



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Town of Carrboro Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Discussion

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to have a discussion about an annual Martin Luther King Jr Celebration in Carrboro.

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager Office

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INFORMATION: This agenda item provides the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to discuss having a Town of Carrboro Martin Luther King Jr Day celebration at Alderman Foushee's request.

Events that traditionally occur in the Carrboro/Chapel Hill during the holiday week include:

Sunday before the holiday -

University/Community Annual MLK Banquet and Award Presentation

Friday Center for Continuing Education 6:00 p.m. (reception at 5:00 p.m.)

Holiday Monday-

MLK Day of Service 5K: Voices. Presence. Community

Meet at UNC Campus Y 7:00 a.m. (registration at 6:00 a.m.)

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro and UNC-Chapel Hill chapters of the NAACP hosts three events:

1. Annual MLK Day Rally -9:15a.m. Peace and Justice Plaza, Franklin Street
2. March/Parade - 10:00 a.m. down Franklin
3. Worship Service - 11:15a First Baptist Church on Roberson Street

Carolina R.O.C.T.S. (Rejuvenating Our Community Through Service) sponsors its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This opportunity allows individuals and groups to participate in projects at various locations in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area. This event is co-sponsored by Fleet Feet, Carolina Dining Services, CHispA, and Diversity & Inclusion, along with the generous support of the Parents Council Grant program.

Tuesday

“He Was a Poem, He Was a Song” Celebration - Stone Center UNC -Stone Center

7:00 p.m. Community members, faculty, staff and students convene to explore Dr. King’s legacy through music, poetry, dance and spoken word.

Wednesday

Candlelight Vigil - Warriors of Freedom, Stone Center Amphitheater 5:00 p.m. (This vigil is designated for all the women that have lost their lives in the fight for equality. The walk begins at the amphitheater next to the Stone Center and ends at the Unsung Founders monument. Prior to beginning the walk, campus *a capella* groups perform. Also during that time is a moment of silence and people share their stories.)

Thursday

MLK Celebration Keynote Lecture & Awards Ceremony, Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m. (The lecture provides an opportunity to hear from national thought leaders on the importance of social justice, unity, action, and/or service. Additionally, the Keynote lecture program will include two special presentations: MLK Scholarships (awarded to a college junior) and MLK Unsung Hero Award (awarded to a UNC staff/faculty or department or a community/corporate entity).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Aldermen may decide to initiate a resolution that staff can prepare and bring back for approval on a consent agenda.