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SMARTPARK PRESENTS THE 34TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE NEXT FRIDAY!



PORTLAND, OR— (November 16, 2018)—Next Friday, *The Day after Thanksgiving*, Pioneer Courthouse Square will host the [34th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony presented by SmartPark](#). The holiday festivities begin at 4:15pm with pre-program entertainment featuring the Cleveland High School Marching Band.

The evening's signature event will kick off at 5:30pm with Portland's largest community sing-a-long curated by Portland's own Thomas Lauderdale. Joining Thomas for the joyful carol sing-a-long will be members of **Pink Martini**, **Northwest Community Gospel Chorus** and **Pacific Youth Choir**. The event will be hosted by [KGW news anchors](#) along with [101.9 KINK radio](#). This community celebration will feature **Santa**, **Mayor Wheeler** and **Commissioner Eudaly** as they have the honor of 'flipping the switch' to light the City's **75-foot Douglas-fir** generously donated by **Stimson Lumber Company**. The evening's festivities will also broadcast Live on KGW News at 6.

Throughout the day after Thanksgiving, visitors to Downtown can visit the Square to grab lunch at [The Carts on the Square](#), enjoy a FREE showing of the movie Elf and even catch a live stream of the Civil War football game.

FREE Songbooks for the community sing-a-long, **curated by Thomas Lauderdale**, will be available at the event, while supplies last, or available digitally at thesquarePDX.org. In partnership with Portland's-own Hollywood Lights, this year's tree will illuminate with more than **14,000 multi colored LED lights - spanning 2.5 miles in length.**

For **further details** on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and all the FREE community events held at Pioneer Courthouse Square, near the Square and throughout Downtown this holiday season be sure to visit www.thesquarePDX.org or follow us [@thesquarePDX](https://twitter.com/thesquarePDX).

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Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. is an award-winning non-profit organization whose mission is to manage Downtown's central public gathering space, lovingly known as Portland's Living Room, to achieve an active and healthy downtown core. Hosting more than 300 programmed events each year, Pioneer Courthouse Square operates within an annual budget of \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.