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Brookhaven to honor MLK Day with dinner, program Jan. 16

Tickets on sale now at Lynwood Park

Brookhaven, GA, Jan. 6, 2017 – For the second year the City of Brookhaven will mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a dinner and program Monday, Jan. 16, at 5 p.m. at the historic Lynwood Community Center.

The event will feature Olympic gold medalist, author and Lynwood native Dr. Melvin Pender as the keynote speaker. Additional speakers include business leader McClinton Broughton Jr., who serves on the Brookhaven Affordable Housing Task Force; Edgar Jones, a Lynwood native, retired engineer and unofficial Lynwood Park historian; and Edna White, who served as secretary to the principal at Lynwood Elementary School, the site of the current recreation center.

The Lynwood Community Center was once the site of the segregated Lynwood schools, whose students bravely integrated the DeKalb School System in 1968.

“This dinner is a special and unique event honoring the true spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by recognizing those trailblazers in our community who participated directly in integration,” said District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones, who represents the Lynwood community. “We welcome the public to come out and join us for an educational and inspirational evening.”

Tickets for the event are on sale to the public for \$10 each, and can be purchased at the Lynwood Community Center, 3360 Osborne Road, 404-637-0534. The program is appropriate for all ages and families are encouraged to attend.

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