



Festival of Lights



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Get into the Christmas spirit at the Markham Village Festival of Lights

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14TH YEAR



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You know Christmas isn't that far away when the Markham Village BIA hosts its annual Festival of Lights.

The Festival of Lights - now in its 14 year - kicks off the holiday season for both the merchants and residents of Markham.

The opening ceremonies begin at 6:30 p.m. with a holiday greeting from Mayor Don Cousens. The Salvation Army Brass Band will be performing Christmas carols throughout the ceremonies and at 6:45 p.m. Santa Claus himself will light the tree. (The tree lighting is once again sponsored by the Radisson Hotel.)

During the opening ceremonies, the winners of the best window display will also be announced.

Every year, the BIA gives the Festival of Lights a theme which the merchants try to create in their window displays.

This year's theme is Christmas in the Garden.

"It helps to get both the merchants and the visitors on the street into the holiday spirit," said Mary Flaxman of the Markham Village BIA.

A few days before the festival, judges - who are secretly picked - look at each window to see if how creative the mer-



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Santa will be at the Festival to greet all the children.

chants were in creating the theme, if they captured the theme and if it is appealing.

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What: Markham Village Festival of Lights

When: Friday, Nov. 27

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Markham Main Street. (The street will be closed during the duration of the festival.)

Details: Make a date to have munchies on the Main Street, meet the charmers at the petting zoo, marvel at Scrooge's magic act, sing along with choirs or hum to yourself as bands play music of the season. Acrobats to amaze you while you juggle hot chestnuts and warm your hands with a hot chocolate or mulled cider. Everybody and their dog will be here, checking out what's new in the shops. Then you can visit Santa's House and tell him what it is you want for Christmas this year. In addition, check out the new Markham Village BIA logo that is hanging on the streets.

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