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Celebrating MLK Day

It's January again, and time to think about Martin Luther King, Jr.--and all the reflection and celebration his name evokes. There will be plenty of events happening around the community, so whip out your desk calendar or digital planner and jot down two (or ten!) of these free events:

MLK Community Breakfast

L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Cardinal Hall (BSU)
9-10:30am

Youth Empowerment Sessions

L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Cardinal Hall (BSU)
Grades K-6: 10:30-11am; Grades 7-12: 12-1pm

FREE Legal Help (15-minutes per appointment)

Roy C. Buley Center, 1111 N. Penn St
11am-1pm

MLK Youth Celebration Breakfast & March (grades K-12)

Unity Center - 1600 S. Madison Street
Breakfast from 9-10:30am; march from 11am-1pm
***Will also host food giveaway from 1-3pm**

MLK Community Celebration Worship Service

Union Missionary Baptist Church
1100 N. Macedonia Avenue
6pm

January Meeting

Mark your calendars for our January meeting! As always, we'll be discussing important information to move our neighborhood forward, and we need your input. January 12 at the Muncie Area Career Center from 6-7pm. Food will be served starting at 5:15.

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Dr. Marc Lamont Hill to speak at BSU



At 7:30pm on Tuesday, January 20, Ball State will feature speaker Dr. Marc Lamont Hill and his presentation “The War on Youth,” as part of their Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker series.

Dr. Hill is one of the foremost intellectuals of the hip-hop generation. Since his youth in Philadelphia, he has acted as a social justice activist and organizer. He is involved in non-profit organizations devoted to educating youth about their legal rights and responsibilities, as well as a literacy project that uses hip-hop culture to increase school engagement and reading skills among high school students.

Dr. Hill provides regular commentary for media outlets like NPR, *Essence* magazine, and MSNBC. He is the host of the nationally syndicated television show *Our World with Black Enterprise*. His newest book is *The Classroom and the Cell: Conversations on Black Life in America*.

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747-4703

Code/Grass
747-4862

Human Rights
747-4854

Voter Registration
747-7812

Streets/Potholes
747-4842

Parks Department
747-4858

WorkOne Office
289-1861

Mayor's Office
747-4845

Building Comm
747-4862

Special Thanks to Our Partners

We couldn't do the work we do without the tireless zeal of our volunteers and community partners. This month, we want to give a special thanks to Panera Bread, Little Caesars, and Olive Garden, businesses who have recently gone above and beyond for us. Thanks a million!

Shaffer Chapel Opens Museum

Congratulations to Shaffer Chapel, who are opening their African-American history museum on January 19. The museum celebrates the historical significance of Shaffer Chapel, as well as the history of the African-American community in Muncie. Stop in and take in the exhibits for yourself, starting January 19 from 11am-7pm.

Teamwork for Quality Living Offering Poverty Elimination Classes

Climbing out of poverty can feel daunting at best, and impossible at worst. Fortunately, Teamwork for Quality Living, through the Circles USA project, will offer a 16-week class to make the process manageable and empowering. These classes, which start February 19th and run from 4:30-8pm, include dinner and child care. Contact Carrie Summers at (765) 747-7158 by February 5th to take the first steps toward a better life.

