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**COME DOWNTOWN FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9TH at NOON
TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE STIMSON LUMBER TREE ARRIVAL
IN PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE!**



Portland, OR – (November 1, 2018) – Come to Pioneer Courthouse Square on Friday, November 9th to officially kick-off the **2018 Holiday Season** in downtown with **the arrival of Portland’s 75’ Douglas Fir** generously donated by [Stimson Lumber Company](#). This year’s tree, grown on sustainable forestlands near Gaston, Oregon will begin its journey to the Square with the help of RAM Trucking three days before its arrival in our City’s Living Room. Once the Tree arrives in Portland on the 9th it will travel along the [transit mall](#) and arrive at the Square for Stimson Lumber’s Rodney Jacobs to present the Tree to Pioneer Courthouse Square Trustees Dan Lavey of Gallatin Public Affairs and Courtney Posey from Nordstrom along with Portland Parks Interim Director, Kia Seeley.

“Stimson Lumber is honored to donate this magnificent Tree to the City of Portland. Having our Tree displayed for all to enjoy in the heart of downtown during the holiday season is a tradition we look forward to each year”, says Stimson Lumber Forester Rodney Jacobs. While the tree is being hoisted into place, visitors to the Square can grab a delicious lunch at [The Carts on the Square](#), enjoy a FREE hot chocolate from Unitus Community Credit Union, say hello to Santa, listen to live entertainment from The Beat Goes On Marching Band and enjoy treats compliments of Metro by T-Mobile.

The tree will be lifted into position in the center of the Square with a Link Belt HTC8640, a 40t capacity hydraulic truck crane, skillfully operated by Will Menefee and generously provided by Ness & Campbell Crane. As we near the holiday season Pioneer Courthouse Square will put the finishing touches on the tree by reattaching tree branches and working with Portland’s own Hollywood Lights to install more than **14,000 multi-colored LED** lights that will adorn the City’s Tree through the New Year. “We look forward to welcoming our community and visitors to Portland’s Living Room this holiday season”, says Pioneer Courthouse Square Trustee Dan Lavey, “and to all the magical moments of celebration that will take place in our City’s great public space.” The Square looks forward to bringing thousands of Portlanders together Downtown the *Day after Thanksgiving* for the annual **Lighting of the Tree with a community carol sing-a-long led by Thomas Lauderdale, members of Pink Martini and many more!**

34th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Presented by SmartPark

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd 5:30PM

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About Pioneer Courthouse Square

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.