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Calling all Candidates for the 2015 City/County Christmas Tree

Things to do in October 2015:

- Memorize your Packers and Badgers football schedules – check.
- Put the Halloween decorations up – check.
- Decide who makes the Green Bean Casserole for Thanksgiving dinner this year – check.
- Nominate your tree to be the 102nd annual City/County Christmas tree in Downtown Milwaukee's Red Arrow Park – **To do!**

With Labor Day in the rear view mirror, the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works is now accepting nominations for a tree to serve as the 2015 City/County Christmas tree to be displayed in Red Arrow Park in downtown Milwaukee.

Residents and property owners within the City of Milwaukee are asked to check their yards for a Christmas tree to donate this holiday season. Eligible trees must be located in the City of Milwaukee.

The ideal tree should be 30 to 40 feet tall, and must be accessible for harvest with a crane, meaning no overhead wires present to interfere with the process. Generally the crane is parked near the front yard or side yard to harvest the tree. The tree candidates are judged on size, shape, uniformity, density, and color - the same criteria that residents use to buy their own trees.

When a tree is selected, the City's DPW Forestry staff will cut the tree, use the crane to place it on a flat bed truck for transportation downtown, remove the stump, and fill in the hole. The tree will receive a police escort to Red Arrow Park.

Residents who wish to have their tree considered for 2015 should contact the City of Milwaukee at 286-CITY (2489) by **Monday, October 19, 2015**. All tree candidates will be evaluated, and one will be selected and harvested in early November, and lit at the City/County Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, November 19 in Red Arrow Park. Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele will participate, and the donors of the selected tree will take part in the lighting ceremony by helping to flip the switch.

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