

Martin Luther King Day of Service 2019

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. [Full List of MLK Day 2019 Opportunities on HandsOn RVA](#)

2. **MLK Day: “A Day On, Not A Day Off”**

Monday, January 21

[Information & Registration Page](#)

Remembrance Ceremony at [St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church](#): 9:00-10:00am

Service Projects: 10:30-12:30pm

List of service projects for the day:

- Bryan Park: Floodplain Cleanup
- Oakgrove-Bellmeade Elementary School: painting and cleanup
- Franklin Military Academy: paint, move furniture, clean
- G.H. Reid Elementary School: indoor and outdoor cleanup
- Elkhardt-Thompson Middle School: paint classroom
- Church Hill Academy: painting, carpet removal, moving furniture, hang blinds
- James River Parks Systems: remove invasive species
- Richmond Guardian Angels: indoor and outdoor painting; street cleanup

3. Evergreen Cemetery Clean-Up & Tour

Monday, January 21, 2019

[Signup Link \(100 participants\)](#)

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

12:00-1:00pm (Walking Tour)

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.

4. Tricycle Gardens (**CLOSED -- January 16, 2019**)

Monday, January 21, 2019

10:00am-1:00pm

[HandsOn RVA Signup Link](#)

- “Join us on the 31st Street Baptist Church Urban Farm to participate in tasks such as composting, pruning, weeding, watering, planting, harvesting, mulching, sanitizing, and preparing for spring plant sales. The produce grown on this site supports Tricycle's Massey Cancer Farm Stand, Corner Farm program, and programs at the 31st Street Baptist Church across the street (**Source:** HandsOn RVA Website).”