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City of Petersburg Ushers In 2017 Holiday Season

Petersburg, VA: The City of Petersburg is vigorously preparing for Santa's arrival for the 2017 Holiday Season!

Unique to this year, both the parade and holiday illumination will take place on the same day: **December 2, 2017.**

The holiday parade will begin at 3:00pm with the illumination to follow afterward at 6:30pm.

The parade will feature Petersburg's own, Colonel Porcher Taylor, Jr. as the Grand Marshal. Col. Taylor is one of few remaining Veterans to have served in three major wars: World War II, Korean War (three tours) and the Vietnam War.

He is a 2016 inductee to the Tuskegee University ROTC Hall of Fame and is eager to lead the Petersburg holiday parade on December 2nd.

The parade route will begin at 2223 South Crater Road and travel down South Crater Road to 3500 South Crater Road, Petersburg, Virginia 23805.

Following the parade, Union Train Station (*103 River Street*) will feature the official illumination of the City's Holiday Tree. Inside the station, Santa Claus will be anxiously waiting to welcome Petersburg's children. Participants can also create projects in Santa's workshop and take part in a few other surprises!

The illumination will be booming with live music, prize giveaways and a holiday spectacular firework send off.

The best part is, there's still time to be included in the celebration. Anyone interested in participating in the parade or being a holiday sponsor should visit www.petersburgva.gov or email Special Events Coordinator, Marnelle Fanfan at mfanfan@petersburg-va.org.

THE CITY OF PETERSBURG

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THE 2017 HOLIDAY PARADE AND ILLUMINATION

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Parade - 3:00pm

Parade Route will begin at 2223 South Crater Road and will continue down South Crater Road, ending at 3500 South Crater Road.

Holiday Illumination- 6:30pm

The Illumination will be held at Union Train Station - 103 River Street Petersburg, VA 23803



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