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# LOCAL NEWS

## Pioneer Courthouse Square Tree Lighting is Back!



PHOTO COURTESY PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE - The giant tree lite in the Pioneer Courthouse Square downtown

### 75-foot tall holiday tree has arrived

A full schedule of holiday events and traditions at Pioneer Courthouse Square will return this holiday season. After being held virtually for two years, the 38th Tree Lighting Ceremony, a Portland tradition will return in person this year. Before COVID, 11 million people

passed through The Square each year, and it's one of the most-visited places in the State of Oregon.

The 75-foot tall holiday tree arrived at Pioneer Courthouse Square last week on Wednesday morning. The tree was donated by Stimson Lumber Company and weighs approximately 8,500 pounds. Portland's Tree Lighting will be at Pioneer Courthouse Square the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25th featuring a joyful sing-along with Portland's own Thomas Lauderdale from

Pink Martini, local musicians and chorale singers, this event is the highlight of the holiday season downtown.

The community is encouraged to join in the celebration as Santa Claus flips the switch to illuminate more than 14,000 colorful LED lights on our City's 75ft Douglas-fir generously donated by Stimson Lumber Company for all to enjoy throughout the holiday season. Many Portlanders are looking forward to the opportunity to be back together in The Square also known as Portland's Living Room.

## Help for Community Skill Building

### PPB Launches New Podcast on Active Shooter Preparedness

The Portland Police Bureau is releasing a new podcast designed to help community members build skills to react to an active shooter situation. Warning, this podcast contains sensitive information and frank discussions of potential violence.

Active shooter incidents are often unpredictable and evolve rapidly. The Portland Police Bureau's Community Active Shooter Preparedness Presentation was developed by members of PPB's Training Division and taught by Portland Police Officers who have responded to the scene of local active shooting incidents and may



A police officer presenting information to a class

be among the first responders to any in the future. The class has been given to community groups, businesses and houses of worship. The presentation is also available through a video.

"We hope people who view or listen to this information never have to use it," said Chief Chuck Lovell. "At the same time, we recognize that with knowledge

comes empowerment. Fear can sometimes get in the way of obtaining this kind of education, but we hope by engaging with people on this challenging topic we build skills to balance those concerns."

Please note that there may be capacity issues and that PPB may not be able to meet all demand. PPB also only serves groups and organizations in the Portland area.

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