

# FAMILY TO HOST COMMUNITY DIWALI CELEBRATION

## GALA FIRST OF ITS KIND

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Expanding on the joy of Diwali, Georgetown resident Aditee Goswami has opened her annual family celebration to the community for what she believes will be the first of its kind in town.

"Since our community is growing and I cannot accommodate everybody here at my house, I was planning to do it in a bigger way so that everyone can participate. People will also get to know more about Diwali," Goswami said.

The sold-out event will host 180 attendees at the Gellert Community Centre on Oct. 22.

"It is important that residents celebrate their culture and traditions. Given the past two years, it is perhaps now more than ever important that we connect and come together and I am impressed with the initiative that this resident has taken," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

### Here are five things to know about the celebration:

1. The shared community celebration will offer some insight into Indian culture and the opportunity to experience and learn more about the festival. "Half of the tickets have been bought by the local people," Goswami said. "Lots of people from different communities are interested in Diwali — Indian food and culture."

2. Dance performances, kids fashion show, couple's



Aditee Goswami photo

Aditee Goswami celebrating Diwali with husband Rahul Kumar, daughter Akshi Bhambani and sons Aditya and Avyu Bhambani in 2018.

ramp walk, rangoli making competition, DJ, dinner, bingo and a raffle will be part of the indoor event.

3. Nearly two dozen vendors will be on site offering astrology services, organic products, jewelry, Indian

clothing and more.

4. A fireworks display is culturally a popular part of Diwali celebration. However,

since it is Goswami's first year hosting the event, she said fireworks is something she'd like to add to future celebrations.

5. Diwali — also known as the Festival of Lights — symbolizes victory of good against evil and in this case light against darkness.

While this time is marked by Hindu mythology as the return of Lord Rama from a 14-year self-imposed exile to uphold the honour of his father's vow, Goswami simplifies it to emotions of love and joy.

It is considered one of the biggest and most important festivals in the Indian community.

The Halton Hills Fire Department reminds residents planning to celebrate Diwali with fireworks to obtain a family fireworks permit from the town.

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**Georgetown Masquerade on Main**  
Saturday, October 29, 2022, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Main Street between Church Street and James Street in Georgetown.  
Organized by the Georgetown BIA.

**Acton Trick or Treat**  
Saturday, October 29, 2022, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Mill Street East between Main Street and Bower Street, Acton.  
Organized by the Acton BIA.

**Pumpkin Giveaway**  
Saturday, October 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Willow Street North between Mill Street East and Bower Street, Acton.

**Pumpkin Promenade**  
Monday, November 1, 2022, 5 - 9 p.m.  
Willow Street North between Mill Street East and Bower Street, Acton.

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