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Celebrate the Night 2022 Fireworks Postponed Due to Fire Risk – New Activities Planned

Maple Ridge, BC: On Thursday, October 13, the Maple Ridge Fire Department extended the Fire Ban, including the ban on fireworks, until further notice due to the extreme dry conditions in the region. As a result, the fireworks originally scheduled to take place on October 21, during Celebrate the Night 2022, have been postponed. The safety of citizens and the surrounding neighbourhood/park are of the utmost importance. The City thanks the community for their understanding and event partners for their continued support.

The City of Maple Ridge is pleased to announce the addition of new activities during the evening. In addition to performances by Raincity, a costume contest, roving circus performers, lantern displays, food trucks and much more, Celebrate the Night will now feature a Light Up Playground and Light Displays.

The Celebrate the Night activities include:

- NEWLY ADDED! Play on the Light Up Playground Follow the light and let your inner child free on our Light Up Playground! LED seesaws, swings and giant jacks are sure to brighten your day...literally and figuratively!
- NEWLY ADDED! Capture the Night in the Photo Booth Want a lasting memory of your evening? Head over to our onsite photo booth! Grab your friend, pet, or family member and get your pose on.
- NEWLY ADDED! Check Out the Halloween Games Alley Bowl down the witches, toss a light hoop and more! Be sure to check out crafts for kids of all ages.
- Learn About the Paranormal <u>Cornerstone Supernatural</u> will be onsite with devices, items and stories pertaining to the supernatural...boo!
- Be Mesmerized by Light & Lantern Displays
 The <u>Secret Lantern Society</u> will be decorating the park, bandstand and 224 street with

beautiful light and lanterns, some of which will be created by your fellow neighbours! <u>Envision Financial</u> will also be lighting up the park with light cups... find them onsite to find out how!

Decorate & Marvel at Pumpkins

October wouldn't be the same without pumpkins! Weave through a display of pumpkins or contribute by decorating your own with local artist, Sandra Salon.

• Get Into the "Mind of a Snail"

Step into a space where you can explore and play with shadow and light murals. <u>Mind of</u> <u>a Snail</u> is a shadow puppetry duo that specializes in developing multilayered visual storytelling using handmade projections!

• Do Much, Much More!

Other activities include face painting, interactive displays, fun with folks from the <u>Maple</u> <u>Ridge Public Library</u>, shopping for light up items from the <u>ACT Arts Centre</u> and more.

The event's entertainment includes:

NEWLY ADDED! Light Displays

Be on the lookout for Light Displays that will illuminate the park and add to the magic of the evening.

- *Raincity* | Performances at 6:00 PM & 7:15 PM | Bandstand in Memorial Peace Park Raincity is a Vancouver-based funk band fronted by female leads on saxophone and vocals. Their influences include Amy Winehouse and Moon Hooch and they're sure to keep you movin' and groovin' throughout the park!
- NZR Productions | Roving Performances Keep your eyes peeled for incredible circus performers from NZR Productions who will be roving throughout the park.
- Candy Bones Theatre | Roving Performances Hoot hoot! Candy Bones Theatre will be onsite with roving performers in intricate owl costumes.

This event takes place Friday, October 21 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Memorial Peace Park. For full details about event activities and entertainment, visit <u>www.mapleridge.ca/1758</u> or contact <u>rmunroe@mapleridge.ca</u>.

Celebrate the Night is supported through funding and support from local businesses and organizations, without whom this event would not be possible. Celebrate the Night 2022 Partners include: <u>Envision Financial</u>, <u>Maple Ridge Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, The ACT Arts Centre</u> and <u>REMAX</u>.