



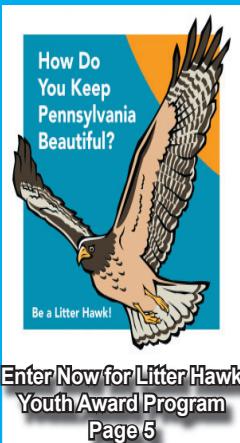
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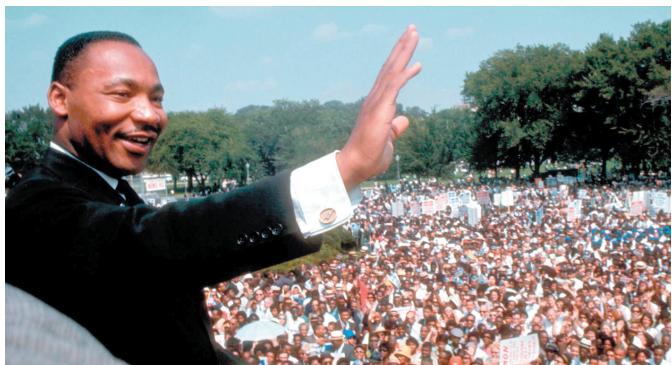
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## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Herb Kreekson

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was best known for his role in the civil rights movement and nonviolent protests. His life's work has been honored with a national holiday, schools and public buildings named after him, and a memorial on the National Mall in Washington.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest. He was the driving force behind watershed events such as

the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the 1963 March on Washington, which helped bring about such landmark legislation as the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a U.S. federal holiday since 1986.

In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. worked with a number of civil rights and religious groups to organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, a peaceful political rally designed to shed light on the injustices African Americans continued to face across the country.

Held on August 28 and attended by some 200,000 to 300,000 participants, the event is widely regarded as a watershed moment in the history of the American civil rights movement and a factor in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The March on Washington culminated in King's most famous address, known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, which was believed to have been largely improvised, spirited call for peace and equality that many consider a masterpiece of rhetoric.

Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial—a monument to the president who a century earlier had brought down the institution of slavery in the United States—he shared his vision of a future in which "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.'"

The speech and march cemented King's reputation at home and abroad; later that year he was named "Man of the Year" by TIME magazine and in 1964 became the youngest person ever awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Receives Donations from Waste Management, Weis Markets, and American Bank

By Gianna Caruso

EASTON, Pa. — The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (DLNHC) has received donations from Weis Markets, WM, and American Bank through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. These donations will help support DLNHC's innovative 4th-grade curriculum, Tales of the Towpath, and related educational programs. The EITC program allows businesses to apply tax credits against their tax liability for the year in which the contribution was made.



Tales of the Towpath introduces students to America's Age of Canals and the vital role our region played in the Industrial Revolution through the fictional adventures of Finn Gorman, a young boy living and working on a canal boat in the 1850s. More than 60 area elementary schools currently participate in the program and have access to the Tales of the Towpath storybook, an interactive website, and virtual experiences.

Many schools also take part in Tales of the Towpath-related field trips at Hugh Moore Park in Easton and the Freemansburg Canal Education Center. In 2022, over 1,600 elementary students participated in the spring Immersion Days field trips to Hugh Moore Park, home of the National Canal Museum and the mule-drawn Josiah White II canal boat. During Immersion Days, young participants

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