beverages, or attend on Zoom at no cost. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book, you can do so after you register for \$20, including shipping. We expect that the books will be available by mid-March for those who wish to pick up a copy in person at New South Media's office, next to The F.A.R.M., which is at 1179 Main Street in Granville, WV. Please call 304-413-0104 or email Natalie Webb at [info@newsouthmedia.com](mailto:info@newsouthmedia.com) to arrange a time frame for sale and pickup. Payment may only be made by credit card.

**CCSJ AT APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY:** Joan Browning, Eve Faulkes, and Barb Howe will be presenting a session on Friday, March 20, about our graphic novel, the exhibit on the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and related programming like our 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Day program. We will have cards available to encourage people to order the book and will take the poster-size version of the exhibit to our session.

**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.

**Terra Cafe**, 4325 Industrial Avenue, Star City. phone: 304-554-2233.

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."*

**Council-Funded Project Wins National Award**

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) has selected the Morgantown-based Community Coalition for Social Justice as a 2025 Award of Excellence winner for its graphic novel *West Virginians' Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Been Connected All Along*.

The AASLH Leadership in History Awards program is the nation's most prestigious competition for recognizing achievement in state and local history. The West Virginia Humanities Council provided grant money to support this project. On behalf of the Council, congratulations!



*Drs. Eve Faulkes and Barbara Howe receive their AASLH 2025 Award of Excellence on behalf of the Community Coalition for Social Justice*

We appreciate the publicity we received for our award from the American Association for State and Local History in the Winter 2025-2026 issue of the Council's *People & Mountains* newsletter.

**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, Thursday, March 19th, 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](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/).

With new appointments, the members of the Human Rights Commission are now Annie Cronan Yorick, chair; Amanda Doty, Stephanie Hunt, vice chair; Daniel H. Trejo; Rashell Gonzalez, secretary; Lucy Allen; Tim Hairston, West Virginia Human Rights Commission liaison; Brian Butcher, city council liaison; Mimi Ferguson, WVU student government liaison; Officer Alex Boyles, Morgantown Police Department LGBTQ+ liaison; and Nikki Lauffer, City of Morgantown LGBTQ+ liaison.

There is still one vacancy on the commission.

**Here are events for March from**

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

**National Women’s History Month** – Honors women as significant agents of change.

**March 8: International Women’s Day** – Celebration of the economic, political, and social achievements of women worldwide. Recognition of need for empowering women to meet their health and family planning needs as central to realizing greater equality. With access to education, economic opportunity, and quality health care, healthier mothers can have healthier babies, economic gains, and help create less pressure on our planet's natural resources.

**March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** – Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

**International Forest Day** – Call for awareness of the importance of forests in protecting air quality, water retention, plants for pharmaceuticals, habitat for birds and other wildlife – all of which provide a balance for survival of all.

**March 22: World Water Day** – Calls for awareness of how essential potable water is to the rights of all people in West Virginia and worldwide.

**March 31: Cesar Chavez Day** – Honors Mexican American farm worker. Labor leader, and activist Cesar Chavez (1927- 1993) who was a nationally respected voice of social justice.



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

The League would like to make all voters aware of upcoming deadlines and provide information to check and double check your voter’s registration is still active with the WV Secretary of State’s Office.

Log on to <https://sos.wv.gov> or search GoVoteWV to verify your registration is still active and confirm your voting district and polling location. Go to the online tools and select “Check your voter registration.”

There has been action to remove voters from the rolls and deadlines are upcoming. The deadline to register for the May 12 primary election is April 21st but we highly advise you take action now.

To request an absentee ballot please be aware of the complicated new 2025 law that requires a valid photo ID and mailing deadlines. The directions for the return of the ballot and the valid identification also require specific steps to separate the two documents. Applications opened on January 1, 2026 and must be requested by May 6, 2026 for the May Primary election.

If you are voting in person on May 12, 2026 make sure you bring the identification required by the 2025 law. If you do not have one, start the process to obtain one now. Below are the accepted forms of ID and please assist the first time voters in your family get the appropriate identification to participate in our democratic process.

The following forms of ID are acceptable at the polling place:

- West Virginia driver’s license or state-issued ID
- Driver’s license from another state
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Employee ID with photo issued by local, state, or federal government

- Student ID with photo from a WV institution of higher education or a WV high school
- U.S. military ID with photo
- Voter registration card with photo issued by a WV county clerk or the WV Secretary of State
- An ID issued by the DMV without a photo for voters who swear and affirm that they belong to recognized religious communities that prohibit them from being photographed

*Of the IDs listed above, if the voter is 65 years of age or older and the ID is expired, it is still acceptable if the document was not expired on their 65th birthday.*

In other news, the VOTE411 team is preparing to send out candidate response questions. The deadline for candidate filing was January 31st. We will keep you all apprised of VOTE411.org updates and hope you will take the time to research your vote before the primary. You do not have to be a League of Women Voters member to use this resource.

The West Virginia Republican Party now has a “closed primary”. Please be aware that if you are registered as an Independent or any other party, you will not have the option to request a Republican ballot.

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.

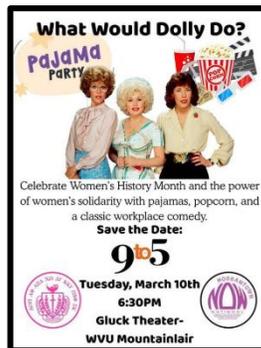
Follow the League on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LWVMM](http://www.facebook.com/LWVMM) and contact them by email at [lwvmorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmorgantown@gmail.com). You can join the League of Women Voters at [tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm](http://tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm).

The next monthly board meeting will be via zoom on Thursday March 19, 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:**



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, MARCH 19TH.** 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47).



**MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN-MENNONITE:** Gardeners and people trying to get into gardening come to a Seed Swap at Morgantown Church of the Brethren Saturday, March 7, 464 Virginia Ave., at 2:30 pm. Welcome spring, learn new things, make seed bombs, meet enthusiasts.

Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Services are in person or on Zoom at 10:30. All are welcome to stay for a potluck in the church fellowship hall after the service. 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](mailto: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. The church's Facebook page is at [www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown) and has details about the many activities. The church has been 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 MEETS MARCH 17TH:** “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.

“Are you unable to attend our in-person meetings? Join us virtually with the link at <https://fairmontpride.com/meetings/>. We will do our best to live-stream each

meeting.”



### MORGANTOWN PRIDE:



Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at [www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en). Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride).

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**PROJECT RAINBOW:** Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv](https://www.facebook.com/projectrainbowwv) or on the web at [www.projectrainbowwv.com](http://www.projectrainbowwv.com).



**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](https://www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC).



“Join MCCAC for a live Family Feud–style fundraiser filled with laughs, friendly competition, and community fun. Cheer on local teams, play along from the audience, and support a great cause — all while helping us raise funds for children and families in our community.” This event will be on Friday, March

13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mon County Center at Mylan Park. Tickets are \$10-\$20. There is a link to buy tickets from the MCCAC Facebook page.



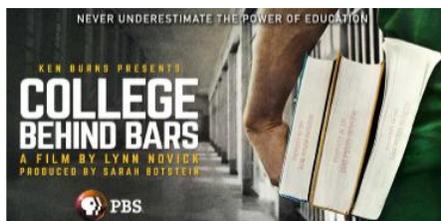
Check the MCCAC website at <https://moncocac.org/news/girls-night-out/> for information on sponsorship opportunities, ticket sales, and auction/raffle donations.

**OSAGE GOSPEL ‘N SOUL COMMUNITY CHOIR:** The next meeting should be Monday, March 30th 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](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=morgantown%20mutual%20aid).



**WVU HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES SPRING 2026 DOCUMENTARY FILM IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.** The program will be in Room G 21 Ming Hsieh Hall (behind Oglebay Hall) on the downtown WU campus. There will be complimentary pizza available. The film screening, panel discussion, & book signing is presented with WVU’s Center for Prison Education and Research in Appalachia. The event is led by Dr. Katy Ryan, founder of the

Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) and WV Higher Education in Prison Program (HEPI), and WVU doctoral student Danielle Stromberg, APBP prison Outreach Coordinator and HEPI Assistant Education Coordinator. The panelists are Darryl Byers-Robinson (formerly incarcerated and featured in the film), a graduate of Bard College, and Celeste Blair, a poet and artist recently released from federal prison.

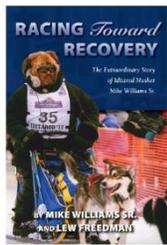
The series is made possible by the WVU Community Human Rights Film Fund, established by Morgantown residents Don Spencer and the late Carol Howe Hamblen, and is overseen by the WVU Native American Studies Program.



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**WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM IS MARCH 23-27:** WVU's Native American Studies Program welcomes Alaska Native Rights Leader Mike Williams, Sr. (Yup'ik) March 22-28 as the 2026 Elder-in-Residence. He has given more than 50 years of unparalleled service to his home Village of Akiak, the State of Alaska, and various regional and national organizations. His many accomplishments have been recognized with an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska.

Mr. Williams's efforts address a wide range of critical issues, including the health and safety of Indigenous communities, the epidemic of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, protecting traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, cultural preservation, sobriety and suicide prevention, and environmental protection in the face of industrialization and climate change.



Racing Toward Recovery

His memoir, pictured here, inspires readers to face life challenges with courage and support others who struggle. "Mike Williams, Sr., is the embodiment of the late Congressman John Lewis's urging to 'make good trouble' in bringing about positive change," said NAS Program Coordinator Bonnie Brown.

He is a Chemawa Indian boarding school graduate, a Vietnam-era US Army veteran, and has bachelor's and master's degrees in education and counseling. He often serves as a media source on important international news such as the 2025 typhoon that displaced entire Native villages in western Alaska.

Mr. Williams will give presentations to a wide range of classes and meet with student organizations. His free public lecture and welcome reception are planned for Tuesday evening, March 23rd in Room 1021 South Agricultural Sciences Building, Evansdale Campus. His residency is hosted by the Native American Studies Program in the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences and co-sponsored by the Leadership Studies Program, the Geology & Geography Department, the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, and the WVU Humanities Center, with funds from the Reyer Visiting Lecture Program for Native American Studies.

Refer to <https://nas.wvu.edu> for more information as details are finalized.

\*South Ag Sciences is adjacent to the Evansdale Library. Lot 43, which faces the building, should have free parking after 5:00 p.m.

## STATEWIDE NEWS

**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS UNDERWAY.** CCSJ is a non-partisan organization. Please note that events can move very quickly once the session starts – or start quickly and then stall – or never move at all. Check any of the statewide groups included below or other social justice and environmental justice

groups to keep up with their issues and learn who to contact when. Follow the groups on Facebook or with email alerts if you are a member.

You can track bills at [https://www.wvlegislature.gov/bill\\_status/bill\\_status.cfm](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/bill_status/bill_status.cfm).

Find your legislators at <https://www.wvlegislature.gov/>. You can also track bills from this site.

The session will end at midnight on Saturday, March 14th.

**ELECTION SEASON IS UNDERWAY:** For information on everything you need to know about registering, voting, or running for office, go to <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>. You can register now for an absentee ballot. Pay attention to deadlines and, if necessary, go to the post office to be sure something is postmarked on time.

Please review the comments from the League of Women Voters above about the required photo i.d.s that you will need to vote in West Virginia.

Early voting starts April 29. In Morgantown there will be early voting at the Mountaineer Mall on Greenbag Road, plus other sites to be announced. Any registered voter in Monongalia County can vote at any early voting site. On Election Day, you must vote at your precinct to be sure your vote will count.



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

**Kanawha Valley:** The next meeting will be Thursday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanawha County Public Library. Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068111934197>.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv). At "press time," there are two bills headed to the West Virginia Senate that affect the rights of trans people. You can get the details on the Facebook page.



Save the date for a weekend of celebration, community, and unforgettable mountain vibes. Details dropping soon — stay tuned! Follow Rainbow Pride of WV on Facebook for more details!

In addition several communities are starting to post their PRIDE events for June 2026 on the webpage at <https://www.fairnesswv.org/events>.



**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). This is a very active Facebook page so please check it for current issues and actions.



“Our 2026 bill tracker is now live! Every year, ACLU-WV tracks hundreds of pieces of proposed legislation impacting our civil liberties. We're adding new bills every day, so bookmark the page today and continue to watch this space.” The easiest way to find it is to go to

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1318604623635652&set=a.356400379856086> and click on the link in the window to the right.



**RAINBOW PRIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Follow this group at [www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV](http://www.facebook.com/RainbowPrideWV) or [rainbowpridewv.org](http://rainbowpridewv.org) for information on various events.



**WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION:** Follow this group at [www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/](http://www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/).

**MARCH EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CALENDAR**

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

March celebrates Women’s History Month and highlights observances focused on equality, renewal, and cultural expression.

**March 4: Hindu: Holi** - The festival of colors, celebrating spring, community, and renewal. In 2026, many communities will observe Holi around this date.

**March 4: Sikh: Hola Mohalla** - Sikh festival featuring martial arts displays, music, and community gatherings, often coinciding with or following Holi.

**March 8: International Women's Day** - Celebrates women's achievements and calls for gender equality globally.

**March 15: UN: International Day to Combat Islamophobia** - A UN observance that raises awareness about the prejudice, discrimination, and hatred faced by Muslims around the world.