

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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tribes against the invasion of oil pipelines on treaty lands and rivers, have raised awareness that people of color still in areas for equal justice and civil rights.

The commemoration of the anniversary of Dr. King's passing will include music from the Maranatha Choir, speeches from other community leaders and a call to prayer for our nation for all people of faith.

In the atmosphere of outspoken racism and religious phobia that have prevailed recently in some quarters, citizens seek public forums to express support for increased awareness and tolerance which Dr. King espoused. Now, more than ever, is the time to say that violence, hate speech, and other persecutions of people of color will not stand.

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Portland's Central Eastside Community Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr with a Day of Service

A decade ago, the Central Eastside industrial area was primarily home to industry and wholesalers. Today, pioneering boutiques, restaurants, and retailers also inhabit the neighborhood, as well as pedestrians, bicyclists, and an increasing number of people experiencing homelessness.

From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 16, more than 200 individuals from Central Eastside businesses, community volunteers, and SOLVE will join in a neighborhood cleanup to bolster the health and nurture the community of this neighborhood, the clean up will span MLK Jr. Blvd to the Willamette River, between Burnside & Hawthorne Blvd. The project is spearheaded by a collective of Central Eastside businesses called the Merchants & Makers Committee of the Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) and SOLVE.

The goals of the cleanup are to build a strong, supportive community while strengthening the environ-

mental health of the city's core. Merchants & Makers recognize that as the neighborhood transitions, and that all neighborhood businesses will benefit from working together to keep its streets clean and welcoming.

Sponsors of the event are: the Merchants & Makers Committee, Cargo, Bunk Bar, F&B Cafe, Pure Simple Juice, SOLVE, Union Pine, and Water Ave Coffee.

SOLVE website: <http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/mlk-day-solve-willamette-river-cleanup>

CEIC website: <http://ceic.cc>

World Arts Foundation Holds MLK Tribute

World Arts Foundation, Inc. presents its 32nd consecutive Tribute to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. undoubtedly one of the great American heroes and world citizens. The 2017 tribute will include speakers, arts and musical tributes to local artists whose contributions have put Portland on the map and will last a lifetime.

Portland's annual "Keep Alive the Dream" is recognized regionally and nationally as one of the largest community-based celebrations in the U.S. World Arts Foundation, Inc. humbly offers to give voice to the heritage of ordinary citizens' struggle for peace, social justice, civil rights, and human dignity.

The entire program will honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by showcasing a variety of outstanding expressions in song, oration, dance and drumming. Program format will include digital media, high definition tape-delayed broadcast, and live artistic presentations commemorating "A Single Garment of Destiny." Program participants will include an array of community speakers from various civic and social community organizations.

Invited guests include a diversity of talented local and regional speakers and performances by: Senator Lew Frederick, The Honorable Margaret Carter, Ray & Ada Tellis, Bravo, Portland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Bishop Grace Osborne, Kukatonon, The Legendary Beyons, Kemba Shannon Dance Ensemble local student groups and choirs from Portland Public Schools including the nationally acclaimed Jefferson Dancers and many more.

Lifetime Achievement Awards is a program centerpiece, which recognizes the contribution of individuals and organizations for exemplary community service. Our 2017 recipients include:

Raymond Burrell, Pearl Thomas, Rolia Manyongai, Amando Gonzales, Dr. Carole Smith, Ron Silver, Ray & Ada Tellis, Eldon Jones; and posthumously: Geoffrey Neil Brooks; Pastor Mary Overstreet; Karen "KK" Bowles-Scott, and Ann Granville.

Victory Village and Bazaar complements the full day of voices, music, and purpose with arts, crafts, services, educational materials, food, photographs, films, and a network of arts and education advocates.

"Keep Alive the Dream" will be live video streamed on YouTube and Facebook, and aired live through Portland Community Media (Cable 11). Portland Public Schools (Television Services), and KBOO-FM Radio (90.7 FM) will broadcast the live program in real time.

SPONSORS include but are not limited to: Portland Public Schools, Providence Health & Services, Portland Association of Teachers, Oregon Education Association, TriMet, Enterprise Holdings, Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (District 2), State Farm - Cedric Berry Agency, Portland, General Electric, Concordia University, KBOO Radio (90.7 FM), Portland Community Media and many others.

A donation of \$5.00 or five cans of non-perishable food will be accepted gratefully and given to local food banks. All attendees will be admitted free!

Five Beaverton Congregations to Host Forum on Racism Jan. 17

"What Happened to the Dream?" or "The Siege of the Dream" or "What Can We Do to Restore the Sabotaged Dream?" are all working titles for an honest discussion on race at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton.

Five Beaverton congregations: Murray Hills Christian Church, Christ United Methodist Church, Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, Spirit of Grace, and Southminster Presbyterian are hosting a panel discussion as a companion event to the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration which will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 15 also at Southminster.

Organizers of the event wanted to create an opportunity for suburban residents to interact with lead-

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