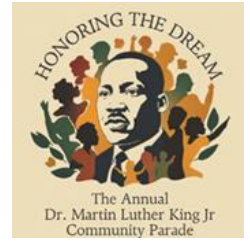


2026 Dr. MLK Jr. Parade and Community Celebration Frequently Asked Questions



1. **When is the 2026 Dr. MLK Jr. parade and community celebration?**

The parade will take place on **Saturday, Jan. 24**, from **9-10:30 a.m.** The community celebration will follow from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

2. **Where will the parade and community celebration be held?**

The parade will begin at Valencia Park Elementary (**390 Valencia Parkway, San Diego, 92114**), travel east on Skyline Dr. and conclude at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (**6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego, 92114**). The community celebration will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

3. **Where do the parade participants gather before the parade??**

Parade participants will stage at **Valencia Park Field (390 Valencia Parkway, San Diego, 92114)** beginning at **7:30 a.m.** Please note, Valencia Parkway and Skyline Dr. will close at **8 a.m.** in preparation for the parade. Vehicles participating in the parade must enter via **Imperial Avenue and Valencia Parkway.**

4. **What time should spectators arrive?**

Spectators are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and secure a good viewing spot along the parade route. Arrival between **7:30-8:30 a.m.** is recommended.

5. **Will there be road closures?**

Yes. Streets along the parade route will be closed beginning at 8 AM from Skyline Dr. and Valencia Parkway to Skyline Drive and South 65th Street. Please plan alternate routes and allow extra travel time.

6. **Where can I park?**

Street parking near the parade route is available, but availability is limited. Streets with typically higher availability include **Valencia Parkway, 61st Street and South 65th Street.** Parking and shuttle service will be available at **Morse High School (6905 Skyline Drive, San Diego, 92114) from 7 AM- 12:30 PM.** Please note that the Morse High School parking lot will close at **12:30 PM.** If you plan to attend the community celebration, please retrieve your vehicle before the lot closes and re-park near the park. **All parking on Skyline Dr. from Valencia Parkway to South 65th St. will be a towaway zone starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.** Some parking areas within the MLK Jr. Park will be reserved for designated guests, vendors and volunteers.

7. **Where is ADA parking available?**

ADA parking will be available at the MLK Jr. Recreation Center (6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego, 92114) prior to the 8 a.m. street closures.

8. **Is there a rideshare drop-off and pick-up location?**

Yes, two rideshare locations will be available. Parade participants may use the rideshare location at **390 Valencia Parkway, San Diego, 92114**, while spectators and community celebration attendees may use the location at **6606 Skyline Dr San Diego CA 92114.** Once streets reopen after 11 a.m., rideshare vehicles may access MLK Jr. Park directly at **6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego, 92114.**

9. Is the event family-friendly?

Yes. The parade and community celebration are open to all ages and designed to be family-friendly.

10. Will there be food and merchandise available?

Yes. Food and merchandise vendors will be located at the community celebration area at MLK Jr. Park.

11. What should I bring?

Attendees are encouraged to bring comfortable shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, water, and folding chairs.

12. Will the parade take place if it rains?

The parade will proceed rain or shine, unless severe weather conditions create safety concerns.

13. Who can I contact for questions or concerns?

For additional information, please contact the event organizers at **(619) 800-4187** or on-site staff during the event.

14. How can local residents prepare?

Residents near **6401 Skyline Drive** should expect increased traffic and temporary access restrictions between **8-11 a.m.** Residents on the parade route will be required to remove their vehicles from Skyline Dr. during the event window.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a successful parade and community celebration!