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Glow Maple Ridge Launches with Unveiling of the New Rain Enlightens Hummingbird Illumination

Maple Ridge, BC: Maple Ridge residents are invited to kick off the holiday season with the GLOW launch event on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. This free event will feature drumming and singing as part of the unveiling of a stunning light display created by Katzie First Nation artist, Rain Pierre.

‘Rain Enlightens Hummingbird Illumination’ will be mounted off of the balcony of the Business Centre tower facing into Memorial Peace Park and join the dazzling light features in Memorial Peace Park.

“The inspiration behind the project was to bridge a connection between my Katzie ancestry, our youth and the land that we all share,” said Katzie artist Rain Pierre. I had the opportunity to work with area youth that were part of the eco-tourism program and a walk we all did in a local park. That connection with youth made my heart sing and inspired me. The youth illustrated the native plants that we found on that walk and I’ve incorporated their illustrations into the bellies of the hummingbirds that are part of the illumination,”

Rain Pierre, and members of the Katzie First Nation, will officiate the unveiling and there will also be other entertainment and events for the evening.

“I chose a hummingbird because I have a connection with them and their unique attributes, explains Pierre. “They are the only bird that can fly backwards and that ability fascinates me. I’m very excited to be part of this project and this is a very unique opportunity to reach out as part of the reconciliation work happening in the community. I look forward to sharing the story how my design went from an illustration on my iPad to a completed sculpture.”

Launch Event Features:

- Live entertainment (music & performers)
- Mini Donut Food Truck
- Children's crafts & activities
- Storefront decorations/displays

About GLOW

The City of Maple Ridge has been illuminating the downtown with the iconic Red Bells since the mid-1960s and in recent years the City has been adding to this tradition with new lighting elements in and around Memorial Peace Park under the GLOW Maple Ridge destination marketing platform.

GLOW runs from Nov. 26 to Jan. 6 and features a twinkling tunnel, a brilliant art tree, a glowing bandstand and an interactive sequoia tree making it a perfect holiday backdrop for a winter selfie with a loved one. For more information on the GLOW Maple Ridge events go to mapleridge.ca/glow

More Great Holiday Events in Maple Ridge

We're back to in-person celebrations for your favourite holiday events, and we've added a new event for 2022. Here's a list of events you and your family will enjoy:

- **Dec. 3:** Winter Fest (Santa Parade, Christmas Market, Christmas in the Park and more)
- **Dec. 10:** Breakfast with Santa at the Albion Community Centre
- **Dec. 17:** CP Holiday Train Rolls In

[View the Winter Fest Guide](#) for full details. Here are some highlights:

On Saturday, Dec. 3, Winterfest, which includes the Santa Claus Parade, Christmas market, and Christmas in the Park, returns to Memorial Peace Park and the downtown. The events will run from 4 to 8 p.m. and the Santa Claus Parade is back from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a new downtown route to create more places for families to view all the floats and parade participants. Use the Winter Fest Guide Link for the latest updates on the route map and information about road closures.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, join us for Breakfast With Santa from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Albion Community Centre (ACC). The Kiwanis Club will serve up a pancake breakfast where families can visit with Santa and get into the Christmas spirit. Explore the ACC for crafts, activities and a game of holiday-themed "I Spy". Children three years and under are FREE, children and seniors are \$8 and adults are \$12 for admission. Register online using #45685 at mapleridge.ca/2536 or call 604-467-7422.

The CP Holiday Train is back along the railway tracks between the Port Haney West Coast Express Station and the Billy Miner Pub on **Saturday, Dec. 17**. The train is scheduled to arrive at 7:50 p.m. and Country artist MacKenzie Porter and Virginia to Vegas will entertain from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Remember to bring a donation for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

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