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Volunteers honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King by giving their time to service projects coordinated by the United Way and sponsored by a variety of partner organizations. Signups for this year's Hands On Greater Portland Martin Luther King Weekend of Service, Jan. 15-18, are now being taken.

Hands On Portland

Signups taken for MLK weekend of service

The Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend of Service sponsored by the United Way's Hands On Greater Portland program is calling on volunteers to help with public service projects during upcoming holiday weekend of Jan. 15-18.

Residents can honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King by signing up to participate in more than 65 volunteer service projects throughout the Portland and Vancouver metro region.

The efforts are hosted by a variety of partner organizations and

open to all. The projects range from packaging food donations to cleaning up schools, from prepping books for kids in need to beautifying parks.

To sign up or learn more, visit the website unitedway-pdx.org/mlk-weekend.

Marijuana Policy Task Force Forms

Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz is asking interested residents to apply to serve on a Marijuana Policy Task Force.

"This is an important opportunity for community members to work together to address issues related to marijuana sales and use that impact our neighborhoods and our local economy," said Fritz.

Representatives will be asked to provide input and offer recommendations on a variety of issues including the potential creation of social environments for marijuana use and whether or not recreational marijuana should be taxed at the local level. These recommendations will inform Portland City Council as it con-

tinues to integrate the emerging marijuana industry into the Portland landscape.

The Marijuana Policy Task Force will meet monthly. Interested parties are encouraged to apply to serve for a year-long term. The application can be found at PortlandOregon.gov/ONI/Marijuana.