



Make A Difference In Your Community on MLK Day

Athenians are invited to honor Dr. King's legacy at the 19th Annual Athens-Clarke County Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service [<http://www.accgov.com/mlkday>] on Monday, January 18, 2021.



In 1994, Congress made the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday an official day of service. Athens-Clarke County is one of the thousands of cities across the United States that decides to make the holiday "A Day On and Not a Day Off."

More than 20 different community organizations and schools will host volunteer service projects for the Day of Service, including Acceptance Recovery Center, Athens Land Trust, Books for Keeps, Friends of Brooklyn Cemetery, Nuci's Space, Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission, Project Safe, and more. A variety of daytime shifts are available for volunteers of all ages.

All CDC guidelines will be followed to limit the transmission of COVID-19. All volunteers must wear face coverings and social distance at all times.

Although the Steering Committee will not host an in-person kickoff event on the morning of MLK Day, a special virtual celebration will be emailed to Day of Service registrants.

Volunteer registration is currently underway [<https://www.givepulse.com/group/118913-Athens-MLK-Day-of-Service>]. **There will be no walk-up/day-of registration this year.** All volunteers must pre-register to participate.

For more information, visit www.accgov.com/mlkday [<http://www.accgov.com/mlkday>].

Call for Entries: K-12 Green Life Art Contest

K-12 students in Athens-Clarke County are invited to participate in the Annual Green Life Awards Art, Photography, and Poetry Contest. The theme is based on a fresh start to a new year. 2021 offers us the opportunity to Renew, Reinvent, and Rejoice. Renew our commitment to the environment; Reinvent ways to live a greener life; Rejoice in our environmental successes. We encourage K-12 students to create artwork (painting, drawing, and sculpture), short video (30 seconds – 1 minute), take a photograph, or write a poem to demonstrate how you will live a green life in 2021.

Winners will be notified mid-March and will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony on April 15, 2021. Selections will be made based on grade level and medium category. All entries are due to the ACCGov Recycling Division at 725 Hancock Industrial Way, Athens, GA 30605 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021.

For additional information and to download the entry form, please visit www.accgov.com/greenlife [<http://www.accgov.com/greenlife>].



2020 winning art by Rachel Barr (1st Grade, Barnett Shoals Elementary)



2020 winning poetry by Omar Ghareeb (3rd Grade, Barrow Elementary)



2020 winning art by Kendra Sturdivant (7th grade, Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle)



This year's cover photo was taken by Sue Lawrence.

Works (120 W. Dougherty Street), or mailed directly to your home.

2021 Stormwater Calendars

We have a handful of 2021 Stormwater Calendars left to distribute! Visit www.accgov.com/stormwatercalendar [<http://www.accgov.com/stormwatercalendar>] to request a copy for your home, office, or business lobby. Calendars can be picked up in-person from the Department of Transportation and Public

Nominate a Stormwater Steward

We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 [Stormwater Steward Award](https://www.accgov.com/5312/Stormwater-Steward-Award) [<https://www.accgov.com/5312/Stormwater-Steward-Award>]. The Stormwater Steward Award recognizes environmental stewardship in the area of stormwater management. Organizations, businesses, individuals, design firms, or community groups that have worked to consider the impact of stormwater runoff on the health of area waters through a specific project, practice, or event are encouraged to apply for the award. Full details and instructions can be found at www.accgov.com/stormwater [<http://www.accgov.com/stormwater>].

Applications are due on Monday, March 1, and winners will be honored at the annual Green Life Awards in April.



The Stormwater Management Program recognized Armentrout, Matheny, Thurmond P.C. and McLane Company in 2020 for their engineered pocket wetland, pictured above.

Upcoming Events

**Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling
Saturday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Multiple Locations around Athens**

Join Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful at this year's Christmas Tree-cycling event on Saturday, January 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Give your tree a second life as compost, mulch, or fish habitat by bringing your undecorated tree to one of the six drop-off locations and receive a free tree seedling in return. Christmas tree recycling will also be available before and after the 9th at selected locations or by setting your tree out with your regularly scheduled leaf and limb pick up. To find the drop-off location nearest you, visit www.keepathensbeautiful.org [<http://www.keepathensbeautiful.org>].

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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