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The 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
“Reflect on Yesterday for a Better Tomorrow”

On Friday, January 12, 2018 the City of Dallas will kick off the 36th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration weekend with a series of events dedicated to celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. The theme of this year’s celebration is “Reflect on Yesterday for a Better Tomorrow.” Special events are noted below and open to the general public:

January 12, 2018 at 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Texas 75215

- 11:00 A.M. Celebration Fair at the MLK Recreation Center - Building E. Attendees can discover job opportunities, apply for college, and receive free medical screenings.
- 2:00 P.M. Dallas Civil Rights Museum Open House - Building A
- 7:00 P.M. Candlelight Ceremony hosted by the Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Building E. Keynote Speaker, Senior Pastor Frederick D. Haynes, III of Friendship West Baptist Church. Winners of the Dr. King Scholarship and Essay Contest will be announced.

January 13, 2018 at 300 Reunion Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75207

- 5:30 P.M. MLK Awards Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel starting with a silent auction - proceeds going towards MLK Social Services programs. The Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, President of Repairers of the Breach. Special guests include Yolonda Williams, Host of CW33’s Newsfix, and the Life School Oak Cliff Honor Choir. Tickets are \$85 and table sponsorships are \$1000; Both can be purchased online at www.dallasmlkcenter.com.

January 15, 2018 at MLK Boulevard and Holmes Street Dallas, Texas 75215

- 10:00 A.M. Annual MLK Day Parade starts at the intersection of MLK Boulevard and Holmes St. It will proceed down MLK Blvd. to the entrance of Fair Park. Participants include elected officials, high school bands and dance teams, car clubs, horses, local businesses and other community organizations. The parade will be streamed live on CW33.

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