

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Walk, City Manager
DATE: January 8, 2020
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Thomas Barnett, Planning and Development Services Director, regarding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. events
2. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding a community outreach update

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Attachments

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

FROM: Thomas Barnett, Planning and Development Services Director 

DATE: January 8, 2020

RE: **Notes to Council: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events**

Attached is a list of community events honoring and celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The only organization not included is the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), who we were unable to contact.

Also, a draft copy of the program for the Wednesday, January 15th event will be provided to you no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 10, 2020.

If additional information is needed, please contact the Human Relations Office at 252-329-4494 or via e-mail: cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov.

2020 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 15

Greenville Human Relations Council
The Mayor and City Manager's Offices

"Celebrating the Heartbeat of our Greenville
Community" at 6:00 PM – City Council Chambers
(Reception after program in the – Gallery Area)

Thursday, January 16

*Pitt Community College

Annual Dr. King Tribute Breakfast at 9:00 AM
Craig F. Goess Student Center
Davenport Multipurpose Room

SPEAKER: Chief Justice, Cheri Beasley
North Carolina Supreme Court

Monday, January 20

Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce,
Office of the Mayor and City of Greenville:

Community Unity Breakfast at 7:30 AM
Harvey Hall – ECU Murphy Center

SPEAKER: Chris J. Suggs, Founder & CEO
Kinston Teens, Inc.

East Carolina University:

MLK Day of Service 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Main Campus Student Center – Ballroom C

Coalition against Racism and NAACP

MLK March/Rally at 9:30 AM – from Thomas Foreman
Park to Pitt County Courthouse

**The Interfaith Clergy of Pitt & Martin

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration at 12:30 PM
"GRACE for the Struggle"

St. John Missionary Baptist Church Soul Saving Station –
2921 Briery Swamp Road – Stokes, NC

SPEAKER: Bishop Rosie O'neal
Koinonia Christian Center & FKCM International

Wednesday, January 22

East Carolina University:

Celebration of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. at 6:00 PM
"The Current State of Civil Rights"

Main Campus Student Center – Ballrooms A&B

SPEAKER: April Ryan
White House Correspondent

*Cost for the breakfast is \$10 (Lucille Gorham Scholarship)

**A free will offering will be received – fellowship meal is after the program

MEMO

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks 
Date: January 8, 2020
Re: Community Outreach Update

December was a busy month for Recreation Staff as they planned and hosted several community events and programs at various facilities. A few pictures are provided highlighting some of these events.

On December 4th the Specialized Recreation Staff hosted their annual **Holiday Dance** at the Drew Steele Center. This event, much like other dances hosted by Specialized Recreation staff, drew over 400 individuals with disabilities who were able to dance, enjoy good food and socialize with friends.

On December 14th, South Greenville Recreation Center (SGRC) held the annual **Give Back** event to kick off the holiday season. Staff worked with various community groups to collect over 200 gifts for children ages 5-12. These gifts included bicycles, helmets, board games and various gift cards. This well-attended event was co-sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., *Pathways to Life* and Recreation & Parks.

SGRC staff then, on December 17th, held a **ladies pajama party** which included food, gifts and games. Over 30 young ladies participated in the event. This was the second year for the party and staff look forward to making it an annual tradition.

SGRC and Eppes Recreation Center (ERC) have teamed up to implement their **Winter Youth Basketball League**, to be played at both sites. The league includes over 150 youth ages 5-12. The 13-18 year old age groups will participate in a league at the Drew Steele Center. Both leagues begin play mid-January.

In February, Recreation Staff will update Council regarding additional services being held throughout the community. At SGRC and ERC, several community events and programs will take place including the **Get Fit, Get Strong** fitness program for teens, and the **I Need a Job Workshop** (focusing on job preparedness skills). Details regarding various new teen programs beginning this spring at the Drew Steele Center will also be provided.

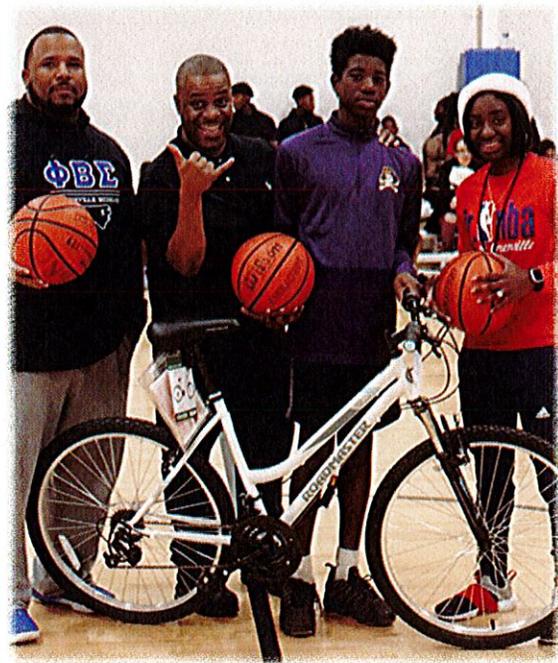
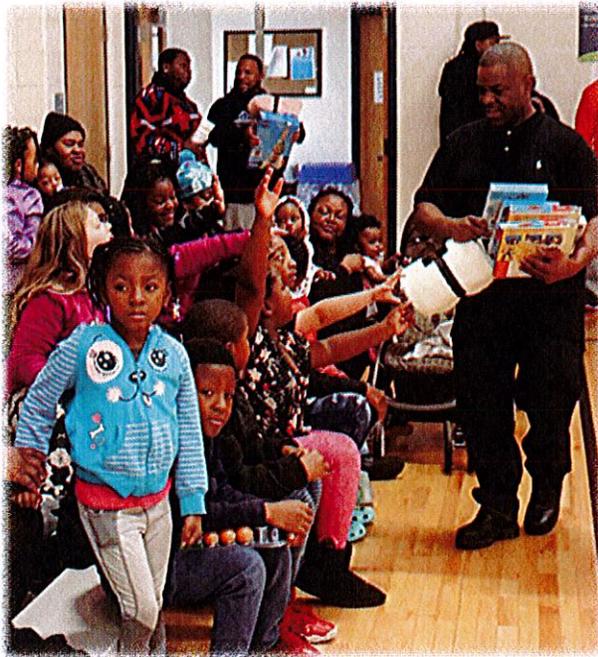
Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Don Octigan, Recreation and Parks Outreach Coordinator Heather White and Recreation Manager Chasity McCurdy are working together with other Recreation staff to identify additional programming needs throughout the community. Their goal is to engage the community to gain valuable feedback and then work to provide new and innovative programming and special events for all ages. Staff will continue to share details of these recreational opportunities with Council and the public, and encourage participation by members of both groups whenever possible.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager



Specialized Recreation Holiday Dance held at the Drew Steele Center



The "Give Back" held at the South Greenville Recreation Center