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## Downtown Holiday Tree Arrives

Yakima, WA – The Holiday Tree that is an annual fixture in Millennium Plaza will be delivered tomorrow. Each year a tree is donated from the community and is placed in the heart of downtown, serving as a symbol for the Holidays, being lit during a ceremony that immediately follows the annual Christmas Lights Parade.

Tomorrow, Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) crew with the assistance of City of Yakima, and Parks and Recreation will secure a tree from a Yakima area residence, move the tree to Millennium Plaza, and secure the tree into the ground. The tree will be decorated in the ensuing days and be ready for lighting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, as part of the parade and tree lighting ceremonies.

John O'Rourke, DAY Operations Manager, is heading up the project this year and will coordinate the removal of the tree from the residence at approximately 10 am. Crews hope to have the tree secured at approximately 2 pm.

Some of the equipment that will be involved: a crane from Russell Crane Services Inc. (not the same as donating community member), a bucket truck, dump truck and trailer. There will be approximately 10 personnel involved in the operation.

This year's tree is being donated by the Russell family. DAY appreciates their donation and that of Russell Crane Service Inc. who has annually supported the tree effort.

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