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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events taking place in Hampton

Hampton, VA – Events in Hampton will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout the month. The day is observed on the third Monday in January each year. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day became a federal holiday in 1983 when President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law. Despite it becoming a federal holiday, the day was first formally celebrated in 1986 and it wasn't until 2000 when all 50 states decided to honor the day. The day observes the work that Dr. King contributed to the Civil Rights Movement.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Healthcare EnrollFest
MLK Community Health, Wellness, Medical Clinic Career and Business
Resource Fair
Friday January, 13-14, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Hampton Roads Convention Center

Join Celebrate Healthcare for a free event this Friday and Saturday. The Resource Fair is a one-stop-shop that features a free urban remote access medical clinic, health screenings, health insurance enrollment, dementia/alzheimer's ahead study, information and resources to help you thrive in 2023. Key highlights of this event include physical examinations, mammogram screenings, COVID boosters, testing, flu shots, housing opportunities, small business workshops and more.

Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
MLK Day of Service
Saturday January, 14, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Tarrant Middle School
1435 Todds Lane
Open to the public

The Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host their annual MLK Day of Service at Tarrant Middle School on Saturday, January 14 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The sorority will be collecting t-shirts, black tights (adult sizes), deodorant, socks, feminine products, women's underwear, bookbags, crayons, pencils, notebooks and folders from community members. Those interested in donating items can bring them to Tarrant Middle School located at 1435 Todds Lane during the event.

Hampton University - Celebrating the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert
Sunday, January 15, 5 p.m.
Robert C. Ogden Auditorium
100 East Queen Street
Open to the public

Join the Hampton University Concert Choir under the direction of Omar J. Dickenson for their Celebrating the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. concert with special guest Heritage High School Concert Choir. The event will take place at the Robert C. Ogden Auditorium on Sunday January, 15 at 5 p.m.

Hampton University - Office of Student Activities Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Program
Monday, January 16, 10:15 a.m.
Emancipation Oak
Open to the public

The Hampton University Office of Student Activities will hold its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Program on January 16 at 10:15 a.m. Attendees should plan to assemble at 9:30 a.m. at the Emancipation Oak at 1006 Settlers Landing Road. A program will follow the march at Ogden Hall followed by a reception hosted by the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at the Student Center Student Lounge.

1865 Brewing Company - MLK Weekend Discount
Saturday, January 14-15
9 South Mallory Street

From Saturday, January 14-15, 1865 Brewing Company will have a 50 percent discount on their 1865 Freedom Ale. Be sure to stop in to grab a glass. Opened in 2021, 1865 Brewing Company is the first Black-owned brewery in the Coastal Virginia area. 1865 is a community meeting hub equipped with a full service coffee shop, fully functional brewery, nutritional juice bar, and a non-alcoholic cocktail station with tasty food and snack options.

Past Event

The 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast hosted by the Delta Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was held on Saturday, January 7 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

