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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Events in Snohomish County

EVERETT, Wash., January 10, 2019 – In 1979, a public campaign in support of officially recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday was launched. This community-based effort resulted in six million signatures for a petition to Congress. The effort was recognized in *The Nation* at the time as “the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history.” In 1984, Congress passed legislation officially declaring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day a national holiday. In 1994, Congress designated the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service.

Every year, on the third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is observed as a “day on, not a day off.” The intention of the day is to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions for social ills, and lead us closer to achieving Dr. King’s vision of a “Beloved Community.”

This year, Snohomish County government encourages everyone who lives, works, and plays in Snohomish County to join community events in solidarity with Dr. King’s dream and vision.

- Monday, January 14. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **MLK Jr. Birthday Party and Scavenger Hunt. FREE**
([Attached flyer #1](#))
Edmonds Community College – Triton Student Center in Brier Hall.
For more information, please visit [MLK Website](#) or contact Russell Dorsey at Russell.Dorsey@edcc.edu
- Tuesday, January 15. 12:30 p.m. (student event) and 7:00 p.m. (open to the public. Reserve tickets). **Using the Arts to Engage and Create Peace. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Benitez Jr. FREE- RESERVE TICKETS.**
([Attached flyer #1 and #2](#))
Edmonds Community College – Black Box Theatre in Mukilteo Hall.
For more information, please visit [MLK Website](#) or contact Russell Dorsey at Russell.Dorsey@edcc.edu
- Wednesday, January 16. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Know your rights: Education and Advocacy Day. FREE**
([Attached flyer #1](#))

Edmonds Community College – Triton Student Center in Brier Hall.

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- Thursday, January 17. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Creating Peace Through our Multicultural Identities: Workshops. FREE**
([Attached flyer #1](#)).
Edmonds Community College – Center for Student Cultural Diversity and Inclusion. Brier Hall.
For more information, please visit [MLK Website](#) or contact Russell Dorsey at Russell.Dorsey@edcc.edu
- Sunday, January 20. 3:00-5:00 p.m. **35th Annual Reverend Dr. MLK Jr. Greater Everett Community Celebration. Keynote Speaker: King County Councilmember Larry Gossett. FREE**
([Attached flyers #5 and #6](#))
Bethany Christian Assembly. 2715 Everett, WA 98201. For more information- 425-876-0665 and 425-583-7739.
- Monday, January 21. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **MLK National Day of Service – Volunteer for a greener Lynnwood. FREE**
([Attached flyer #6](#))
Lynnwood Senior Center. 19000 44th Ave W.
RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-day-of-service-tickets-30860275916>
- Monday, January 21. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **MLK National Day of Service. FREE**
Light lunch and refreshments provided.
([Attached flyer #1](#))
Gold Park. 6421 200th St. SW. Lynnwood.
For more information, please visit [MLK Website](#) or contact Russell Dorsey at Russell.Dorsey@edcc.edu
- Monday, January 21. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Our Beloved Community Morning Program. A tribute to Rev. Dr. MLK Jr in Song, Spoken Word and Dance. Morning program for families, children and youth. FREE**
([Attached flyer #3](#))
The Edmonds Center for the Arts. 410 4th Ave N. Edmonds, WA 98020
- Monday, January 21. 7:30 p.m. **Our Beloved Community Morning Program. A tribute to Rev. Dr. MLK Jr in Song, Spoken Word and Dance. Evening Tribute.** Tickets [here](#).
([Attached flyer #4](#))
The Edmonds Center for the Arts. 410 4th Ave N. Edmonds, WA 98020.

- Thursday, January 24. 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Honoring Dr. King's Legacy of Action - Advocacy 101 Trainings. FREE (Registration Required)**
United Way of Snohomish County. 3120 McDougall Ave., Everett. Limited seats are available. Please register on this [Eventbrite page](#) today. If you have any questions about the event please contact Lark Kesterke at Lark.Kesterke@uwsc.org.
- Thursday, February 21. 4-6pm. **Honoring Dr. King's Legacy of Action - Advocacy 101 Trainings. FREE (Registration Required)**
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If you would like to learn more about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day of Service or register your event, please visit <https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service>.

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