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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 11

When the Broadway tree arrives, Santa can't be far behind. This year's tree, a 35 foot blue spruce, arrived on Dec. 3. The tree will be lit, with the help of Santa Claus, on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

The tree was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petrillo of the Town of New Windsor. It arrived with the help of Michael Bigg, Jr. of Quality Towing & Autobody who once again donated his crane to bring this holiday tradition to Broadway. Crane operator John Ammirati offered his services for the eighth year in a row.



George Garrison, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW), along with DPW workers Reed Sheehan, Steve Olsen, Hector Iglesias, Paul Taylor, and Tom Cinnante brought the 4100 lb. tree from the Town of New Windsor to the Broadway median. DPW tree trimmer Olsen also went up in the cherry picker to secure it and make the finishing touches. George Garrison put the first ornament, a snowflake, on the tree, and the DPW will be putting up the tree's lights (around 2000 of them) and more than 200 decorations, to go along with the beautiful new Christmas wreaths on Broadway.

From the search for the perfect tree to the arrival of Santa Claus, Deputy Mayor Regina Angelo has coordinated the City's holiday celebration for nearly 25 years.



"We had more than 50 calls from people throughout the Mid Hudson region, thanks to the wide publicity our tree search got from the local media," said Mrs. Angelo. "I want to thank everyone who called in and showed an interest in helping to bring our Christmas tree to Broadway. I also want to thank Quality Towing, the City DPW, the City of Newburgh Police Department, the Karpeles Museum, and the Friends of the Library for all they do every year to make this possible."

Following the tree lighting, there will be gifts from Santa, and books donated by the Friends of the Newburgh Free Library, and refreshments afterwards at the Karpeles Museum, 94 Broadway. All are invited. For more information, call City Hall at 569-7301 or 569-7354.