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**Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City/County Christmas Tree**  
*Nominate your tree – It could decorate Red Arrow Park for all to enjoy!*

Things to do in September 2013:

- Send the kids back to school – check.
- Pack away your white shoes – check.
- Memorize your Packers and Badgers football schedules – check.
- Nominate your tree to be the City/County Christmas tree, in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having a municipal tree downtown for the holiday season – **To do!**

Residents within the City of Milwaukee are asked to check their yards and the yards of their neighbors (with their permission!) for a Christmas tree to donate for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

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 Department of Public Works 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 2013 should contact the City of Milwaukee at 286-CITY (2489) by **Friday, October 25, 2013**. 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 Wednesday, November 20 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.

The City of Milwaukee thanks Johnson Controls for their generous donation to help make the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the City/County Christmas tree a great event and memory for the next 100 years.

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