

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Please note: Some of the events and programs require a reservation. All events are free to the public, unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

MLK Candlelight Vigil and March - 6 p.m.

Rotunda, Orlando City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue
The City of Orlando Mayor's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will host a candlelight vigil at Orlando City Hall. At the event, participants will be greeted with a brief presentation followed by a march to First United Methodist Church for the Interfaith Multicultural Celebration. Complimentary parking available in the City Commons Garage, 460 Boone Ave.

Interfaith Multicultural Celebration - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 142 East Jackson Street
Following the Candlelight Vigil is the Interfaith Multicultural Celebration presented by the Interfaith Council of Central Florida, with guest speakers Bishop Derrick L. McRae, Senior Pastor, The Experience Christian Center; President, African American Council of Christian Clergy. The celebration's theme is "We Cannot Turn Back" and includes representation from various faith traditions. For more information contact MLKOrlando2024@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

Orlando City Council Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Presentation - 2 p.m.

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 S Orange Avenue
Mayor Dyer and the City Commissioners will proclaim January 7-15, 2024, as "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Week" in the City of Orlando.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

20th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Forum - 7 p.m.

FAMU College of Law, 201 FAMU Law Lane
During the Leadership Forum, presented by the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, participants will take part in a moderated, interactive event with key leaders of the Orlando community to discuss this year's theme of "Advancing the Dream: Navigating Education Equity in Today's Landscape". For more information, visit mlkluncheon.org.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Luncheon (cost) - 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Orlando, 3000 South John Young Parkway
This luncheon, presented by the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, with keynote speaker Alpha Phi Alpha Brother Dr. Gerald Jones. At the event, students, community leaders and organizations will be recognized for their contributions with the prestigious Drum Major Award in areas of Scholastic Achievement, Civic Affairs, Social Justice, Community Service and Business. Event registration, visit mlkluncheon.org

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Downtown Orlando Parade - 10 a.m.

Downtown Orlando, Orange Avenue
Join the Southwest Orlando Jaycees for an exciting event that will feature dance, comedy, community organizations, drumlines, music, artistic expression and more. The parade theme is: "It Starts with Me - Shifting the Cultural Climate Through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence". For parade information, contact swojuniorchamber@gmail.com or to sign up 2024OrlandoMLKParade.eventbrite.com

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy 33rd Annual Prayer Breakfast (cost) - 7:45 a.m.

First Baptist Orlando, 3000 South John Young Parkway
Presented by the Southwest Orlando Jaycees and the Central Florida YMCA, the annual Prayer Breakfast will commemorate the legacies of civil rights pioneers Dr. King and Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy, Orlando's first African American City Council Member. This year's guest speaker will be Congresswoman Val Demings.

This event brings together civic leaders, pastors and Central Florida neighbors in faith, prayer and the shared commitment to strengthen the community and improve lives. To RSVP, visit ymcacf.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission's Great Day of Service Million Meal Pack - 9 a.m.

Orange County Convention Center, West Concourse
U.S. Hunger in collaboration with The Orlando Mayor's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the Orange County MLK Initiative, will pack and distribute 1 million healthy meals of food relief throughout the Central Florida region; while providing a high-energy, family-friendly volunteer event for up to 5,000 Central Florida volunteers. Volunteers will maintain efficiency on the meal-packaging floor, move boxes, and fill bins with food products (if physically able) as volunteers package 1 million meals in honor of MLK Day of Service! To RSVP, mlk.ushunger.org.

Seedlings for Civil Rights - 9 a.m.

Gilbert McQueen Park, 650 West Lake Mann Drive
During the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, the City of Orlando's Green Up initiative will work with volunteers to beautify the Lake Mann Homes neighborhood by planting trees, mulching, and removing litter in surrounding parks and other areas. Snacks, water and all needed supplies provided for volunteers. Closed toe shoes required. For volunteer opportunities, visit orlando.gov/seedlings.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

MLK Night at the Orlando Magic (cost) - 7 p.m.

Kia Center, 400 West Church Street
The event will recognize Mayor Dyer's MLK Youth Humanitarians at the Orlando Magic vs. 76ers game.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

9th Annual MLK Gospel Concert - 7 p.m.

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Steinmetz Hall, 445 South Magnolia Avenue
Presented by the City of Orlando and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and is produced and directed by Grammy Award Winner, Dr. Jeffrey Redding to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations for UP - United Against Poverty, which will be distributed locally. Special guests include Naguanda Miller-Nobles, Soprano - Benjamin Polite, Bass, and Shawn Welcome, the City of Orlando's Poet Laureate. This year's theme is "Through the storm, I need You to survive!". To RSVP, visit orlando.gov/mlk.

The mission of the
Orlando Mayor's
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commission is to strengthen
our community by
promoting Dr. King's legacy
of service, equality, justice,
peace, respect and
inclusion for all.



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