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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Reading, PA – December 3, 2014 - On Saturday, December 6th, The City of Reading will be re-dedicating our home-grown holiday tree dubbed by the media as “The Charlie Brown Tree” at 6:00 PM. In honor of its famous namesake, we will be decorating the tree with one single red ornamental ball.

Mayor Spencer and City Council President, Francis Acosta, invite all to attend this fun event. The evening’s program will feature The Reading Liederkrantz Singers and an excerpt from the *A Charlie Brown Christmas* book read out-loud in both English and Spanish.

We would like to thank everyone who has offered to help the city beautify the tree and ask for help to spread the sentiment of the season that the tree symbolizes throughout our city and our great nation – to think of your communities and neighbors and how to bring the greatest happiness to others.

The City of Reading will continue the theme from the *A Charlie Brown Christmas* book by then adding decorations to the tree at 5th and Penn, just as the Peanuts gang does for Charlie Brown’s tree. We are partnering with the Reading Royals who have agreed to donate the decorations and to assist in the decorating and transformation process of our beautiful tree along with Weichert Realtors Neighborhood One, who will be donating a bucket truck to reach the top of the tree as well as decorations. We are very proud of the Reading Royals and appreciative of Neighborhood One and are glad we are able to partner with them.

This newly decorated tree’s unveiling will be on December 20th. This will be one of many activities on this day of celebration and service for our city, county, and our nation. Planning efforts are underway and will be released when they are finalized. We encourage everyone in our community and from around the globe to participate.

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