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Maple Ridge Celebrates the Night with Family Fun and Fireworks on October 28

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge is bringing back Celebrate the Night for its 3rd year on Sunday, October 28 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Featuring the theme "Light and Shadows", this free, family-friendly festival includes lights and lanterns, face painting, storytelling, a costume parade, crafts, games, performers and musicians, multicultural food trucks and much more. At approximately 7:30 pm, the fireworks display will light up the sky from the rooftop of The ACT Arts Centre.

Special highlights of this year's Celebrate the Night include:

- interactive light displays called "Aurora": a series of 400 lights that react to movement and music; "Love Begets Love": a magnificent lantern installation; and a light mandala that people can walk into;
- Indian folk, classical and Bollywood fusion dance performances part of Diwali Fest;
- Kwantlen First Nation storytelling;
- a paranormal investigation team; and
- a pyrotechnic fireworks show as the grand finale.

This event brings together many partners and participants who all share the goal of creating an experience to remember. We wish to thank our generous sponsors and community partners: The ACT Arts Centre, Diwali Fest, FVRL Maple Ridge Library, Envision Financial, Archangel Fireworks, RE/MAX, Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association, Maple Ridge Lions Club, Secret Lantern Society, Vancouver Supernatural and Dominos Pizza. As this outdoor event will be held rain or shine, please dress for the weather, and we encourage everyone to travel sustainably by carpooling, walking or taking transit. Details of the event are available online at <u>mapleridge.ca/1758</u> and updates will also be posted to social media.

For more information, please contact Yvonne Chui, Manager of Arts & Community Connections at 604-467-7415 or <u>ychui@mapleridge.ca</u>. Photos are available upon request for media use.

Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture supports the full range of cultural development and programs that includes festivals and special events, public art, artist in residence, heritage, cultural grants, volunteers and community building initiatives in partnership with groups, non-profits and residents.

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