



MLK CELEBRATION

Celebrate our community's diversity, Jan. 17-20

Celebrate our community's wonderful diversity by participating in the MLK Celebration events taking place January 17-20, 2020. This year's theme is "Sharing Our Stories: From the Movement to the Moment." All events are free except the business luncheon and open to the public. All Blount County residents are encouraged to participate.

MLK Business Luncheon Friday, January 17, 2020 Noon, Airport Hilton

The business luncheon will be held at the Airport Hilton on January 17 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 radio and TV personality, Mr. Haller in Hilton Hill.



MLK Kids and Families Fair Saturday, January 18, 2020 1 p.m. at the Blount County Library

The 4th annual MLK Kids and Families Fair will take place at the Blount County Public Library. The event is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's legacy with an afternoon of fun, interactive and educational activities. Arts and crafts, games and learning activities at this year's Fair will be coordinated by a variety of community groups including Blount County United, Blount County Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ), Blount County chapter of NAACP, and several local schools.



Community Worship Service Sunday, January 19, 2020 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Alcoa

The community worship service will be held on Sunday, January 19 at First United Methodist Church Alcoa (617 Gilbert Street, Alcoa, TN) at 4 p.m. Rev. Dr. Willa Estell, Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church in Maryville will be the speaker for the afternoon. The MLK Celebration Mass Choir will render the music.



MLK Day March/Program Monday, January 20, 2020 12:30 p.m. Assemble at MLK Center 12:45 p.m. March from MLK Center to Maryville College 2 p.m. Program at Nutt Theatre in Clayton Center for the Arts

All Blount County residents are encouraged to participate in the last event of the celebration. A march to Maryville College will assemble at 12:30 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 at Maryville College. The keynote speaker is Dr. Frances Henderson, professor in Gender and Women's Studies and African American and Africana Studies at the University of Kentucky. The MLK Celebration Mass Choir will render the music.



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

Realty Executives Associates –
 Blevins Group Homes for Heroes
www.realtyexecutives.com/agent/blevinshomesearch

The Dancing Bean Coffee House
www.dancingbearlodge.com/smoky-mountain-coffee-house

Maryville Appliance Outlet, Inc.
www.maryvilleapplianceoutlet.com

Jay Clark for TN State House (District 8)
www.jayclark4tn.com

Independent Cabi Stylist - Christy Fitzgerald
www.christinafitzgerald.cabionline.com

The Ridge at Hamilton Crossing
www.theridgeathamiltoncrossing.com

Black Iris Branding
www.blackirisbranding.com

M&M Productions USA, LLC
www.mmproductionsusa.com

Maryville Alcoa Home Builders Association
www.maryvillealcoahba.com

FastSigns
www.fastsigns.com/134

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.

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 865-983-2241.



GET CONNECTED FOR CHAMBER NEWS



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 Blount Habitat for Humanity New Year's Eve Gatsby Gala

JANUARY

- 2 Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee
- 7 John Coykendall's Book Signing and Planning For Seed Saving Success with Blackberry Farm Manager Michael Washburn
- 7 Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club
- 8 Success in 90 Seminar - Total Rewards: Creative and Affordable Ways to Find and Keep Talent
- 9 How to Maximize Your Membership
- 9 Afternoon Mixer sponsored by First Horizon
- 10 Second Friday Science Lunch
- 11 Art with Amanda: Craft Lessons for Kids
- 11 Tech Class for Tweens & Teens: Introduction to (VR) Virtual Reality
- 11 E-Sports & Gaming: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament
- 13 Women in Business
- 14 Beginner Appalachian Dulcimer
- 14 Beginner Ukulele
- 14 Public Stewards of Children training
- 16 Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee
- 16 CORE Ladies Night
- 17 MLK Business Luncheon
- 18 Appalachian Reads Book Club: Cataloochee
- 18 MLK Kids and Families Fair
- 18 Art with Amanda: Craft Lessons for Kids
- 18 YA Café & Laser TAB: Teen Advisory Board
- 18 Sensory Movie Fun: Zootopia
- 19 Community Worship Service
- 20 MLK Day March/Program
- 21 Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- 21 Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club
- 25 Family Storytime: Bubble Wrap
- 27 Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Black in Appalachia
- 30 Coffee Club sponsored by United Community Bank
- 31 Regional Legislative Agenda Breakfast

View more information on these events at www.BlountChamber.com

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on Event Submission at www.BlountChamber.com

Chairman & Champion's Club & President's Circle

