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### CHICAGO'S 109<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE IS FROM MORTON GROVE

Every year, Millennium Park is adorned with an epic Christmas tree that remains on display through the beginning of the new year.

The search for this year's tree began in mid-September when the city began taking nominations. The winning tree will go up in Millennium Park, where the lighting ceremony is set for November 18. The tree needed to meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 45 feet or taller;
- Be located less than 50 miles from Chicago's Loop;
- AND preferably, be a Norway Spruce or Fir Tree as pine trees are ineligible due to their inherent limitations to bear heavy loads.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Village was informed that Chicago's 109<sup>th</sup> "official" Christmas tree will be harvested from Morton Grove. The tree is a Colorado Spruce owned by Ms. Vesna Glisovic. It currently sits near the corner of Church St. and Cherry Ave. and is approximately 54 ft tall. Vesna submitted an application and photos of the tree to be considered by the City.

The City has hired a private contractor to remove and transport the tree on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Village's Public Works and Police Departments will work in conjunction with the contractor to ensure the tree is harvested and transported in a safe and appropriate manner. It is anticipated that limited and transient street closures will be necessary in order to accomplish the task.

Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria was quoted as saying, "All Morton Grove residents can be proud that one of our Village's outstanding trees will be showcased in Millennium Park during this holiday season". The Village congratulates the Glisovics for being selected and thanks them for their generous donation.

Chicago's "official" **109th Annual City of Chicago Christmas Tree**, will shine brightly in Millennium Park near the intersection of Michigan Ave. and Washington St. from November 18 through January 8. Morton Grove residents can be proud to know that the tree "grew up" in their community.

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