

Martin Luther King Day of Service 2020

Why?

“The Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday is a National Day of Service, and a time to recommit ourselves to serving each other and our communities. Americans across the country will honor Dr. King by helping their neighbors and communities. This Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. King's life and teachings into community service (HandsOn RVA Website).”

Community Service & Programs

1. MLK Day: “A Day On, Not A Day Off” ([Flyer](#))

Monday, January 20

Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia

[Information & Registration Page](#)

- Remembrance Ceremony, 9:00-10:00am
- Museum Guided/Self-Directed Tour, 10:00-10:45am
- Service Projects: 10:30-12:30pm

[List of service projects for the day \(See \[Registration Link\]\(#\) above to choose\):](#)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PRCF & Richmond Community ToolBank: 20 volunteers needed for building community garden beds & benches [1407 Cummings Drive, Richmond, VA 23220] {Note: 0 spots filled as of 1/7/20} | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf raking for seniors: 11 volunteers needed to rake and bag leaves for seniors. [various locations] {Note: 3 spots filled as of 1/7/20} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huguenot Flatwater: 15 volunteers needed for park beautification (removing invasive plants)[8600 Riverside Drive, Richmond, VA 23225] {Note: 0 spots filled as of 1/7/20} | <input type="checkbox"/> Broad Rock Sports Complex: 20 volunteers needed for playground mulching [4899 Old Warwick Road, Richmond, VA 23224] {Note: 3 spots filled as of 1/7/20} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Westover Hills Elementary School Playground: 20 volunteers needed for flower bed prep (weeding, raking, plant removal, etc.) [1211 Jahnke Road, Richmond, VA 23225] {Note: 8 spots filled as of 1/7/20} | <input type="checkbox"/> Gillies Creek Park: 15 volunteers for playground mulching. [4425 Williamsburg Avenue, Richmond, VA 23231] {Note: 1 spots filled as of 1/7/20} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Park: 20 volunteers needed for trash clean-up [4308 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227 - Shelter #1] {Note: 2 spots filled as of 1/7/20} | <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Park: 20 volunteers needed for playground mulching. [4308 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227] {Note: 0 spots filled as of 1/7/20} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Park: 8 volunteers needed for planting in the greenhouse [4308 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227] {Note: 2 spots filled as of 1/7/20} | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will not be able to volunteer this year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reid Elementary School: 15 volunteers needed for indoor/outdoor school beautification (basic landscaping, cleaning, organizing classrooms, etc.) [1301 Whitehead Road, Richmond, VA 23225] {Note: ALL spots filled as of 1/8/20} | |

2. Evergreen Cemetery Clean-Up & Tour ([Mr. Hansen](#): Point of Contact)

Monday, January 20

[Sign Up Link](#)

9:00am-12:00pm (Service)

Minimum age with adult: 10+

- Please join the Enrichmond Foundation at Historic Evergreen Cemetery for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Volunteer tasks include clearing overgrowth and debris from pathways and grave markers and grave marker recording. Tools will be provided. Volunteers should dress for being outside the entire time and wear long pants, closed toe shoes, and bring gardening gloves. Volunteers should bring their own water/water bottles. Carpooling is strongly encouraged--parking is limited. Volunteers must sign in and sign a waiver liability form (**Source:** HandsOn RVA Website).
- **Historic Evergreen Cemetery** is a historic African-American cemetery, created in 1891 and located in Richmond's East End. It is the resting place for many of Richmond's African-American leaders of the 19th and 20th centuries, including Maggie L. Walker, John Mitchell, Jr., and Rev. J. Andrew Bowler. There are an estimated 10,000 plots in Evergreen, most of which have become overgrown after over 40 years of neglect.
- Due to the delicate nature of the headstones, use of heavy equipment is very limited and clean up by hand is necessary to preserve this part of our region's history. Your volunteer time is crucial to the success of this project as we reclaim and maintain the cemetery.

3. VCU Annual Candlelight Vigil in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 20 @ 6:00 pm

The Depot, 814 W. Broad Street

The candlelight vigil will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20 at The Depot on VCU's Monroe Park Campus, 814 W. Broad Street, and includes a contribution to Dr. King with music by the VCU Black Awakening Choir and the lighting of the candles. Everyone is invited to join in the march from The Depot to the VCU Cabell Library. Refreshments will follow in Rodney's Lounge in the Shafer Court Dining Center, 810 Cathedral Place. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Elyjah Foster at fostereo@mymail.vcu.edu.