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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of Norton and the Norton Women's Club are seeking those who would like to get involved in providing a decorated tree (or some type of sturdy Christmas Display) in this year's **Christmas in the Park** display of trees lining the driveway into Columbia Woods Park. This will be the 7th consecutive year of this Community Display of Trees!

Businesses, Non-Profit Groups, Families – All are invited to supply a decorated tree to show your Christmas Cheer to your community.

Please go to www.cityofnorton.org to print your **Christmas in the Park** packet that has a registration form and a page of tips and tricks to make for a successful display!

ALL TREES MUST BE IN PLACE on the grounds NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2nd!
The display will be ceremoniously lit on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00p.

After the season is over, trees must be removed from the premises no later than Sunday, January 8th.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Ann at 330-825-7815 ext 314

Sent to: Norton Post
Barberton Herald
West Side Leader
Akron Beacon Journal
Posted online at www.cityofnorton.org



Tree placement in Columbia Woods Park

*Businesses, Non-Profit Groups or Families
are encouraged to register below to decorate a Christmas tree for placement
along the road surface travelling into Columbia Woods Park.*

***Once registered for this event, artificial OR cut real trees (preferred) decorated
and properly secured
must be placed BEFORE December 2nd.***

*The Norton Women's Club Tree Lighting Ceremony / Christmas in the Park Event will be held on
Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00.*

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***PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO
Christmas in the Park, 4060 Columbia Woods Dr., Norton OH 44203
Or e-mail to annc@cityofnorton.org***



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Contact Name : _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Representing the (please circle one) "Business of", "Organization of" or "Family of"

Mailing address: _____

E-MAIL address: _____



Helpful tips for your Tree in the Park

Keep in mind when you are decorating your tree that it will be outside for approximately one month in possible high winds and harsh weather!!

It has been the experience that a live CUT tree works best. Artificial trees (usually meant for indoor display) when displayed in unpredictable outside weather, can have a tendency to snap, twist, or break in high winds.

On live cut trees, the key to success is a sturdy, **wider than the base of the tree** wooden **X base** that one can screw braces from the base (pics below) into the trunk of the tree to be much sturdier. It is



also advisable to attach guide wires to the middle of the tree, which would be staked into the ground.

An easy way to put your tree together is to decorate it inside (where it's warm!) and then haul your completed tree in the back of a truck to the Park and secure it in the spot that you choose along the roadway leading to the Gazebo in Columbia Woods Park. Using this method, when it's time to remove your tree, it's easy to pick it up and haul it away!

Remember to secure your decorations **TIGHTLY** to your tree so they are not removed by the wind!

One of the holiday pleasures comes from touring the Park at night. To have your tree lit, it is suggested that you decorate with **“outdoor” approved light strands**, and you **MUST** provide an **outdoor approved extension cord** (10 to 50 ft cord length, depending on your tree location) to be able to reach the electrical boxes located in the Park. It is also advisable to use electrical tape and tape up all power cord connections so that water does not easily enter the connectors.

Decorations not part of your tree (painted wood cut-outs, sturdy stand-alone light decorations, etc) are encouraged, but also must be securely anchored.

Each tree display WILL BE PROVIDED THEIR OWN DESIGNED LAMINATED SIGN by the City of Norton that will identify your business, organization or family dedication that the tree display is representing. PLEASE CONTACT ANN at the City of Norton to discuss your sign design! 330-825-7815 x314

If you choose to have your display sign visible at night, you must also supply your own spotlight for each site.

Your display needs to be removed from the Park NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

The City is not responsible for lost or stolen items.