

*Committee Members please help me make this historical event come to pass*

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE Theme:  
"Living The Dream Through Pride, Diversity and Culture"**

On Saturday January 17,2004 the city of Lancaster will celebrate its first annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day parade and celebration. This will be a historical event. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. The starting point will be from the Elsie Robertson Lancaster High School and will end at the historical Rocky Crest High School.

We are asking everyone in the city to come out and help us celebrate this historical occasion. All churches, public schools, private schools, day care centers and home schools, community organizations and groups, every business and all home builders are requested to participate. We would like to have creative parade floats in addition to custom automobiles. The parade will be held in rain, shine, sleet or snow because the weather was never too bad for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to march in order to help others. We are not going to let anything stop us or turn us around. We are going to keep on marching to the Rocky Crest ground.

Saturday evening January 17,2004, at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Victor Buchanon will lead a candle light vigil and a memorial service for Dr. King at the Covenant Baptist Church, 2000 West Pleasant Run where Kevin E. Rodgers, Sr. is the pastor. All individuals, choirs, groups, churches, and organizations interested in participating in the memorial service, please contact Rev. Buchanon.

The steering committee will start a five (5) year fund raising campaign; the goal is to raise \$300,000 in order to build a memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the city of Lancaster through a community based initiative. More information regarding the memorial will be forthcoming.

**Contact person for more information:**

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Lisa Bacon – Secretary	972-227-4141
Vic Buchanon - Vice Chair/Fundraiser	972-227-0205
Kimberly Lankford – Treasurer	972-227-6457
James Daniels - Parade Coordinator	972-218-9894

**Steering Committee members:**

Ben Barnes	972-227-1019
Tom Burnett	972-227-1959
Councilman - James O'Neal	972-755-2566
Councilman -Tim Speaks	972-227-2301
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Trustee- Carolyn Morris	972-227-8608
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**Parade Coordinators**

Norman Whitlow

James Daniels

Paul Allen

**Invitee Committee**

Dyres Washington

Spencer Hervey

**Liaison for LISD**

Lisa Bacon

Eugene Young

**Welcome Committee**

Tom Burnett

Rocky Crest

Alumni

**Spiritual Leaders**

Rev Harry Gorman

(will be leading songs for the movement)

Rev Kevin Rodgers

(will be leading songs for the movement) **6:00**

**PM Memorial Service will be lead by:**

Rev. Vic Buchanon

Rev. Kevin Rodgers

Rev. Clyde Harrison

**Lunch served at the end of parade will be:**

Pinto Beans with ground beef and cornbread

**THE LANCASTER MLK FOUNDATION**

**DATE:** 11/28/2003  
**RE:** MLK FOUNDATION CHART

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**Press Release! Media Representative**

Paula Raymond

Steve Snyder

# Parks and Recreation Department



December 11, 2003

To: Jim Landon, City Manager

From: Gary D. Sims, CPRP , Director

RE: Request for City Sponsorship of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

A steering committee of Lancaster citizens has organized to plan and implement the first Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in the City of Lancaster. The parade is planned to be held on January 17, 2004. This committee is headed by Mr. Roosevelt Nichols, President and Mr. Vic Buchanon, Vice Chair/Fundraiser (see attached committee membership). I met with both of these gentlemen on December 10, 2003 to discuss their vision for the parade, how it will benefit the City of Lancaster and what support they would like to see the city provide.

I have attached a map of the proposed parade route, which will originate at Lancaster High School parking lot on Pleasant Run Road. The parade will end at Rocky Crest Alternate School, 625 East Main Street. They estimate the parade will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. Parade entries will arrive at the high school beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the parade actually begins its route. Please see the attached parade route information sheet.

The theme of the parade is "Living the Dream Through Pride, Diversity and Culture", which promotes Dr. Kings vision of equality and inclusion. This theme is particularly important to the City of Lancaster which promotes diversity and inclusion. Additionally, this parade will provide an opportunity for Lancaster's African American Community to show their community spirit and to reach out to all aspects of the city. The parade organizers are encouraging participation across racial, economic and religious segments of Lancaster. They have indicated that Lancaster Independent School District is also participating in this event. Further, Constable Derrick Evans and Judge Charles Rose are willing to supplement parade security as needed. As a sponsor of the parade, the organizers are requesting the city waive all permit fees and city labor costs associated with the parade and post parade service. They understand and agree that they must complete the Special Event Application Form and comply with all required permits and city ordinances. Further they will coordinate the parade and post parade activities with the Special Events Committee.

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While the parade organizers have been working to develop this parade for several months, they were under the assumption that they had city sponsorship due to the involvement of city personnel. They are working on fund raising for both the parade and a memorial for Dr. King. However, as this is the first year for this parade, major sponsorships will take time to develop. Due to the cost of permits and city labor/equipment necessary for operation of the parade, City sponsorship is absolutely necessary.

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Staff recommends favorable consideration of this request and will prepare an appropriate City Council Agenda Item for formal approval of this request. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

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**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY PARADE COMMITTEE c/o**

Mrs. Dyres Washington  
2614 Pioneer Lane  
Lancaster, TX 75146



Date: December 8, 2003

Subject: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade Invitation

Covenant Baptist Church  
Pastor Kevin E. Rodgers, Sr.  
2000 West Pleasant Run Road  
Lancaster, Texas 75134

Dear Pastor Rodgers,

Please announce during your Sunday services and at your regular church membership meeting this important event. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade Committee of Lancaster, Texas is planning a Saturday, January 17, 2004 parade from the Lancaster Elsie Robertson High School to the Lancaster Town Square and then down Main Street to the historical Rocky Crest High School (currently LISD Alternative Center). We are soliciting your organization's participation in our first annual parade. We want this to be an annual tradition throughout the Lancaster community. The parade will promptly begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end with a symbolic meal sampling of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s favorite meal. You and your organization are invited to participate by completing the attached form and submitting this form no later than December 19, 2004. The parade will have walkers, floats, classic automobiles, bands, and civic groups, drill teams, steppers, etc ... The theme of the parade is "Living the Dream through Pride, Diversity and Culture".

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Additionally planned is an evening (6:00 p.m.) Memorial Service at Covenant Baptist Church, 2000 West Pleasant Run Road. All are welcome! We need volunteers to join on board with the planning committee and help us "Keep The Dream Alive" in Lancaster, Texas. More information will be coming out in the near future! For additional information, please contact Roosevelt Nichols at (214) 417-8487.

Sincerely,

Dyres Washington

Invitation Committee

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade

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**"Living The Dream Through Pride, Diversity and Culture"**

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c/o

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2614 Pioneer Lane  
Lancaster, TX 75146  
LANCASTER, TEXAS

**2004 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY PARADE AND MARCH**

*SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004*

**PARADE  
DEADLINE: 1st**



**REGISTRATION FORM  
12/19/03**

Name/Organization

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Telephone Number (s)

How many people are you registering to be in the parade? # \_\_\_\_\_ ~

# of Marchers

# of Bands

# of Steppers

of Floats or Other Vehicles



*Mail this registration to the address below by 12/19/03:*

The Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Day

Parade Committee

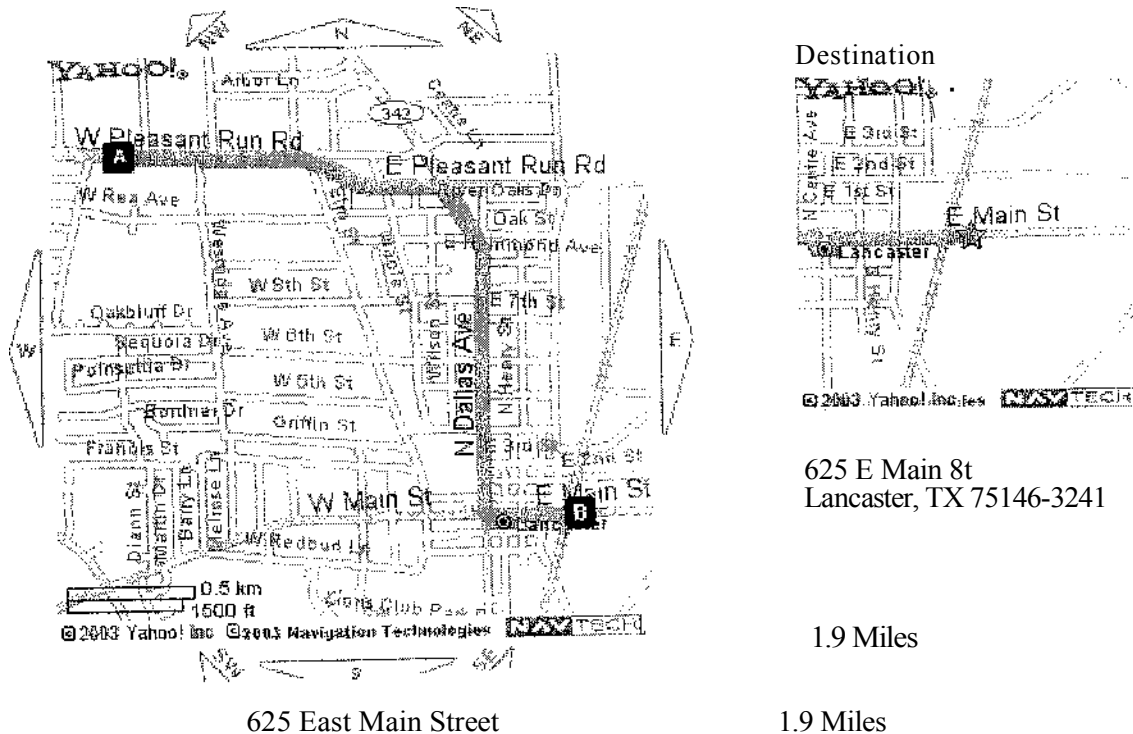
Attn: Mrs. Dyres Washington  
2614 Pioneer Lane Lancaster, TX  
75146

All participants must be in the parade line-up by 9:00 AM

The parade will step off at 10:00 AM, from the Laneaster Elsie Robertson High School parking lot on Pleasant Run Road.

The parade will end at the historical Rocky Crest High School currently known as the LISD Alternative Center, 625 East Main Street.

### The 2004 Parade Route



West on Pleasant Run Road to Dallas Avenue - go 0.8 miles

Turn right on Dallas Avenue (South) to Main Street - go 0.1 miles

West on Main Street to Rocky Crest Park on left. - go 0.2 miles

Total Estimated Time: 60 Minutes

Total Distance: 1.9 miles

### Questions?

Please Call Mr. Spencer Hervey at (972) 227-6745 or Mrs. Dyres Washington at (972) 274-0546

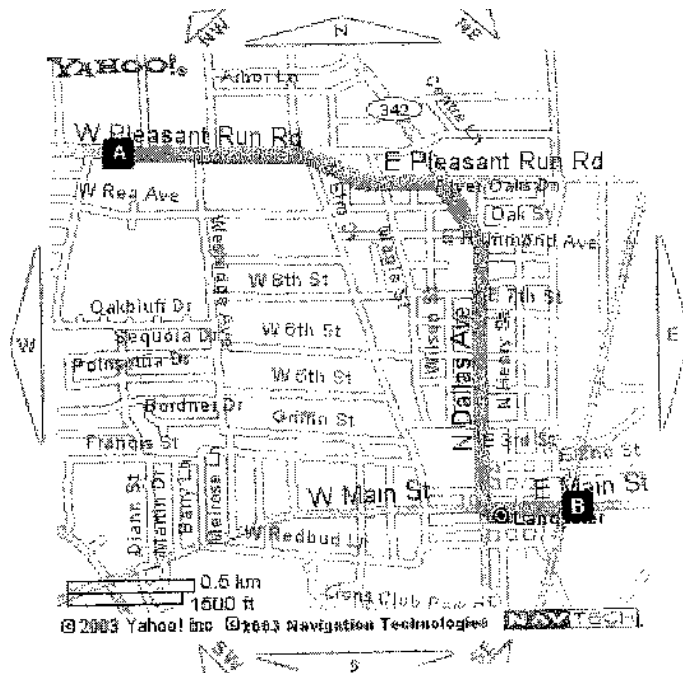
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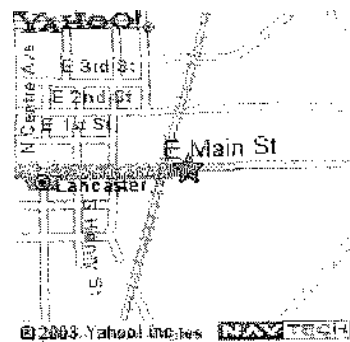
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### Destination



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Lancaster, TX 75146-3241

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November 16, 2003

## **Minutes from the meeting on November 16,2003**

- On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> the third meeting of the MLK parade meeting was held. The meeting was unstructured and there was a lot of free for all. It was a lot like a get to know you session, but I really felt we left the meeting with the same mutual goal and found common ground.
- We established a MLK fundraising committee.
- We established many other committees within the committees.
- As chair I organized committees within the committees.
- I have spoken with someone at the MLK foundation in Atlanta, GA inquiring about permission to use the MLK name for a foundation in Lancaster. I was told that I would have to pay a fee and apply for a license.
- Since the holiday season is in session, someone is supposed to contact me sometime this week with more information and it may be after the first of the year before we can become licensed, so we will organize as much as we can until we get further details.
- We will put the highest amount of effort and attention on the Parade and the Memorial Service until we get our license and permission.

### **Additions to the Minutes**

- We would like for everyone to ask family members, love ones, church members and business associates to enter a car or float in the parade.
- We need to know by December 19<sup>th</sup> if they are going to have an entry in the parade, so that the coordinators can do their work.
- If we can get the city and the parks department to donate us about 2 to 3 acres of land across from the library to build a memorial on, we could save a hundred or more thousand dollars, because we could use the same parking and restroom facilities as the library and the recreation center.
- I have asked Mr. Daniels and Mr. Whitlow who both serve on the park board to place these items on their next earliest agendas so we can start making preparations for the land site, which is the starting point. Because without land we can not build anything.

Thank you all for your participation, be prayerful, mindful and be cooperative and be a good steward. I would like to leave you with an excerpt from one of Dr. King's speeches.

**Jesus told us a long time ago to love your enemies and to reach out to those who despise you. And to every potential Peter, lay down your sword and shield and do not study war anymore.**

Mrs. Dyres Washington  
2614 Pioneer Lane  
Lancaster, TX 75146

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memoria/Program**

*Prncessinn* ..... *Lead Me Lnrđ*

*Prayer* ..... *Listen Lnrđ*  
*James Weldnn Johffsnn*

*Lift Every Vnice and Sing*.....*James Weldnn Jnhnsnn*

*Pnem*....., .....*Fnr My Penple*  
*Margaret Walker*

*MLK Bingraphy*.....*Early Years*

*Song*.....*Balm in Gilead*

*Address to' the First Mnntgnmery Imprnvement Assnciatinn (MIA) Mass Meeting*

*Poem •*.....*LetAmenca Be Amenca-Ag{lin*  
*Langstnn Hughes*

*Sngg*.....

*Eulogy For The Ynunlt Victims-of The Sixteenth- Street Baptist Church Bnmbing*

*Address At the Cnnclusinn nf the Selma to' Mnntgnmery March*

*Sngg*..... *Ballad tI" Birmingha,m*

*Speech* ..... *HI Have A Dream"*

*Speech* ..... *Drum Mfljnr*

*Sngg* ..... " ..... " *I'm Going Up Yobkdy*

*I've Been To The Mnuntain- Tnp*

*Poem*....., ..... *Go Dwn Death*  
*James Weldon Johnson*

In the 1960' s America was a country divided. Divided by a law and a simple sign that read "FOR WHITES ONLY"

This law reached into the schools, churches, restaurants, the workplace

Many brave Americans made a stand during this period of strife: Rosa Parks, Medger Evers and Jackie

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Robinson just to name a few.

These African Americans paved the way for our modern

day heros

We now experience the

PIONEER SPIRIT OF:

Tom Burnett

BRAVERY OF: James

Fowler

VISION OF : Roosevelt

Nichols

KINDNESS OF: Murphy

Washington

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TENACITY OF: Carolyn  
Morris

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James O'Neal and

DETERMINATION OF:

Vic Buchanon

Also, during this time  
there one man that had a  
dream and he shared it  
with the world.

A man of peace, that  
followed the teaching of  
Jesus Christ and turned the  
other cheek and because of  
his obedience he changed a  
nation.

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