

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW ROUTE

Beginning in 2016 the MLK Day March began at the Prince Solms Park. We wanted to cross the W. San Antonio Bridge in remembrance of Bloody Sunday when civil rights protesters on March 7, 1965 were attacked by authorities when they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma Alabama to march to the state's capital in Montgomery. In 2020 our bridge will still be under renovations. The New Braunfels City Council approved the route for the 2020 March which will begin and end at the Civic Center. The City, its officials and many City staff members have been very supportive of our efforts in the very beginning and continue to do so today. Thank you!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Supporters' Meeting: 6-7 pm, Thursday, December 19th at Live Oak Baptist Church, 355 North Washington Ave. Sneak Preview of the Herblock exhibit, "The Long March". The public will see the exhibit starting Jan. 5th, but we'll get to study it earlier. Ron Walton, one of our supporters, will share his experience seeing Dr. King give his "I Have a Dream" speech during the the march on Washington. There will be a short business meeting and raffle & an opportunity to purchase T-Shirt for \$20.

Herblock Exhibit: "The Long March", Exhibition Dates:

January 5-19, 2020, New Braunfels Public Library, 700 E. Common St., New

Braunfels TX.

January 20-24, 2020, New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels TX.

January 27-31, 2020, New Braunfels High School Library, 2551 Loop 337, New Braunfels TX.

February 3-14, 2020, Canyon High School Library, 1510 S. Interstate 35, New Braunfels TX

February 15-29, 2020, Tye Preston Memorial Library 16311 S. Access Rd., Canyon Lake TX.

2:00 pm, Sunday, January 12, 2020: Movie: HBO Documentary, "The Black & The White" that gives an inspiring portrait of Herblock. Open to Public.

6:30 pm, Monday, January 6, 2020 Reception at New Braunfels Public Library for "The Long March" exhibit. Community leaders & supporters will be invited and it will be open to the public.

10 am-noon, Saturday, Jan. 18. Westside Community Center. "The Power of Words of Dr. King", family event. We will talk about the power of words and the words Dr. King used to inspire us. We will make signs to carry at the march and will practice civil rights songs which we will sing at the march. Register on our Facebook page or on the New Braunfels Library calendar.

Supporters Meeting 6-7 pm, Thursday, January 16th at Live Oak Baptist Church, 355 North Washington Ave. This will be a business meeting to finalize committees and work. Please come and if you can't send us an email about how you would like to help.

10 AM TO 12:30 PM, 5TH ANNUAL MLK DAY MARCH & PROGRAM!!

The march will begin at the NB Civic Center @ S. Seguin & Garden. It will proceed down S. Seguin to the Plaza and then return to the civic center for a performance by Soul Sessions of civil rights songs. During the march we will sing songs with the help of the UTSA Gospel Choir. At the civic center "The Long March" will be exhibited. Voter registration, census information, and t-shirt sale.

How You Can Help:

Monetary donations are needed & appreciated, but giving your time is a greater gift because it is irreplaceable. We need help. If you can help, please call Susan Tate at 830-708-6065 or email info@nbmlk.com.

- Hand-out small flyers: keep some in your car or purse and give them out at anytime or anywhere. We'll have some at the Dec. 19th meeting.
- Volunteer for activities related to the Herb Block Exhibit at the libraries & pubic schools.
- Come help make signs at the Westside Community Center event and help to sing along.
- Ask your church or organizations if they would like to buy a t-shirt or if they would like us to come to them to sell after a service.
- Do you know an address or addresses that get heavy traffic where the owners would allow us to place a yard sign? Let us know. We need to get the word out about our route change.

Words from Dr. King during the holiday season on December 24, 1967

"This Christmas season finds us a rather bewildered human race. We have neither peace within nor peace without. Everywhere paralyzing fears harrow people by day and haunt them by night. Our world is sick with war; everywhere we turn we see its ominous possibilities. And yet, my friends, the Christmas hope for peace and goodwill toward all men can no longer be dismissed as a kind of pious dream of some utopian. If we don't have goodwill toward men in this world, we will destroy ourselves by the misuse of our own instruments and our own power. Wisdom born of experience should tell us that war is obsolete. There may have been a time when war served as a negative good by preventing the spread and growth of an evil force, but the very destructive power of modern weapons of warfare eliminates even the possibility that war may any longer serve as a negative good. And so, if we assume that life is worth living, if we assume that mankind has a right to survive, then we must find an alternative to war and so let us this morning explore the conditions for peace. Let us this morning think anew on the meaning of that Christmas hope: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."



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