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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 MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**POTLUCK PICNIC AT THE KREPPS PARK PAVILION WAS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.**

We enjoyed good food and good company on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon. Mike Attfield gave a brief report on our activities over the past year.



**SCOTTS RUN STREET FAIR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.** We had our new exhibit panels at the Scotts Run Street Fair in Osage and sold our books and bumper stickers.



*Eve Faulkes poses with our current exhibit.*

**CCSJ EXHIBITS ON 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND ON VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AND WEST VIRGINIANS' EXPERIENCES IN CIVIL RIGHTS: HOW WE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED ALL ALONG!** If you are interested in hosting the 6-panel exhibit on the 1964 Civil Rights Act or the posters at a library, museum, or other public site **or the new 3-panel exhibit focused on the Voting Rights Act of 1965**, please contact Eve Faulkes at [faulkeseve@gmail.com](mailto:faulkeseve@gmail.com). 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.

With the cooperation of the WVU Extension Service, our book was on display at the West Virginia State Fair in August.

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 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."*

**BARB HOWE PICKED UP THIS AWARD CERTIFICATE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY ANNUAL MEETING IN CINCINNATI, OHIO:**



**NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER:** We welcome Lee Petsonk as a new member of our steering committee. His wife, Susan Brown, was a long-time member of our steering committee and a former CCSJ steering committee co-chair. Susan died on July 18.

**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, October 16th 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/).

**Vacancies on Human Rights Commission.** There are currently three vacancies on the commission. “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 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 13: 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.)



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

In its 2025 Regular Session, the WV Legislature passed a new law that requires voters to present a photo ID for voting. HB 3016 changed the longstanding practice of voting in WV with an expansive list of acceptable voter IDs, some with and some without photos.



Beginning July 11, 2025, West Virginia voters must show an approved form of photo identification at the polls during early voting or on Election Day. All forms of ID must be valid and not expired.\*

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

Please be aware of the new law and assist anyone in your community that may need assistance obtaining a valid photo identification to vote in the spring of 2026. Note that the county clerk is a source for free photo voter picture identification.

For additional information pertaining to absentee voter requirements and requirement for 1st time voters visit [wvsos.gov](http://wvsos.gov).

Follow us on Facebook, on the web at <https://lwvmorgantown.org>, and our Substack ([lwvmorgantown.substack.com](http://lwvmorgantown.substack.com)) and share our free content.

The Morgantown/Monongalia County League has been 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).

**NAACP**

**MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.** 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](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 BRETHREN-MENNONITE:** Sunday services are in person at 10:30 and on zoom.

Morgantown Church of the Brethren will be celebrating the Season of Creation during worship from August 31 through October 5, with St. Francis in mind.

There is a potluck every Sunday after the worship service.

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 website is <https://www.morgantowncob.org/>.

The church is a member organization of CCSJ.

**MONONGALIA FRIENDS MEETING CELEBRATES WORLD QUAKER DAY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH:** The community is welcome to join Monongalia Friends Meeting for World Quaker Day 2025 at 648 E. Brockway Ave., Morgantown! If you have ever been curious about what Quakers do this is a great opportunity. We will start the morning with hot beverages at 10:30 followed by about 20 minutes of silent worship in the manner of Friends at 11. We will then present a documentary about the World Plenary Meeting of Quakers which weaves together the themes of spirituality, reparations and world ecology with a discussion to follow. At 12:30 lunch will be served by members of the meeting.

\*Handicap ramp available

\*First floor gender neutral restroom

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 MEETS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH: "Bringing Cultural Competency to WV Workplaces" will be the topic.** While unconscious bias can disrupt a workplace, cultural competency and allyship skills can help prevent rifts and help ensure productivity. Hear how all of that affects the workplace at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, during Dismantling Racism Together's October Zoom

program. Featured speakers are Tony Michael and Denis Scott. As WVU Extension Service faculty members, they have earned recognition for teaching cultural competency and allyship to public sector workers throughout West Virginia. Join the conversation at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, via Zoom. Your link is below.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting

us02web.zoom.us

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.



World Communion Sunday

Potluck Luncheon - Sunday, Oct. 5

The Deacons are pleased to invite everyone to a Potluck luncheon following the church service on World Communion Sunday, October 5th. If you are able, please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share with others. Drinks will be provided by the Deacons, so there is no need to bring beverages. If you have any questions about the event or need further details, please reach out to Becky Hayes at 304-541-3696 or Holly Thomas at 304-203-3888.





Through September 12, the church had donated 924 pounds of produce to groups like Pantry Plus and the Community Kitchen.

Please check the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown) for updates in case of inclement weather.

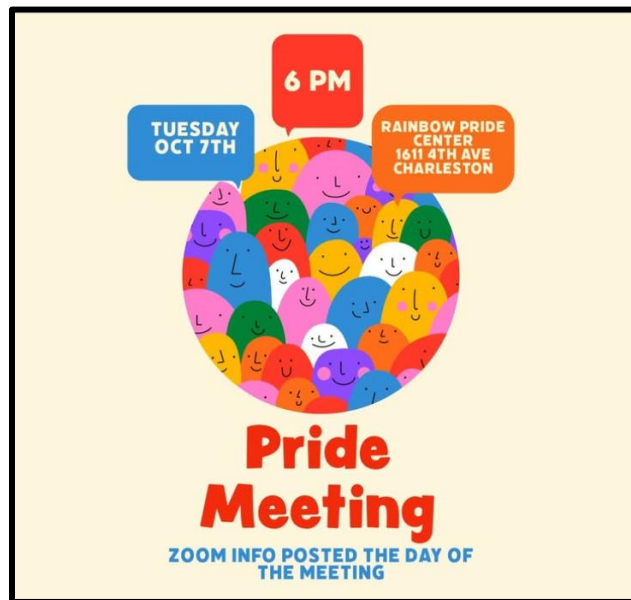


#### FAIRMONT PRIDE

Follow this group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairmontpride](https://www.facebook.com/fairmontpride).

**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).

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



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

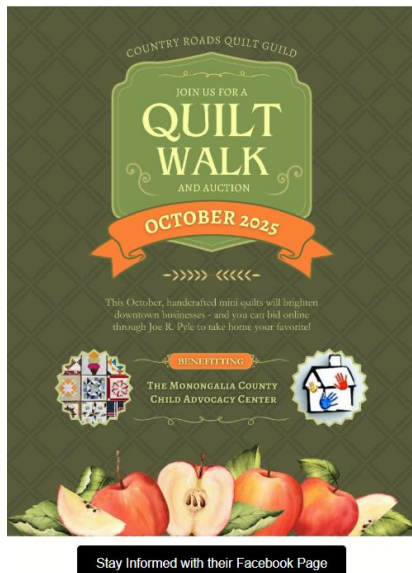
Scarecrow Spectacular 2025" She's got feathers, flair, and a cause to care about!



The Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center's "showgirl" scarecrow is dazzling at the West Virginia Botanic Garden this fall, highlighting Girls' Night Out 2026: Lights. Glamour. Vegas.

Stop by and strike a pose with her!

Stay tuned for more information on these upcoming events.



Stay Informed with their Facebook Page

### Lights. Glamour. Vegas.

Vegas is calling... and so is Girls' Night Out 2026! This year's theme is Lights. Glamour. Vegas. — and we can't wait to bring the glitz, sparkle, and unforgettable fun of the Boulevard right here to Morgantown.

Tickets will be available soon – grab your girlfriends and get ready for:

Show-stopping style & Vegas vibes

Entertainment, auctions, and surprises

A night out that gives back to children in our community

Save the Date: Saturday, May 30th

Location: The Erickson Alumni Center

Facebook Event Page



### Upcoming events:

Stone House Giving Event - 10/6-10/12

Halloween Trivia Night - 10/25

Battle of the Bartenders - 11/20

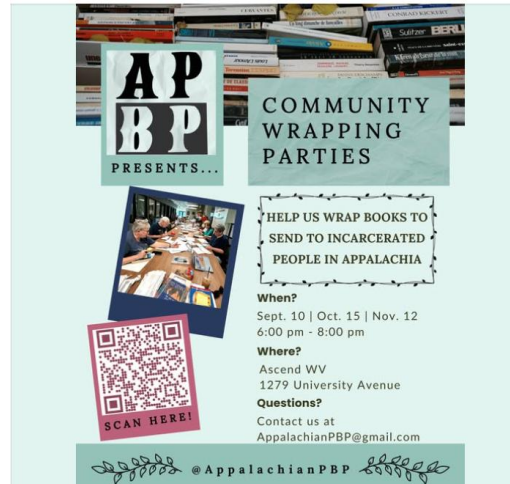
**SCOTTS RUN COMMUNITY SING:** This group usually meets the last Monday of the month.



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).

This group advertises many community resources on its Facebook page, including:



**APBP PRESENTS...**

**COMMUNITY WRAPPING PARTIES**

HELP US WRAP BOOKS TO SEND TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN APPALACHIA

**When?**  
Sept. 10 | Oct. 15 | Nov. 12  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Where?**  
Ascend WV  
1279 University Avenue

**Questions?**  
Contact us at  
AppalachianPBP@gmail.com

SCAN HERE!

@AppalachianPBP

**WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM PEACE TREE CEREMONY IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH:**

**2025 WVU Annual PEACE TREE CEREMONY & LECTURE**  
**Monday, Oct. 13th - Indigenous Peoples Day**

**Guest of Honor:**  
**CHEBON KERNELL**  
**(Muscogee Creek, Seminole)**

Mr. Kernell is a traditional practitioner and cultural educator. He has served on the Global Indigenous Language Caucus of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for more than ten years. He has given dozens of presentations throughout the country on topics such as: American Indian boarding schools, Indigenous cosmology and the natural world, Indigenous identity and culture (including the stomp dance), and stories of the Mvskoke (Muscogee) elders.



**11:30am: PEACE TREE CEREMONY**  
Outdoors, at the WVU Peace Tree, near E. Moore Hall  
Rain Location: Gluck Theater, Mountainlair Student Union


**6:30pm: PEACE TREE LECTURE**  
*"The World is What We Create it to Be: Rebuilding with Indigenous Narratives"*  
Gluck Theater, Mountainlair Student Union

Mr. Kernell's evening lecture will provide traditional perspectives on how we collectively shape our world, acknowledging that we each play a role, aside from government, the media, and other influences, to keep hope and create a better future for coming generations.

**Everyone Invited: Programs are Free & Open to the Public**  
**Welcoming: West Virginia Women's Hand Drum Singers and The Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia**

*The Peace Tree Ceremony & Lecture are provided with support from the Rayer Visiting Lectureship Program for Native American Studies and the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences*

 **West Virginia University**  
PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

More information: [nas.wvu.edu](http://nas.wvu.edu) or 304-293-4626

**WVU LGBTQ CENTER:** There are many events for students and the WVU community listed on the Center's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter](http://www.facebook.com/WVULGBTQCenter).

Also, everyone is invited to Our Place.



### STATEWIDE NEWS



**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).

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](http://www.facebook.com/fairnesswv).



“Mark your calendars! The annual Fairness West Virginia Institute gala is returning on Oct. 25, and you’re invited! Join us in Charleston as we celebrate Studio 54 and dance our way to a brighter future for LGBTQ+ West Virginians

“Step into the glittering world of Studio 54 for a night of disco, decadence, and dazzling self-expression—all in support of LGBTQ+ civil rights!



“Dance beneath shimmering lights, sip cocktails in style, and celebrate a legacy of resilience and liberation with a community that knows how to party with purpose. From iconic fashion to electrifying music, this gala will transport you to an era where the night was limitless and everyone belonged.”

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to [fairnesswv.org/2025/08/11/are-you-ready-to-sparkle-like-its-1979/](https://fairnesswv.org/2025/08/11/are-you-ready-to-sparkle-like-its-1979/)



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

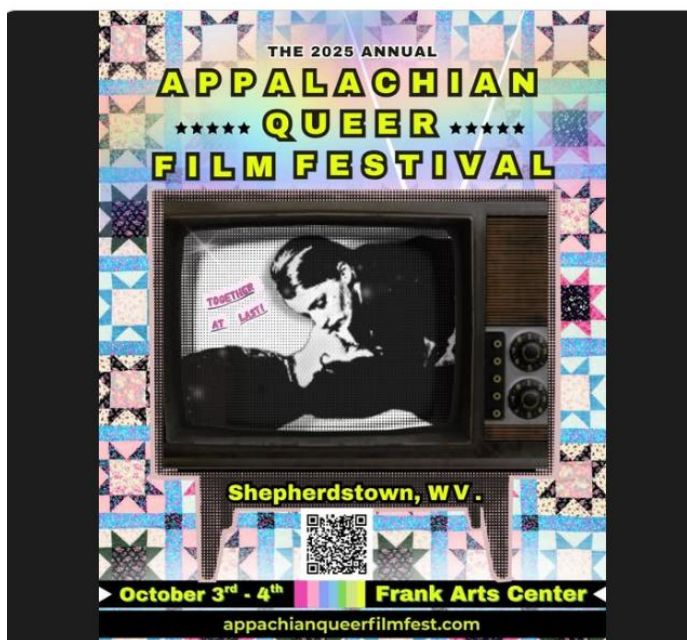


Get your tickets now!

The 2025 Bill of Rights Brunch is set for noon on Sunday, November 9 at Charleston’s Beni Kedem Temple. We’ll be honoring Professor Philip W. Carter Jr. and longtime ACLU-WV board member Jack Magan. Following the brunch, at 4 p.m. there will be an after-show featuring Dinosaur Burps, Static Fur, Crown the Witch, and Jerks!



**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:** Follow this group at [www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/](https://www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/).

#### DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

[www.diversityresources.com/october-diversity-calendar-2025/](https://www.diversityresources.com/october-diversity-calendar-2025/)

**October 1: International Day for Older Persons** – This day raises awareness about the contributions of older adults and promotes respect for their rights and well-being. It encourages global efforts to create more inclusive and supportive environments for aging populations.

**October 5: American Veterans Disabled for Life Awareness Day** – This observance honors U.S. veterans who have been disabled in service, acknowledging their sacrifices and resilience. It's a time to show gratitude and advocate for the support these veterans need.

**October 8: World Dyslexia Day** – World Dyslexia Day promotes understanding and support for those with dyslexia, focusing on education and awareness. It highlights the importance of creating accessible learning environments for all individuals.

**October 11: National Coming Out Day** – This day celebrates individuals who come out as LGBTQ+ and promotes support for those still on their journey. It's a reminder of the importance of visibility, acceptance, and allyship in building inclusive communities.

**October 13: Indigenous Peoples' Day** – Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous communities, offering an alternative to Columbus Day. It encourages reflection on Indigenous heritage and the need for respect and recognition.

#### October Heritage Months 2025

**Polish American Heritage Month:** The first Poles migrated to America starting in the early 1800s. This month, celebrate their contributions to culture and society. Once here, they were dedicated to preserving their heritage and culture and even started a national network of Polish-language newspapers, radio, and television stations to keep their language alive. New York State has the largest Polish-American population with Michigan, Wisconsin, and Connecticut having a substantial group too.

**Italian American Heritage Month:** Nearly 16 million Americans identify as Italian American according to the U.S. Census. Italian American Heritage Month occurs every October to overlap with Columbus Day, celebrated on the second Monday. It was first celebrated in 1989 with a proclamation from George H.W. Bush. Every year, a Columbus Day parade is held in New York City with an average million spectators.

**Filipino American History Month:** Filipino American History Month is celebrated as it was when the first Filipinos arrived in California in 1587. Many organizations in California and Hawaii, where many Filipino Americans reside, hold annual celebrations. Some call the month "Filipino American Heritage Month"

while others regard it as a History month to focus on the events and lived experiences and their impact on society.

### **October Awareness Months 2025**

**ADHD Awareness Month:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental learning disorder that affects adults and children. It can lead to challenges dealing with self-control, focus, and impulsive behavior. This month hopes to raise awareness about the misconceptions associated with the community. Take time to promote understanding and support to all those living with neurodiversity all year.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** This month is dedicated to increasing awareness of breast cancer, promoting screening and early detection, and raising funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure. The campaign also offers support to those affected by breast cancer and commonly features pink ribbons as its symbol.

**Down Syndrome Awareness Month:** Each year, nearly 6,000 babies born in the United States are diagnosed with Down Syndrome, or 1 in every 700 babies. October focuses on the acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. Learn about their unique strengths and promote a society and workplace that values diversity and offers support to those living with Down Syndrome and their families.

**Global Diversity Awareness Month:** This month is dedicated to celebrating and increasing awareness about the diverse cultures and populations that make up the world. It encourages individuals and organizations to learn about different cultures, as well as to promote inclusion and understanding across various cultural contexts. The celebration is an opportunity to reflect on the positive impact of diversity on society and to challenge and address issues of inclusion within communities and organizations.

**National Disability Employment Awareness Month:** This national campaign honors the contributions of people living with disabilities to the economy and workplace. It also raises awareness about disability employment problems and advocates for accommodations in the workplace for those living with a disability.