

Cultural Connections Directory

For

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Includes:

Religious Centers, Businesses and Organizations

This directory includes businesses, churches and other organizations in the New River Valley area owned or primarily patronized by African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and Asians. There may be other businesses, churches and organizations that are not listed. The entries in this directory have been gathered by Montgomery County's *Dialogue on Race Education Issue Group*. This listing does not constitute an endorsement by MCPS or Dialogue on Race.



RELIGIOUS CENTERS

Predominantly Black Religious Centers

African Methodist Episcopal

St. Paul AME: 102 Penn Street, Blacksburg
540-552-8782

Baptist

First Baptist Church: 309 E. Clay Street, Blacksburg
540-552-6393

First Baptist Church: 555 W. Rock Road, Radford
540-639-3873

First Missionary Baptist Church: 7318 Manns Drive, New River
540-639-5331

Pilgram Baptist Church: 1415 8th Street NW, Roanoke
540-342-5058

Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church: 5580 High Street, Christiansburg
540-382-0562

Zion Hills Baptist Church: 910 W. Rock Road, Radford
540-639-6773

Church of God

Radford Church of God in Christ: 206 Russell Avenue, Radford
540-639-5948

Gospel

Liberty Full Gospel: 86 Lee Street, Radford
540-633-2814

Methodist

Asbury United Methodist Church: 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg
540-382-0743

New Mt. Olive Methodist Church: 309 Russell Avenue, Radford
540-639-6425

Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church: 1607 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski 540-980-8775

Pentecostal

Greater Mt. Zion United Holy Church: 385 Depot Street, Christiansburg
540-381-5182

United Holiness Church: 239 16th Street, Pulaski 540-980-8618

Contemporary

Jubilee Christian Center: 7331 Lee Highway, Fairlawn
540-639-5672

Predominantly Asian Religious Centers

Blacksburg Christian Chinese Fellowship: 2300 N. Main Street, Blacksburg
540-552-8002

New River Zen Community: 2121 Charlton Lane, Radford
540-639-4109

Korean Baptist Church: 550 N. Main Street, Blacksburg
540-552-3869

Predominantly Baha'is Religious Centers

New River Valley Baha'is Communities: Blacksburg
info@blacksburgbahais.org, 540-808-2789

New River Valley Bahai: 1097 Deerfield Drive, Blacksburg
540-818-0611

Predominantly Buddhist Religious Centers

Dharmapala Kadampa Buddhist Center: 5431 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke
540-521-7989

Predominantly Hindu Religious Centers

Shantiniketan Temple: 7221 Branico Drive, Roanoke
540-989-7760

Predominantly Jewish Religious Centers

*Blacksburg Jewish Community Center: 201 E. Roanoke Street, Blacksburg
540-951-2628*

Predominantly Muslim Religious Centers

*Islamic Center of Blacksburg: 106-C Southpark Drive, Blacksburg
540-808-1635*

*Islamic Society of New River Valley: 1284 North Main Street, Blacksburg
540-961-5210*



BUSINESSES

Predominantly Black Businesses

Barbers/Hair Salon

Diva's House of Hair: 5524 Williamson Road, Roanoke
540-563-4911

Dollhouse Salon: 10112 Downey Street, Radford
540-633-3703 dwilliams@dollhouse-salon.biz.com

Hair Splendor Beauty Supply: 6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford
540-505-0323

Harvey's Barbershop: 108 Roanoke Street, Suite 101, Blacksburg
540-257-0971

*Manoca's Salon: 6220 N. Main Street, Blacksburg
540-951-1009; Donna Brown, Ethic Hair Designer*

*New Image Barber Stylists: 460 Turner Street, Blacksburg
540-953-0184*

Dentist

*Dr. Kimberly Atherton, DDS: NRV Dental 1400 S. Main Street, Suite 1,
Blacksburg
540-951-2260*

Endodontic

*Dr. Leander Lanier, DDS: 2609 Sheffield Drive, Blacksburg
540-552-0101*

Physicians

*Dr. Margarita A. Abrams: The Encore OB/GYN Center of Southwest VA, 825 Davis Street
#C, Blacksburg
540-951-1550*

*Dr. Sofia Abraham-Hardee: DO, Pediatrician, Academic Primary Care Associates, 3700 S.
Main Street, #A, Blacksburg
540-443-7180*

Diverse Grocery Stores

Annie Kay's 1531 South Main Street, Blacksburg
540-552-6870

Eats Natural Foods 708A North Main Street, Blacksburg
540-552-2279

Oasis World Market: International Market 1411 S. Main Street, Blacksburg
540-953-3950

Predominantly Asian Businesses

Dentist

Dr. Jae Park, DDS: Park Family Dentistry, PC, 114 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg
540-382-6108

ORGANIZATIONS

Predominantly Black Organizations



Virginia Tech Fraternities and Sororities

New Hall West, Suite 117, Blacksburg

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Clubs

New River Valley Progressive Men's Club: prioleau2020@aol.com

In 1988, several men in the New River Valley had a vision. They saw a need for male role models in the community who could make a positive difference. With that in mind, the New River Valley Progressive Men's Club was formed. The men decided that the group needed to establish an agenda that they would work toward. They wanted to exhibit leadership and positive influence within the community. These enthusiastic men saw a need for role models for youth in the community. And most importantly, they knew that their belief in God would allow them to excel in carrying out this mission. Many of the club's events take place to support the youth of the community, provide educational scholarships, provide male guidance while being positive role models and create events for the youth in an effort to give them something positive to do in the community.

Social Service Organizations

*Christiansburg Institute, Inc.: 135 Scattergood Drive NW, Christiansburg
540-394-5001*

The Christiansburg Institute was founded in 1866 by Captain Charles Schaeffer, an agent of the Quaker Freedmen's Bureau. It was the first school to provide secondary education for blacks in Southwest Virginia. In 1895, through the involvement of the Freedmen's Bureau, Booker T. Washington advised the school in its transition to the industrial model of education. Christiansburg Institute principals provided leadership not only within the school, but in the larger community. The school closed in 1966 with the desegregation of Virginia's schools. In 1976, the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association was founded. In 1996, a subsidiary organization, Christiansburg Institute, Inc., was formed to renovate, restore, and develop the institute – not just as a historic site but a living institution.

*Community Group, Christiansburg: co-founder, Penny Franklin
onlyonepenny@gmail.com*

The Community Group is a civil society organization that unifies African Americans. This association was formed to enhance and advance African American participation in Montgomery County civic development.

Dialogue on Race, Montgomery County: website, dialogueonrace.info

The Dialogue on Race was the result of years of hard work, “grassroots energy,” and long-term commitment of three groups: the Human Relations Council of Montgomery County, the Community Group, and the Dialogue on Race steering committee. A small steering committee worked to find a model that would accomplish the goal of bringing people together to talk about race and begin to address problems of inequality around education, pay and employment issues. Since 2013, an annual community event has taken place in January that has become known as Dialogue on Race Community Summit. In addition, an annual Summer Summit in August takes place with a picnic and the opportunity to have conversations around identified African American issues. In 2011-12, members of the African-American community met in focus group meetings and developed a list of racial issues faced by blacks in Montgomery County. Issue groups have been organized to meet and take actions to solve problems around the following issue groups: Education, Employment & Income Gap, Law Enforcement, Limited Presence and White Privilege. Community members are invited to participate and can find contact information on the DOR website.

*NAACP Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County: PO Box 6044, Christiansburg
540-382-6751*

General body meetings of NAACP Branch 7092 take place on the 4th Sunday of the month (not July and December) at 3:30 pm in the Christiansburg Community Center at 570 High Street, Christiansburg. Call 540-382-6751 for notices. Locations occasionally change.

*New Mountain Climbers: founding member, Penny Franklin
onlyonepenny@gmail.com*

This Giving Circle was established in 2005 as an outgrowth of The Community Group, an association formed to enhance and advance African American participation in Montgomery County. The New Mountain Giving Circle is now a member of the Community Investment Network which is located in various areas across the region. The goals of the NMC Giving Circle are to:

- expand philanthropy and organized collective giving in the African American community through education, giving and leadership
- make investments in predominately African-American led nonprofit and/or community organizations involved in social change goals and activities, including but not limited to youth-focused efforts
- raise awareness of economic, social and cultural disparities within local communities and to generate goals, policies and programs to eliminate them
- sponsor education forums to increase African American philanthropic efforts and enhance leadership in community-wide, social and economic affairs; and
- create a permanent endowment fund to further the mission and goals of NMC

MCPS Committee

Social and Cultural Action Committee for MCPS: Dave Dickinson.

ddickinson@mcps.org

This committee has been formed to address issues that will impact our students, staff and community around social justice and cultural issues.