

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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Council Meeting Date: November 3, 2009

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THROUGH: Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager *[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: Capitol Christmas Tree 2009

SUMMARY:

For the first time in history, Arizona has been invited to provide the United States Congress with the Capitol Christmas Tree. Placed in front of the Capitol building, Arizona's Gift from the Grand Canyon State will be a 75 foot conifer from the Apache-Sitgraves National Forests. Found in the White Mountains of northeastern Arizona, the tree will travel throughout Arizona and across the nation to its place of honor. The iconic symbol of the holidays will be lit during a ceremony by the Speaker of the House, along with an Arizona school child who has made an ornament for the tree.

The tree will stop in Peoria on its caravan around the state on Thursday, November 12, at Rio Vista Community Park. In conjunction with the tree's arrival, Community Services staff will host a viewing of the tree from 10:00am to 11:30am, when the tree departs for its next stop. Staff will stage several activities during the event, including cookie decorating, ornament crafts and other holiday themed activities. Holiday music will be playing, providing ambiance and a festive spirit. Police and Fire staff will kickoff the Shop with a Cop and the Firefighters' Annual Toy and Gift Drive.