



# Hello, Hamilton County

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“We will serve the residents of Hamilton County by providing the best and most responsive county government in America.”  
— Hamilton County Vision

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“An individual has not started living fully until they can rise above the narrow confines of individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of humanity. . . . Every person must decide, at some point, whether they will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
August 11, 1957



## Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Any number of historic moments in the civil rights struggle have been used to identify Martin Luther King, Jr.—organizer of the Montgomery bus boycott, keynote speaker at the March on Washington, youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Most notable, however, is the fact that King, and his policy of nonviolent protest, was the dominant force in the civil rights movement during its decade of greatest achievement, from 1957 to 1968.

King made his first mark on the civil rights movement by mobilizing the black community during a 382-day boycott

of the city's bus lines. Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court declared bus segregation unconstitutional.

King will always be remembered for one of the most passionate speeches of his career, delivered at the historic 1963 March on Washington, “I Have A Dream.” Also, in 1963, *Time* magazine named him Person of the Year.

In 1968, King visited Memphis, Tennessee to lend his support to the sanitation men's strike. On the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel just off Beale Street, in Memphis, King was shot by a rifle bullet.

King's legacy, however, lives on. His birthday, January 15, is a national holiday. The Lorraine Hotel is now the National Civil Rights Museum.

“Man is distinguished from animals by his freedom to do evil or to do good.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

—Based on *The African American Almanac*, 7th ed., Gale. *The Seattle Times*

### Test your MLK knowledge:

1. What year was MLK assassinated? a) 1960; b) 1963; c) 1968; d) 1973.
2. Which president signed the first major civil rights act of this century? a) John Kennedy; b) Lyndon Johnson; c) Richard Nixon; d) Ronald Reagan.
3. Which president signed the law creating the MLK holiday? a) John Kennedy; b) Lyndon Johnson; c) Richard Nixon; d) Ronald Reagan.
4. What was the name of MLK's first book? a) *Stride Toward Freedom*; b) *Dreamer*; c) *Why We Can't Wait*; d) *We Shall Overcome*.
5. Where was the tactic of the sit-in protest first used? a) at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina; b) a high school in Little Rock, Arkansas; c) on a bus in Birmingham, Alabama; d) on a march in Selma, Alabama.
6. Why was MLK arrested in 1956? a) protesting segregated department store facilities in Birmingham; b) driving too fast; c) sitting at a Woolworth's lunch counter; d) assaulting a police officer.
7. What year was the MLK national holiday first observed? a) 1969; b) 1973; c) 1980; d) 1986
8. Where did MLK deliver his “I Have A Dream” speech? a) at Ebenezer Baptist Church; b) in front of the Atlanta city hall; c) at the Lincoln Memorial; d) at the Nobel Prize ceremony.
9. What foreign figure has King been compared to? a) Charles de Gaulle; b) Mohandas Gandhi; c) Albert Nobel; d) Nelson Mandela.

See answers on Page 4

**Safety Training**



County Facilities recently conducted its three-year forklift operator performance evaluations.

Congratulations to Karl Miller, Joseph Seibert, John Gilbert, Darnell Edwards, Tryan

Pictured are Facilities' maintenance workers, K. Miller, J. Seibert, J. Gilbert, D. Edwards, T. Howard, and J. Noyes, as they prepare for operator performance evaluations.

Howard, and John Noyes for successful completion of the refresher training.

1963  
March on Washington

Despite worries that few people would attend and that violence could erupt, A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin organized the historic event that would come to symbolize the civil rights movement. A reporter wrote, "no one could ever remember an invading army quite as gentle as the two hundred thousand civil rights marchers who occupied Washington."

**Homeland Security**



Pictured is Crystal Faulkner, a member of the County's Homeland Security Commission. Ms. Faulkner was one of 12 volunteers who served on the Commission that was appointed last March. The Commission's final report was published on December 10, 2003, and presented to the Board by Commissioner Portune, who chaired the Commission.



**Thursday's Child  
For Information Call 513.632.6366**



My'lika b. 12/92	Janell b. 08/95
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Quiet, intelligent, and respectful is how My'lika and Janell are described. This twosome enjoys reading adventure books and biographies. They are cheerleaders and enjoy swimming. My'lika and Janell enjoy drawing, pottery, sculpting, painting, and playing board games. They also like to go camping and fishing.

My'lika says her favorite foods are pizza, macaroni and cheese, and chicken. Janell prefers spaghetti instead of chicken, but agrees with My'lika's favorites. This is an agreeable pair. They say that Spongebob Squarepants is their favorite cartoon to watch. Both girls also like to listen to rap and gospel music.

My'lika likes school and is educationally on target. She is very involved in school clubs and other activities. Janell likes school and is also educationally on target. Janell was recently involved in a science class called "Mad Science."

Both girls stated that when they grow up they would like to be a doctor, paramedic, police officer, or possibly a singer.

My'lika and Janell need a loving, supportive family who will help them flourish and achieve their dreams.

## MSD Peak Performance Awards

The Taylor Creek Water Reclamation Facility of the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) was recently honored with a Platinum Peak Performance Award for continuous excellence in environmental protection. Given by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), this award recognizes the facility for five consecutive years of 100 percent compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Taylor Creek is one of 10 MSD facilities that won Peak Performance Awards. "This is a significant achievement and one of which we are very proud," said MSD Director Patrick Karney.



Ken Kirk (at podium) of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies presents award to (l-r) MSD Director Patrick Karney; Bob Shockler, Treatment Supervisor (retired); Bill Byer, Treatment Supervisor; Bill Winters, Principle Engineer; Don Linn, Treatment Superintendent.

The NPDES permit program was developed to protect and improve the water quality of the nation's lakes, rivers, and streams and helps control water pollution by regulating point sources (such as pipes

and manmade ditches) that discharge pollutants into the environment. The permits contain limits on what can be released and include monitoring and reporting requirements, plus other provisions to ensure that the discharges will not harm the local water quality or public health.

Each year, AMSA celebrates the achievements of its member agencies in relation to NPDES permits by issuing three types of Peak Performance Awards:

- ◆ Platinum—Pay special tribute to agency facilities that have received gold awards for five consecutive years.
- ◆ Gold—Honor treatment works that have achieved 100 percent compliance with their NPDES permit for an entire calendar year.
- ◆ Silver—Recognize facilities that have received no more than five NPDES permit violations per calendar year.

Nine other MSD facilities won Gold Peak Performance Awards:

Muddy Creek  
Pebble Creek  
Williams Meadows  
Northeast Knolls  
Mayflower  
Polk Run  
Sycamore Creek  
Arrow Street  
Indian Creek

We congratulate Director Patrick Karney and the MSD staff.

## Grant Awards

Two local businesses, BioLumber, Inc. and Cincinnati Paperboard, were both awarded a \$150,000 Recycling Market Development grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District. The grants will be used to improve efficiency, accept more recyclables, and manufacture more product. BioLumber, Inc. produces structural grade plastic lumber and will divert over 2,500 tons of plastic and glass fibers from the local landfills. Cincinnati Paperboard manufactures 100 percent recycled content paper for the tube and core industries. The District congratulates the two businesses, and thanks all businesses that applied for the grants.

The Solid Waste Management District received an \$18,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Energy Efficiency, to be used to educate the local business industry on sustainable design practices. Seminars to be conducted in 2004 include: Stormwater Management, Writing Green Specifications, and LEED Advanced workshop. Congratulations to the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District!

## MLK Timeline

**1929 — January 15.** Michael Luther King Jr., later renamed Martin, born to school-teacher Alberta King and Baptist minister Michael Luther King.

**1948 —** King graduates from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia with a B.A.

**1951 —** Graduates with a B.D. from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

**1953 —** King marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama. They will have four children: Yolanda Denise, b. 1955; Martin Luther King III, b. 1957; Dexter, b. 1961; Bernice Albertine, b. 1963.

**1954 —** King moves to Montgomery, Alabama to pastor Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

**1955 —** King finishes his Ph.D. in systematic theology. Bus boycott launched in Montgomery, Alabama.

**1956 — January 26.** King arrested for driving 30 mph in a 25 mph zone. **January 30.** King's house bombed.

**1957 —** Southern Christian Leadership Conference formed. King named first president one month later.

**1958 —** King's first book published, "Stride Toward Freedom." While promoting his book in a Harlem book store, an African American woman stabbed him.

**1959 —** King visits India. He had a lifelong admiration for Mohandas K. Gandhi.

**1960 —** King leaves for Atlanta to pastor his father's church, Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**1962 —** King meets with President John F. Kennedy to urge support for civil rights.

**1963 —** King leads protests in Birmingham for desegregated department store facilities and fair hiring. **April.** Arrested. Writes "Letter From Birmingham Jail." **August 28.** 250,000 civil rights supporters attended the March on Washington. King delivers "I Have A Dream" speech at Lincoln Memorial.

**1964 —** King wins Nobel Peace Prize.

**1965 — January.** King successfully registers to vote and is assaulted by James George Robinson of Birmingham. **February.** King is arrested and jailed while protesting discrimination. Meets with President Lyndon B. Johnson about voting rights for African Americans. **March 16-21.** King and 3,200 people march from Selma to Montgomery.

**1968 — April 4.** King assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee by James Earl Ray.

## Spotlight on Hamilton County OSU Extension

At the recent statewide Go Bucks conference, the county's Ohio State University Extension team was recognized for having some of the best extension agents and most effective and innovative programs in the State of Ohio.

The following team members were recognized:

- ◆ Keebler Holley, 4-H Youth Development Agent, was awarded the Dr. John Stitzlein Award for Diversity for 2003 for the "YO (Youth Outreach) Hands" 4-H club that he developed in cooperation with his 4-H counterpart in Warren County.

- ◆ Deborah Carney, Community Development Agent, was presented the New Professional Award for outstanding accomplishments in the field of community development within the first five years of employment.
- ◆ Morris Williams, Executive Director for the Coalition of Neighborhoods, and a member of the OSU Extension Advisory Council, was named the OSU Extension "Friend of Community Development."
- ◆ Jennifer Even, Family and Consumers Sciences Agent, was also recognized with the

South District Achievement Award for her innovative and effective programming in the areas of nutrition and family resource management.

- ◆ Glen Welling, Chair for OSU Extension in Hamilton County, was presented the State Achievement Award for his accomplishments in the field of community development over the past nine years.

Improving lives through research and education is the Extension mission.

Congratulations to the OSU Extension team!



Deborah Carney, Community Development Agent.



Keebler Holley, 4-H Youth Development Agent.



Glenn Welling, OSU Extension Chair.

## Cheri Releases First CD



Cheri Wiggins, Clerical Specialist in the Department of Administrative Services, has recorded her first CD entitled, "He Did It For Me."

Cheri, who uses the name Cheri LaDell on her CD, is very humble as she speaks about the recent release of her five-year project. When asked about the message she wants to send through her CD, Cheri stated, "I want others to know that no matter what situation you are in, no matter what your circumstance may be, God will take care of you. He did it for me, and he'll do it for you."

Prior to releasing the CD, Cheri studied music for two years—one year of vocal training and one year of music business study, including song writing, stage presence, and studio etiquette.

Congratulations, Cheri. We wish you the best!

### "Got News?"

If you have county news for *Hello, Hamilton County*, send an email to Sharon Booker at [sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org](mailto:sharon.booker@hamilton-co.org).  
Next deadline: January 26.

### Test Your MLK Knowledge

#### Answers

1. c
2. b
3. d
4. a
5. a
6. b
7. d
8. c



Please remember to print and post *Hello, Hamilton County* in your areas so that everyone can see what's going on!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this issue.

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