



City of Yakima

News Release

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The search is on for Yakima's Community Christmas Tree.

The City of Yakima and the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) are asking area residents to consider donating a tree from their property for the annual holiday festivities in Downtown Yakima.

To nominate your tree as the Community Christmas Tree, call Cally Price, the Assistant to the City Manager, at 575-6040.

"It's an exciting opportunity for someone to make a prominent contribution to the holiday season in Downtown Yakima," said Mayor Kathy Coffey. "I appreciate those willing to have their trees considered for such an important honor."

Crews will arrive to remove the tree by Monday, November 19th, and it will be installed at Millennium Plaza. The official tree lighting ceremony will be Sunday, December 2nd, at the conclusion of Downtown Yakima's annual Holiday Lighted Parade. The parade starts at 6:00 pm.

Volunteers along with the crew from DAY will be hanging lights on trees in the Plaza area prior to the parade and lighting ceremony.

"It needs to be an evergreen, preferably 15 to 25 feet tall," said John O'Rourke, Operations Manager for DAY. "It has to be in a location that we can access with a crane and get a truck to it."

If property owners nominating a tree are unsure about its dimension or about access to it they can call O'Rourke at 952-8052.

The selected tree will be removed at no cost to the owner.