

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK Day News Briefs

Registration Open for United Way Weekend of Service Volunteer Event

United Way is activating the village. Join them as they celebrate their 11th annual MLK Weekend of Service. They are looking for 1,500 volunteers to work with local nonprofits and schools through the long weekend.

The event honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through more than 65 volunteer service projects throughout the four-county metro region.

Volunteer projects range from restoring and refurbishing classrooms, gardens and play spaces at schools to sorting food and clothing, serving meals and doing home repairs. The majority of these projects support United Way's agenda to invest in our region's kids, so they are free from poverty and free to reach their potential. MLK Weekend of Service is open to all.

The Weekend of Service will take place Jan. 12-15 at multiple locations in Multnomah, Washington, Clark and Clackamas counties.

To sign up or learn more, visit www.unitedway-pdx.org/mlk.

This event is presented by by Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon and supported by Bank of America, The Boeing Company, Daimler Trucks North America, Intel, JP Morgan Chase and Umpqua Bank with special thanks to U.S. Bank.

Volunteers Needed at Powell Butte Lower Floodplain Jan. 13

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, join The Nature Conservancy in restoring Portland Parks & Recreation's Powell Butte Lower Floodplain at a work party taking place from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 13. Powell Butte, an extinct cinder cone volcano, rises near the headwaters of Johnson Creek — an urban creek with remnant populations of native salmon and steelhead. The park is comprised of 608 acres of meadowland and forest.

Volunteers will be planting and mulching native

shrubs during this event. No experience is necessary & families are encouraged to join. Volunteers should bring hiking boots, a daypack, lunch and snacks, plenty of water for the day, layers of clothing including raingear, a hat and sunscreen. Bring leather gloves and safety glasses if you have them – if not, you can borrow ours.

Registration is required at nature.org/oregonworkparties. Questions? Contact (503) 802-8100 or orvolunteers@tnc.org.

OSU to Host 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The annual Oregon State University celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., takes place Jan.13-19. This is the 36th year of the event. It is one of the university's longest-running social justice events.

The weeklong series consists of workshops, speakers, service opportunities and other community engagement events hosted by departments and units throughout Oregon State.

The most popular event is the Peace Breakfast, which will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 15 in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center Ballroom. The breakfast is free but registration is required. During the breakfast, three legacy awards will be presented by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee. They include the Phyllis S. Lee Award, the Frances Dancy Hooks Award, and, for the first time, the Oscar Humberto Montemayor Award.

At 11 a.m., keynote speaker Melissa Harris-Perry will speak in The LaSells Stewart Center's Austin Auditorium. Harris-Perry is a writer, political commentator, former MSNBC TV host and the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University.

Harris-Perry is also the author of the award-winning books "Barbershops, Bibles and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought," and "Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America."

Following the keynote address, all community members are invited to join in a Peace March from The LaSells Stewart Center to the Student Experience Plaza.

For accommodations contact (541)737-4717 or events@oregonstate.edu. For a full calendar of events visit, leadership.oregonstate.edu/mlk.

Tacoma Hosts 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Celebration

The city of Tacoma's annual celebration to honor the legacy of Dr. King will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 15 Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, 1500 Broadway. It will include performances by Tacoma Public School students, key not by Nate Bowling from Lincoln High School, honoring Dr. Dexter Gordon with Community Service Award, Community Outreach Fair in lobby from 10 AM - 11 AM and after program featuring Children's Museum and more. Free and open to the public.

Tacoma Hosts Bates Annual March for MLK

Tacoma's annual March for MLK will take place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. starting at S. Yakima Ave. and ending at the Tacoma Convention Center.

Dexter Gordon Receives Tacoma's MLK Community Service Award

The City of Tacoma's Events and Recognition Committee has named Dexter Gordon, director of the Race & Pedagogy Institute at University of Puget Sound, as the 2018 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award.

Gordon is a published author, professor, and community advocate for social change. He co-founded and guides the Race & Pedagogy Institute, which has worked for more than a decade partnering Puget Sound's academic resources with local community knowledge and experience in the pursuit of a more aware, equitable, and just society.

The city said in its announcement that Gordon, professor of communication studies and African American studies, demonstrates exemplary leadership that embodies the values of equity and inclusion, and for many years has promoted and advocated for a campus environment and city that embraces racial and cultural differences.

The MLK lifetime service award is presented each year at the city's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. It recognizes and encourages excellence in community service activities carried out by an individual, organization, or group whose efforts reflect the essence of King's teachings. Tacoma's City Events and Recognition Committee is comprised of

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**"We may have all come on different ships,
but we're in the same boat now."**

- Martin Luther King Jr.





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