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**Tyrone Plans Workshops for Holiday Lantern Parade**

Tyrone will light the way to Christmas with Fayette County’s first Lantern Parade. The Parade will be part of the annual Tree Lighting Celebration at Shamrock Park on Sunday, December 3, 2017, starting at 5:30pm.

Tyrone Recreation will partner with the Fayette County Public Arts Committee to host the Lantern Parade.

Donna Thompson, Chair of the Arts Committee said, “Lantern parades are a popular event with the foundation being participation. People are invited not just to see an event, but to participate in it. Anyone can be the artist who creates a lantern. It is an event for children and adults of all skill levels to show their creativity. Workshops allow participants to learn, create and share ideas with each other. The parade brings people together for a fun social event that helps build the cultural character of the community through creativity and inspiration. What is great for the community is the parade is an invitation for others to visit that community and participate in their event.”

Mitch Bowman, Director of Tyrone Recreation, said, “This is going to be a fun and exciting event to add to our Tree Lighting Celebration. The Lantern Parade will lead the way for Santa’s arrival. We will also be hosting several workshops for participants to make their lanterns. It will be fun to see each person’s creativity and design.”

Bowman continued, “On the night of the event, we will have holiday music, cookies and cocoa and you can make s’mores. Santa will be joining us to hear your Christmas wishes and have photos taken. There will also be train rides around the lake.”

To participate in the Lantern Parade you must have a lantern. There will be several workshops offered for participants to create their lantern. The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 12:00pm - 3:00pm. The second workshop is Saturday, November 25, 4:00pm - 7:00pm. The third workshop will be held on the day of the event, Sunday, December 3, 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

The three workshops will be at the Tyrone Recreation Center at 145 Commerce Drive in Tyrone. There may be additional workshops added, if needed.

There is a \$10 (cash) supply fee that covers the cost of the lantern, light and all other supplies needed to complete the lantern.

Participants must register for the workshop in order to have a supply kit. To register for the Lantern Workshop or for questions, email the Fayette County Public Arts Committee at [fcpac@fayettecountyga.gov](mailto:fcpac@fayettecountyga.gov) with the names of participants.

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**Photograph Attached**