



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Date: January 16, 2025

Department: Office of Communications & Marketing

Title: 2024-556 Informational Item: Upcoming City Events List (NB)

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Description: An informational report to summarize upcoming events of interest to the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact.

Explanation: The following provides a list of events coordinated or supported by the City of Gainesville from January 17, 2025 through January 29, 2025.

Stephan P. Mickle Jazz Concert

Bo Diddley Plaza

Friday, January 17

7 p.m.

Summary: Join the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Florida in celebrating the late Honorable Stephan P. Mickle, first African American Lawyer, County Court, Circuit Court, Court of Appeals and District Court Judge.

Hall of Fame Enshrinement Program

MLK Memorial Garden

Monday, January 20

11 a.m.

Summary: Keynote speaker Mr. Albert White, longtime community activist, and 2025 Hall of Fame Award recipient, and 2025 Edna M. Hart Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Award Recipient, Cayden Parker, senior, Santa Fe High School.

National Holiday Parade

East University Ave. to Citizen's Field

Monday, January 20

12 p.m.

Summary: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Annual Commemorative Parade moves from East University Avenue to Waldo Road, North to Citizen's Field. It is open to floats, live marching bands, dance groups and vehicles.

**National Holiday Celebration
MLK Multi-Purpose Center**

Monday, January 20
1 p.m.

Summary: The celebration is held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center at 1028 NE 14th Street – North Waldo Road. The event features D. R. Band & Soul Fire, The Spoken Word and more. Admission is free. Event sponsors include UF Health, City of Gainesville and Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc. Free shuttle bus service provided by City of Gainesville from Citizen’s Field to Downtown Gainesville

**Hoggetowne Medieval Faire
Depot Park**

Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26
10 a.m. 6 p.m.

Summary: Artisans and craftspeople shall ply their trades with skill, olde world demonstrations shall enchant, and the clash of swords in stage combat shall resonate through the air. Medieval music and dance shall lift thy spirits, and a living chessboard shall unfold its strategic dance. Witness royal knighting ceremonies with the King and Queen, indulge in food court favorites, and savor the timeless delight of turkey legs!

**State of the City Address
Cade Museum**

Wednesday, January 29
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Summary: During this annual keynote, Mayor Harvey L. Ward will highlight the City of Gainesville’s progress toward its strategic goals and vision for Gainesville.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission receive the informational list.