

# How to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2023 in Massachusetts

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This year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day falls on Monday, Jan. 16. Throughout Massachusetts, residents can participate in a number of events in honor of King's memory.

Below is a list of just some of the events happening Monday throughout the state.

## Boston area

The 53rd Annual Martin Luther King Day Jr. Memorial Breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Tickets are sold out, but the keynote speech by Jelani Cobb, a writer for The New Yorker and dean of Columbia Journalism School, will be livestreamed free [here](#).

The Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual MLK Jr. Tribute Concert at 1 p.m. at Faneuil Hall. Tickets are free, but registration is required and can be done online [here](#).

The 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Concert by Boston Children's Chorus will be held at 4 p.m. at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave. Tickets start at \$15 or you can register to livestream the concert [here](#).

Boston NAACP President Tanisha Sullivan will give a speech at the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Event at Congregation Beth Elohim, 133 Prospect St., Acton. The event and breakfast are free, but registration is requested. The event will also be available to watch on Zoom. Register [here](#).

In addition, several museums in Boston will have free admission Monday, including the Museum of Fine Arts and Institute of Contemporary Art, and the Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo in Stoneham will also offer free admission.

Read more: [New Boston Common sculpture honors Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King](#)

## Worcester and Central Massachusetts

The 38th Annual MLK Jr. Community Breakfast at Quinsigamond Community College will be held at 8 a.m. Monday at the college's Athletic Center, 670 W. Boylston St., Worcester. Local organizations will be in attendance so guests can sign up for future volunteer opportunities, and children's books on the topic of MLK or diversity will be collected for second and third grade students in Worcester and Fitchburg Public Schools. For more information, visit the QCC [website](#).

The 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration will be held at Westborough High School at 6:30 p.m. The event will include a theatrical performance of "Shared Dreams" by Ron Jones and a musical performance by Boston-based a cappella group Ball in The House. For more information, see the event [page](#).

The Metrowest Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast will be held at Weston United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. The event will include a catered breakfast and a livestream of the Boston Memorial

Breakfast keynote by Jelani Cobb, followed by a guided discussion. Suggested donation is \$25. Tickets are available [here](#).

Read more: [MLK, Coretta Scott King Boston special coming to Peacock; here's how to watch](#)

Springfield and Western Massachusetts

The 10th Annual Dr. King Day Celebration will be held at MassMutual Center. The event, hosted by Martin Luther King Jr Family Services, Community Music School of Springfield and Springfield College, will include an artist expo from 9:30 to 11 a.m. followed by a speaker and performance program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free. For more information, see the MassMutual Center [website](#).

University of Massachusetts Amherst will hold its first annual National Day of Racial Healing Community Brunch at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom. Ndaba Mandela, grandson of Nelson Mandela and founder and chair of the Africa Rising Foundation, will give a keynote address. The event will also be livestreamed. For more information or to view the livestream, visit the event [page](#).