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City offices and facilities closing in observance of MLK Jr. Day Jan. 18

Citizens, Faith-Community, Non-Profits Encouraged to Support 'Day of Service'

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all City of Murfreesboro offices, and most recreational facilities, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. Citizens are encouraged to support MLK Jr. “Day of Service” to build community and uplift neighborhoods. More information on MLK Jr. Day of Service is available below.

Rover, the City’s public transportation service, will not run on the federal holiday.

There will be **no garbage pick-up** on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. Monday’s garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, Jan. 19. Tuesday’s garbage pick-up will be Wednesday, January 20.

All Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department facilities, except **Patterson Park Community Center** for the Sort-A Thon and Blood Drive-only and **Adams Tennis Complex**, will be closed. Adams will operate regular hours on MLK Jr. Day.

Old Fort and VA golf courses will be open on MLK Jr. Day.

St. Clair Street Senior Center will be open Saturday, Jan. 16, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 17, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., but closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of MLK Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an annual federal holiday that celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. The American holiday honors the life and achievements of this influential civil rights leader.

Patterson Park Community Center is hosting a Sort-A-Thon on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, 2021. Items for the City School’s Backpack Program have been collected throughout January and will be sorted on MLK Jr. Day. The American Red Cross and the Rutherford County Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will partner to host a community blood drive in the gymnasium at Patterson Park Community Center.

Due to COVID restrictions, the blood drive will be appointment only. Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood by either visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), using the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or activating the Blood Scheduling Skill for Amazon Alexa. The sponsor code is “**FirstOfAll.**”

For more ways to volunteer, participants can give back to the community by visiting United Way’s Volunteer Connect <https://www.yourlocaluw.org/volunteer-united-way>.

The 17th Annual Martin Luther King Jr Day March will be a virtual event. The annual March beginning at Central Magnet School will NOT be held.

About MLK Jr. Day of Service

Throughout January 2021, the Patterson Park Community Center and community partners have prepared and participated in MLK Jr. “Day of Service” activities to encourage City residents to volunteer. The vision advocates doing for others to build community and embrace shared responsibility by uplifting neighborhoods and community.

Volunteer activities are supportive of Martin Luther King Junior’s message crucial to empowering individuals, as well as strengthening communities, bridging barriers, and creating solutions that work to end social problems around homelessness, unemployment, under employment, illiteracy, food insecurities, violence, crime, drugs, child abuse, prejudice and stereotypes.

City residents are encouraged to post pictures on Facebook, Twitter and Next Door of MLK Day of Service activities individually or as a group to #BoroMLKDay.

City business offices will resume their regular hours of operation, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

For City News online, visit www.Murfreesborotn.gov.

Photos attached:

1. *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.jpg (Public Domain)*
2. *MLK Day of Service.jpg*
3. *Parks and Rec Logo.jpg*