



## MLK CELEBRATION

*Celebrate our community's diversity, Jan. 18-21*

Celebrate our community's wonderful diversity by participating in the MLK Celebration Events taking place January 18-21, 2019. This year's theme is "Sharing Our Stories: From the Movement to the Moment." Events are free and open to the public. All Blount County residents are encouraged to participate.

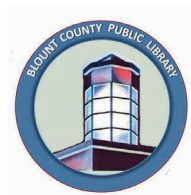
**MLK Business Luncheon**  
**Friday, January 18, 2019**  
**Noon, Clayton Center for the Arts, Grand Foyer**

The business luncheon will be held at the Clayton Center for the Arts on January 18 at noon. The cost is \$35 per person or \$350 per table of 10. Reservations are required to attend this event and can be made by calling the Blount County Chamber of Commerce at 865-983-2241. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Cassius Cash, Superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



**MLK Kids and Families Fair**  
**Saturday, January 19, 2019**  
**1 p.m. at the Blount County Library**

The 3rd annual MLK Kids and Families Fair is sponsored by Blount County United (BCU), Blount County Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ), St. Paul AME Zion Church, Blount County NAACP, and Foothills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The drop-in style family-oriented MLK Kids and Families Fair is for children of all ages. The Fair will again offer a variety of fun activities and educational displays to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Come and learn more about Dr. King's work and legacy as well as other issues and topics related to race and identity, the historical and modern context of race/racism in the U.S., and how we can all work together to promote racial justice.



**Community Worship Service**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2019**  
**4 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, Alcoa**

The Community Worship service will be held on Sunday, January 20 at St. John Baptist Church, Alcoa (178 Bessie Harvey Avenue, Alcoa, TN) at 4 p.m. Reverend Richard Turney, Pastor of Rest Haven Baptist Church in Alcoa will be the speaker for the afternoon.



**MLK Day March/Program**  
**Monday, January 21, 2019**  
**12:45 p.m. Assemble at MLK Center**  
**1 p.m. March from MLK Center to Maryville College**  
**2 p.m. Program at Nutt Theatre in Clayton Center**

All Blount County residents who are lucky enough to receive Monday, January 15 as a holiday are encouraged to participate in the last event of the celebration. A march to the Clayton Center for the Arts will assemble at 12:45 p.m. at the MLK Center (209 East Franklin Street) in Alcoa. The program will begin promptly at 2 p.m. at the Clayton Center for the Arts featuring keynote speaker, Mr. Bob Booker, Author and Former Executive Director of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center; Knoxville. All are invited to celebrate diversity within our Blount County Community!



### New Members

We'd like to welcome new members to the Blount County Chamber of Commerce who joined since last month. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please call 865.983.2241 or go to [www.BlountChamber.com](http://www.BlountChamber.com)

Anthony Houde Design & Motion  
[www.anthonyhoudesign.com](http://www.anthonyhoudesign.com)

Community Food Connection  
[www.cfcblount.org](http://www.cfcblount.org)

Down Home Inspections  
[www.downhomeinspectionstn.com](http://www.downhomeinspectionstn.com)

Friendsville Animal Center  
[www.friendsville.com](http://www.friendsville.com)

Hepperly Auto Sales  
[www.heppauto.com](http://www.heppauto.com)

Hunter Jones - State Farm  
 423.355.0621

L.I.F.E. (Living Independently and Functionally in your Environment)  
[www.etnlife.com](http://www.etnlife.com)

Lindsey Wilson College  
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[www.sonyadoddhomes.com](http://www.sonyadoddhomes.com)

Single Barrel Events Professional Bartending Services  
[www.singlebarrelevents.com](http://www.singlebarrelevents.com)

Tillman Companies  
[www.tillmancompanies.com](http://www.tillmancompanies.com)

Transportation Management Co-Op, LLC.  
[www.tmco-op.com](http://www.tmco-op.com)

Just by joining, your membership fee is 85% tax deductible. In addition, you can use the website to post your events and news while offering deals and coupons to customers.

### Blount Area Jobs

Are you looking for a job?

[www.BlountAreaJobs.com](http://www.BlountAreaJobs.com)

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

The events calendar on BlountChamber.com allows the community to post its events directly to gain added exposure. These are great opportunities to connect and network with potential customers. Visit our website to receive notices of events and meetings you would like to attend - BlountChamber.com.

#### DECEMBER

- 31 New Year's Eve Dinner at RT Lodge
- 31 Blount Habitat for Humanity New Year's Eve Gatsby Gala

#### JANUARY

- 6 Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder Training at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
- 9 HR Focus Group - Making Safety Successful
- 10 Afternoon Mixer
- 14 Women in Business
- 18 MLK Business Luncheon
- 19 MLK Kids and Families Fair
- 20 MLK Community Worship Service
- 21 MLK March and Program
- 25-27 Winter Heritage Festival at Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center
- 25 Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder Refresher at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
- 25 Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification Program (SANCP) - Naturalist Skills at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
- 26 Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont Winter Woody Plant ID
- 31 Coffee Club hosted by Regions Bank

#### FEBRUARY

- 6 Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification Program (SANCP) - Naturalist Skills at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
- 15-16 Sweetheart Market at Cades Cove Cellars
- 17 Winter Beer Festival
- 19-21 Operation Thank You
- 29 Coffee Club sponsored by Smoky Mountain Fund-Raising

View more information on these events at [www.BlountChamber.com](http://www.BlountChamber.com)

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on [Event Submission](#) at [www.BlountChamber.com](http://www.BlountChamber.com)

### Business Counseling



Are you looking to start a small business or need help in your current one? Then check out the Tennessee Small Business Development Center that visits the Blount County Chamber every

Thursday.

To schedule a FREE small business counseling session or to make an appointment with a representative from the Tennessee SBDC call Kasey at 983-2241.

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