

HAPPY
New Year
January 2018

Housing Authority of
the City of
New Bern

Newsletter



Community Connections



Trent Court and New Bern Towers Newsletter



The New Years' holiday is often marked by fireworks, football, parades, and reflections upon the last year while looking ahead to the future's possibilities. It's a time of cleansing and re-birth, a time to make resolutionsto lose weight, to quit smoking, to finish a class.

Cultures around the world celebrate this happy day in their own unique way. New Years marks a date of newly found happiness and a clean slate. This is your opportunity to learn from the prior year and to make positive changes in your life. So, enjoy with friends and family, be safe and keep your resolutions!!!

"Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Martin Luther King Jr.

**Martin
Luther
King
Day**



Martin Luther King Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King was one of the most visible active leaders during the civil rights movement. His magnificent speaking ability enabled him to express the demands of African Americans for social justice. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for leading nonviolent civil right demonstrations.

Unfortunately, violence ended Kings' life at the young age of 39. While in Memphis Tennessee he was assassinated. Martin Luther King, Jr., became only the second American whose birthday is observed as a national holiday. This year the holiday will be observed on January 15, 2018. He accomplished so much through his Christian beliefs and at such a young age!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been a federal holiday since 1986. This means it is a day off for federal employees as well as many schools. This year the holiday will be observed on January 15, 2018.

On this holiday, we are paying tribute to Dr. King's principles, perhaps best exemplified by his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Famous Quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr.

"There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."



TRENT COURT AND NEW BERN TOWER OFFICES CLOSED

Mark Your Calendar All offices will be closed : **January 1, 2018** in observance of the New Year

(Welcome 2018)

January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

UPCOMING MEETINGS

*Resident Council Meetings: President Cheryl Reed **Trent Court: January 8, 2018 @ 6:00 pm**

President Molichia Hardy **New Bern Towers: January 19, 2018 @ 4:30 pm**

*Board of Commissioners Meeting: Board Chair: Pete Monte **January 22, 2018 @ 4:30 pm**



Notes from the desk of the Executive director

On the other page we talk a little about Martin Luther King, Jr. I wonder, why we repeat what everyone should already know. I guess, just like church, most of us need to receive the same message over and over....as a reminder or reinforcement.

Sadly, I worry that some of our children or grandchildren just don't know or care about the sacrifices others made on their behalf. That's why it's important for we older folks to sit with them explaining what it was like...the discrimination, the hardship and the violence. I did with my children and will with my grandchildren because it's an American story of triumph for ALL Americans.



January 2018-We're going into a New Year with many HUD changes. The Resident Council will be starting out with elections and events surrounding smoking cessation and child safety awareness. Please consider joining us.

Resident Council President: Cheryl Reed

- Housekeeping Inspection Checklist Tips**
- ◆ Clean Refrigerator
- ◆ Clean Stove (No Aluminum Foil on Burners)
- ◆ Remove Clutter from all rooms and closets
- ◆ Wash down backsplash areas
- ◆ Make sure all rooms are free of trash, clothes, etc.

Achievements and Awards

If you or your child receive any kind of recognition or accomplishments please let us know so that recognition can be given in the February newsletter.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Trent Court Office: 252-633-0800

New Bern Towers: 252-638-3663

Emergency Number: 252-727-1251

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