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HELP WANTED: A Michigan Holiday Tree to Stand Watch Outside The Capitol

WANTED: One tall, majestic spruce or fir willing to travel. Able to stand watch outside Michigan's Capitol throughout the holiday season. Aluminum trees need not apply.

DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Timbermen, announced today that the annual search is on to locate a holiday tree for the Capitol lawn. To be considered, the tree must:

- be a spruce or a fir.
- be at least 65 feet tall.
- have a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a maximum trunk diameter of 30 inches.
- be accessible from the road and away from wires.
- be available at no charge.

Nominations are requested by July 1. Submissions must include a photo of the tree.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula has provided a number of botanical beauties, yet three trees have come from communities close to the Capitol. The Laura and Scott Brock family of Kingsford, in the UP, donated last year's holiday tree – a green spruce that was brought to Lansing by truck and unveiled in front of 80,000 people at the Silver Bells in the City celebration. This year's tree will be illuminated at the annual event, which will take place Friday, Nov. 17.

Individuals interested in nominating a tree may send their name, telephone number and information about the tree, including a photograph, to:

HOLIDAY TREE SEARCH

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Information also may be sent by e-mail to: HolidayTree@michigan.gov.

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