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POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY STANDS FIRM ON PEACEFUL FESTIVE LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Polokwane Municipality calls for calm, unity and shared responsibility as it prepares for the highly anticipated Festive Lights event on Friday, 06 December.

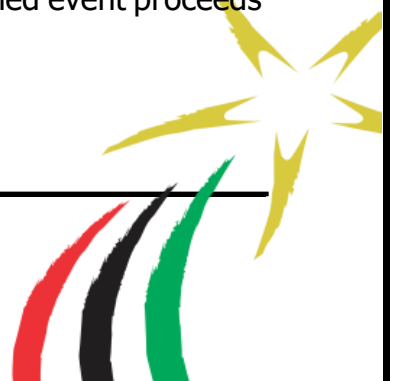
This annual celebration holds a special place in the hearts of the residents, marking the beginning of the festive season and promoting a spirit of togetherness, joy, goodwill and community pride.

Rooted in traditions celebrated in major cities across the country and around the world, such as Cape Town, Durban and others, Polokwane's Festive Lights event carries unique cultural and economic significance to the community and business.

As part of its commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility, the municipality wishes to clarify that the total expenditure for the 2023 Festive Lights event amounted to **R715 000**. Considering price escalations, the anticipated cost for the 2024 event is approximately **R800 000**, contrary to misinformation that the municipality is spending **R15 million** for this event.

While this event is designed to strengthen positivity and inclusivity, the municipality has noted disturbing concerns regarding potential acts of violence or disruption around the Civic Centre during the event.

To this end, Polokwane Municipality issues a firm caution that any acts of violence, vandalism or disruption of peace will not be tolerated. Comprehensive and proactive security measures have been implemented to protect all residents, ensure the safety of municipal premises and guarantee that this important and cherished event proceeds smoothly.



Those who choose to act contrary to this spirit of harmony and goodwill by endangering others or disrupting public peace will face the law and appropriate legal consequences.

Polokwane Municipality urges all to embrace this opportunity to come together, uphold the peace and unity that define the festive season, and showcase Polokwane as a city of pride and shared hope.

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