

Black History Month Events

February 5, 2023.....Gospel Extraganza
February 9, 2023.....Black History Trolley Tour
February 11, 2023.....Black History Trolley Tour
February 11, 2023.....Black Authors Book Signing Expo
February 16, 2023.....Black History Trolley Tour
February 18, 2023.....Black History Program



#6868 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING JANUARY 15 AS AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND ITS EMPLOYEES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

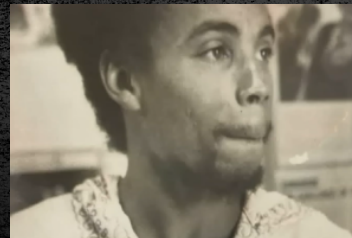
The City of Petersburg

presents

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
FOR THE CITY OF PETERSBURG

January 15, 2023
3pm - 5pm

The Petersburg Public Library
201 W Washington Street
Petersburg, VA 23803



Former Councilman
Roy "Omowale" Hines

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Black National Anthem

Lift every voice and sing,

'Til earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the listening skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on 'til victory is won.



Purpose

In the early 1970's, a 25-year-old councilmember named Roy "Omowale" Hines began to advocate for a resolution in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. On August 7, 1973, an ordinance was passed designating January 15th as an annual holiday for the City of Petersburg and its employees in commemoration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is well-known that the City of Petersburg is one of the first localities in the Nation to officially recognize Dr. King. Some argue that Petersburg was the first to pass such a bold initiative; therefore, it is necessary to acknowledge this historic moment.

The City of Petersburg is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Resolution during the MLK holiday weekend 2023. There is a responsibility to educate and empower our youth about such an iconic political and public figure, as well as the courageous leadership that made this happen during the racial tensions of the 1970's.



Keynote Speaker

Major General Barrye L. Price
U.S. Army, Retired

Major General (Retired) Barrye L. Price is a 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Houston's College of Business Administration. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in History in 1994 from Texas A&M University and in 1997 he became the first African American to obtain a doctorate from the Department of History in the 146-year history of Texas A&M University.

Major General Price held numerous key assignments during his military career to include his final active-duty assignment as a Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 Army Forces Command in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Additionally, the Major General served on the President and First Lady's Task Force on Raising Responsible and Resourceful Teenagers in 2000 and President Clinton's "Mississippi Delta Task Force" which sought to revitalize the 207-county, seven-state region that comprises the Mississippi River flood plain. He currently serves as President and CEO of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) since September 2020.

Major General received several honors during his Army career, to include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal. Of all the honors bestowed upon the Major General, he believes he is most honored to be married to Dr. Tracy L. Price and the father of ninth grader, William Garrison Price.

Program Schedule

Mistress of Ceremonies.....Terri T. Smith

Welcome.....Honorable Samuel Parham

Prayer.....Reverend Andrew J White, Sr.

Musical Selection.....Rodney Stith

History.....Treska Wilson-Smith

Speaker Introduction...Lt. Col. Willie Harris, III
U.S. Army, Retired

Musical Selection.....Rodney Stith

Keynote Speaker...Major General Barrye L. Price
U.S. Army, Retired

Musical Selection.....Black National Anthem
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Letter Presentation.....Alexis Bowles-Fryar
Office of Senator Mark Warner - Outreach Representative

State Proclamation.....Honorable Samuel Parham
Commonwealth of Virginia - Governor Youngkin

Acknowledgements.....Treska Wilson-Smith

Closing Remarks.....Honorable Samuel Parham