

2025 Brazoria County MLK Celebration Parade Entry



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee of Brazoria County, Inc. Presents The 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Monday, January 20, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - Freeport, Texas.

The parade route will take place through Historic Downtown Freeport finishing at the Festival and Celebration at Freeport Municipal Park. **Line-up is scheduled for 9:00 a.m.** behind the fire Station on the East End.

All interested entries **MUST** complete the following:

Name of Group/Organization: _____

Type of Entry:

_____ Car _____ Truck _____ Float _____ Other

Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Circle the Appropriate Category:

- _____ 100-Church
- _____ 200-School
- _____ 300-Business
- _____ 400-Civic
- _____ 500-Political
- _____ 600-Trail Rider
- _____ 700-Other

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES ARRIVING AFTER 10:30 A.M. WILL BE ALLOWED TO LINE-UP, BUT WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

For more information, please contact **James Heard, (979) 235-0349, Will Brooks (979) 202-7590, Carolyn Edwards (979) 417-6269; Esther Williams (979) 848-7750 or Min. Winston Rossow (979) 480-4169.**

Please email this form to CEdwards@brazosportisd.net and williams77515@gmail.com

Thank you,

Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Committee



2025 Brazoria County MLK Festival Program Registration Form

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YOUR NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

Email: _____

Category Entering:

- _____ Praise Dance Team
- _____ Praise Dance (Individual)
- _____ Musical Selection/(Instrument or Band)
- _____ Musical Selection/Choir
- _____ Musical Selection/Solo
- _____ Musical Selection/Group
- _____ Musical Selection/Oratorical Speech
- _____ Drill Team
- _____ Other _____

For more information, please contact **Min. Winston Rossow (979) 480-4169.**

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2025 Brazoria County MLK Celebration Vendor Registration Form

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YOUR NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

Email: _____

Food:

_____ Food Item 1st Choice

_____ Food Item 2nd Choice

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FREEPORT MUNICIPAL PARK PAVILLION

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DR. MLKCC PRESENTATIONS

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T A B L E S

Booths 16 – 20 (Along the left hand-side)

Booths 11 – 15 (Entrance near Parking Lot)
(Fried or smoked foods)

(Disclaimer: These plans are subject to change. In order to better serve you. Thank you.)

T A B L E S

Booths 1 – 5 (Along the right hand-side)

Booths 6 – 10 (Entrance near Parking Lot)
(Fried or smoked foods)

Booth #7 Name: Food:	Booth #1 Name: Food:
Booth #8 Name: Steve Burse Food: Chicken/Fries	Booth #2 Name: Galilee Missionary Baptist Church (Linda Williams) Food: Teacakes
Booth #9 Name: Buddy Hodge Food: Turkey Legs	Booth #3 Name: Brazoria County Debutantes (Shirley Robinson) Food: Soda and Water
Booth #10 Name: Church - Rev. Anthony Hall Food: Hot Dogs/Chips	Booth #4 Name: New Jerusalem Baptist Church (Dail Ballard) Food: Sausage On a Stick
Booth #11 Name: Tommie Mae Bell Food: Pork Chop Sandwiches	Booth #5 (Corner w/sink) Name: Dennis Edwards Memorial Scholarship (Carolyn Edwards) Food: Fried Fish
Booth #12 Name: Sidney's Bar-b-Que (Buster Sidney) Food: Bar-b-que Brisket and Ribs	Booth #6 Name: Mrs. Gillis Food: Funnel Cake



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Brazoria County, Texas
Celebration Committee

P.O. Box 2681
Freeport, TX 77541



Theme: The Baton Passes On

November 13, 2024

Attention: Parade Category-Churches

Dear 2025 Church Participants:

It is my pleasure to inform you about the **39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee (MLKCC)**. We are a non-profit organization since 1986, MLKCC – Brazoria County has sponsored events to celebrate the state and federal holiday honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to perpetuate his memory and the legacy of his achievements for future generations. Additionally, our MLKCC seeks to honor Dr. King's admonition of service to the community by sponsoring both the MLKCC and Dennis R. Edwards Memorial scholarships to deserving Brazoria County high school graduates. This celebration conducts various worthy community uplifting projects, and encourages its members to take roles in numerous civic, charitable, and cultural endeavors. This annual celebration is a time of unity and togetherness promoted through events including a Community Worship Service, MLKCC Commemorative Banquet, and Parade & Festival.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee would like to thank those of you who have been drafted to serve as Co-Chairman for the various categories highlighted in the parade to be held on Monday, **January 20, 2025**. Participating categories are as follows: businesses, schools, early childhood, churches, antique vehicles, countywide law enforcement, countywide firemen, bike riders, community organizations, classy vehicles, and trail riders.

- ***The parade will start at 11:00 am and the set up (staging area) will start at 8:30 am on Cherry, East Park and Fourth Street.***
- ***The parade route will begin at East Park Avenue and Fourth Street and continue along 2nd Street to 288-B to the Freeport Municipal Park.***
- ***The celebration will continue with a Festival at the Freeport Municipal Park until 4:30 pm.***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All costumes, attire and performances must be suitable for family viewing. The Parade Committee reserves the right to withdraw any entry not deemed suitable.

All animals or horse drawn entries that wish to precede the trail ride must supply immediate sanitary clean-up for animals.

A float consists of a decorated trailer pulled by a towing vehicle. Absolutely no enclosed vehicles including trucks, cars, or vans except emergency and pre-1960 vehicles are considered floats.

The frame or platform of the float shall not be less than 8 feet wide by 10 feet in length completely decorated, including the sides and ends thereof, and any object thereon, and completely concealing the wheels of the vehicle. Any entry shall be deemed as a product to promote local or regional business or an organization represented by its people. All towing vehicles must be coordinated with float being towed. All towed vehicles must be hitched with ball connection.

Materials recommended for covering floats are floral sheeting; artificial and/or real flowers; gold, silver, or colored foil; paper mache, crepe paper, paint, or plastic figures. Absolutely no unfinished cardboard, plywood, beaverboard surfaces will be permitted. Such surfaces must be decorated.

All bicycles will ride in one group. All bicycles riders must be approved by the Parade Chairman. Bicycles riders are recommended to wear a helmet!

The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any float or entry from entering the parade should it not be in accordance with standards of Parade Committee.

No child under 10 years of age will be allowed to march, or in any manner, walk in the parade without adult accompaniment.

Floats and entries may bear the name of the sponsor or the organization and the name of the theme depicted. ALL LETTERS SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 14 INCHES IN HEIGHT AND AFFIXED TO THE APRON OF THE FLOAT OR SIDE OF THE TOWING VEHICLE. LETTERS SHOULD BE OF A COLOR TO CONTRAST WITH THE BACKGROUND. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR BETTER SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION. Remember, floats and entries will be judged in part on the readability of the sign.

Each entry will receive a number at line up prior to start of parade for photography identification and judging purposes only. This must be displayed on the upper right front side of the entry or towed vehicle. Example: Upper right side of windshield visible from 50 feet. The Parade Committee will be the final judges in decisions relating to the parade and any questions thereof. All floats and entries will be judged on a point system decided by the judges and committee.

MLKCC shall not be responsible or liable for, and shall be saved and held harmless by any parade participant from and against any and all claims and damage of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property, arising out of or attributed directly or indirectly, to the operations or performances of any parade entry under these rules, including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of any parade participant.

All entry forms can be requested online—www.mlkcc.org or on Facebook.com or mailed to P.O. Box 2681, Freeport, Texas 77541. **Parade entry participation must be received by 8:00 p.m. on January 13, 2025. If your entry does not comply with the deadline date it will not be judged.**

You may contact James **Heard, (979) 235-0349** or **Will Brooks at (979) 202-7590** if you have questions or concerns regarding the expectations/procedures.

In order to move forward with success, we are requesting your permission, support and participation in the **39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.**

Thank you in advance for your support and participation and we look forward to celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with you.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Heard
Parade Chairman
979-235-0349

Mr. Will Brooks
Parade Co-Chairman
979-202-7590

On behalf of MLKCC Parade & Festival Committee