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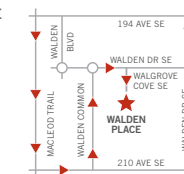
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good-bye snow! Hello sun! Hello green grass!

As you can see I am happy to see the snow go away for another year. It has been a long winter and I have to say I am happy about it.

I want to thank all those snow angels who help to keep the pathways cleaned as well as those who helped your neighbours out by shoveling your walkways, driveways and streets in front your homes.

Now as the snow starts to melt, please be careful of the ice that comes from warm daytime temps and freezing temps at high. And not just around the community but also around the city. Falling on ice is not fun for anyone,

Below, is a summary of the City of Calgary snow and ice bylaws, with an emphasis on **ice**:

- Within 24 hours after snow stops falling, all snow and ice must be completely removed from City pathways and sidewalks.
- A **sidewalk** is that part of a street set aside specifically for pedestrian use.
- A **pathway** is a multi-purpose thoroughfare used by pedestrians, cyclists and persons using wheeled conveyances such as skateboards.
- Owners and occupants of a home are responsible for removing snow and ice from the pathways and sidewalks in the front or to the side of their property.
- All snow and ice must be removed down to the bare surface of the sidewalk or pathway.
- Snow and ice must be removed from a City pathway or sidewalk that runs parallel to or directly adjacent to a street, even if it is separated by a boulevard.
- If you own a rental property, you are ultimately responsible for ensuring the sidewalks and pathways are cleared.
- The owner or occupant of land adjacent to a sidewalk must remove all snow and ice. Those adjacent to a pathway must remove snow and ice for a minimum width of 1.5 meters from the side of the pathway closest to their property.

More information can be found here: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Snow-ice.aspx>

Recently we were approached about the Adopt-A-Rink program which is a winter volunteer program where community volunteers help flood and maintain existing community pleasure skating rinks throughout Calgary. Since Walden does not have a rink, and we missed the deadline for this winter season, we will be applying for next winter season. This is a volunteer run activity so we will be looking for volunteers to assist with this. Information about the current program can be found here: And a list of community rinks around Calgary can be found here: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Volunteer/Adopt-a-rink-program.aspx>

We missed getting a spring date for the Annual Community Clean Up. So we are now looking at alternatives. More to come.

We are also looking to partner with some of the organizations in and around our community to put on community events.

We continue to look for ideas for articles and pictures for the newsletter, please email us at [newsletter@wald-enyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@wald-enyyc.ca). **Reminder:** Articles have to be no more than 300 words, Cover pictures must be at least 1MB in size and 300 dpi. The deadline for content is the first of the month. Keep those photos coming, we love them!

**Safety Reminders:** Please remember to keep your stuff locked up, your homes and your cars!.

**Get Involved!** The Walden Community Association is a volunteer organization made up of members of our community. We encourage everyone to come out and see how you can get involved in your community. We are always looking for residents to help make Walden a great place to live! Feel free to send us an email at [wald-enyyc.ca](mailto:wald-enyyc.ca) if there is any area you are interested in helping with!

For more updates on all WCA Events, programming and developments, check the WCA website: [www.wald-enyyc.ca](http://www.wald-enyyc.ca).

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# The new Walden Community Block Watch Facebook page

Walden now has its own block watch Facebook page!

Historically, Block Watch programs have shown to help fight the isolation and separation that crime creates and feeds upon, forges bonds amongst area residents and businesses, helps reduce burglaries and other crime,

and improves relations between the police and the community they serve.

Community engagement is often described as getting to know your neighbours, building relationships, and fostering a sense of belonging. This is key, as communities where neighbours look after each other often experience less crime.

These groups are for members of our communities to pass on information to neighbours about criminal activities that are happening in and around our neighbourhood. This group is not to be used for arguments or disagreements, and admin reserves the right to remove offensive or inappropriate posts and/or members without notice.

**Walden Community Block Watch Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waldenblockwatch/>

The main objective of the Walden Community Block Watch Facebook page is to help build a safer neighborhood by encouraging residents to take a proactive approach to crime prevention and safety.

**\*\*Proof of residency will be required to join\*\***

New members asking to join must either live in or run a local business in the Calgary community of Walden. Along with your request to join, please PM proof of residency to Julia Ws. Proof of residency will be permanently deleted upon verification. Please allow up to a week for processing.

Acceptable forms of proof of residency:

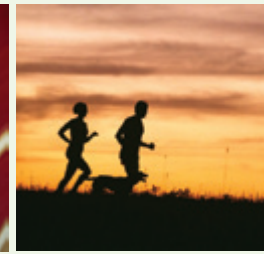
- low-res photograph of a utility bill confirming address
- photograph of valid Walden Community Association membership
- low-res photograph of photo ID (please black out any identification numbers)

Other related Block Watch Pages include

- Chaparral Area Block Watch (Lake Chaparral, Valley, Ridge & Ravine)
- Legacy Community Block Watch (requires proof of residency)

Always remember that any suspicious persons, activities, or criminal acts should always be reported to the Calgary Police without delay. If there is a crime in progress or if you see suspicious behaviour, please call 911. This page is not to be used as an alternative to calling the Calgary Police. If you encounter a crime that has already occurred or a non-emergency situation, please call the non-emergency number at (403) 266-1234.

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS



### PARKING ISSUES

We are close to having a solution for the parking in and around Age Care, and we have been advised that the City of Calgary plans to do a parking study of the whole community.

### WALDEN COMMUNITY CLUBS

Do you have a fun hobby or interest? Would you like to connect with others in the Walden Community who share the same interests? The Walden Community Association is looking for club ambassadors to spearhead community engagement initiatives, and club members to make this project a success.

Looking for a basketball opponent? Join a Basketball club. Want to find a running/walking buddy? Get your name on a running/walking club list. Photography, Cycling, Book, Yoga, Kickboxing...the possibilities are endless!!! If you are interested in starting a Walden Community Club, email [info@waldenyyc.ca](mailto:info@waldenyyc.ca) with your ideas and contact information. We already have ideas for the following clubs, but feel free to contact us with your awesome ideas:

- Basketball Club
- Running Club
- Walking Club
- Mom & Tot Club
- Yoga Club
- Photography Club
- .....the possibilities are endless!

### Newsletter/Website Updates:

Regular articles continue to work on:

**Why we Love Walden?** Why did you move to Walden? What do you like about Walden? Drop a few words, and share your thoughts. Tell us why you love Walden,

it is a great way to get to know your neighbors and neighborhood. Email [newsletter@waldenyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@waldenyyc.ca) with your comments.

**Who are the People in Your Neighborhood:** Walden is a very multicultural rich community, with people from all walks of life, different parts of the world and different reasons for living in Canada, in Calgary and in Walden. We are looking forward to meeting the members of our community and have them share their story. If you and your family would like to be featured, please contact us at [newsletter@waldenyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@waldenyyc.ca).

**Where's Walden?** We are still looking for someone to create a character, named "Walden" for our Where's Walden picture, if you are interested, please email us.

**Website Admin needed!** Are you web savvy? We are looking for someone to administer our website. contact [newsletter@waldenyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@waldenyyc.ca)

**Content Deadline:** Content for the newsletter is due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, this includes pictures and content. See guidelines below. Email: [newsletter@waldenyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@waldenyyc.ca)

**Articles:** you try to keep the word count to 300 maximum. (The longer the article the less chance it will be picked up and published.)

**Pictures:** Cover photos need to be 1MB and 300 DPI.

### GENERAL REMINDERS

**SLOW DOWN AND BE AWARE:** It is getting darker earlier in the evening, please take your time as you drive through the community. The speed limit for residential areas is 50km - that includes Walden Blvd. Put your cell phones away, Pay attention to your surroundings. Let's keep our community safe.

**KEEP YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY SAFE!!** This was posted on the block watch facebook page: "Chaparral Area Block Watch (Lake Chaparral, Valley, Ridge, & Walden)".



# Dog Days of Spring... Summer

The weather is warming up! Spring is coming! So a bit of a reminder as it begins to warm, and everyone comes out to enjoy the sidewalks, pathways, parks and playgrounds. All pet owners need to be aware of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, so that non-pet owners and pet owners can co-exist together. The bylaw helps to ensure that the community is safe and clean, including our parks & playgrounds.

## Some things to note:

- Walden does not have an off-leash park! The open field off Walden Blvd and Walden Dr. is not an off leash area. There will be an off leash park included in the new Wolf Willow subdivision across from Lake Chaparral, but until then, please take your dog to the Sue Higgins park at Southland and Deerfoot.
- Please clean up after your dog! As the snow melts, it reveals all the pooh left behind by throughout the winter, by owners who do not pick up after their dog, and nothing is more 'ick' than seeing dog pooh on the sidewalks, pathways, and on other peoples' properties or accidentally stepping in it, cause it was left on the path.

Below is an excerpt of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, in particular the RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS, BYLAW NUMBER 23M2006, Pages 9 to 14, focused on dog owners. Let's be respectful of our community and of our neighbours.

See more here: <http://www.calgary.ca/CS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Dogs.aspx>

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS RUNNING AT LARGE

12. The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal is not Running at Large.

## DOGS IN OFF LEASH AREAS

13. (1) Notwithstanding Section 12, an Owner of a dog is not required to have the dog on a Leash in a Park or portion of a Park which has been designated as an "off Leash area" by the Director, Parks.

(2) The Owner of a dog in an "off Leash area" shall ensure that such dog is under control at all times.

(2.1) A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may:  
(a) order that a dog be put on a Leash; and  
(b) order that a dog be removed from an off Leash area. (B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)

(3) Whether a dog is under control is a question of fact to be determined by a Court hearing a prosecution pursuant to this Section of the Bylaw, having taken into consideration any or all of the following:

- (i) Whether the dog is at such a distance from its Owner so as to be incapable of responding to voice, sound or sight commands;
  - (ii) Whether the dog has responded to voice, sound or sight commands from the Owner;
  - (iii) Whether the dog has bitten, Attacked, or done any act that injures a person or another Animal;
  - (iv) Whether the dog chased or otherwise threatened a person;
  - (v) Whether the dog caused damage to property
- (4) An Owner who fails to immediately restrain and remove the dog upon it engaging in any of the activities listed in Section 25, by restraining the dog on a Leash not exceeding two (2) metres in length and removing the dog from the off Leash area, is guilty of an offence. Nothing in this Section relieves a person from complying with any other provisions of this Bylaw
- (5) Nothing in this Section relieves a person from complying with any other provisions of this Bylaw.

## ANIMALS PROHIBITED IN OFF-LEASH AREAS

14. (1) No Owner of a Vicious Animal shall permit the Animal to be in an off-Leash area at any time.

(2) No person shall allow an Animal other than a dog to enter into or remain in an area that has been designated by the Director, Parks as an "off Leash area".

## DOGS IN PROHIBITED AREAS

15. (1) The Owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not enter or remain in or on:

- (a) a School Ground, Playground, Sports Field, Golf Course, Cemetery, Wading or Swimming Area, or a Pathway; or
- (b) any other area where dogs are prohibited by posted signs. (B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)

(2) The Owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not enter or remain in a Park, or any part thereof, where the dog is within five (5) meters of a Play Structure, a Wading Pool or Swimming Area, a Sports Field, a Golf Course or a Cemetery.

(3) The Owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not enter or remain in a Park or any part of a Park or on a Pathway which has been designated by the Director, Parks as an area where dogs are prohibited.

## Dogs Permitted on Pathways

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of a dog may allow such dog to pass along or across a Pathway, including a Pathway that runs through an area designated as an off-Leash area, only if such dog:

- (a) is secured by a Leash of no greater length than two (2) metres;
- (b) remains on the right hand side of the Pathway at all times unless moving around other Pathway users; and
- (c) remains under the Owner's control at all times ensuring that the dog does not interfere with or obstruct any other Pathway user.

## Dogs Shall Not Obstruct Pathway

(5) Notwithstanding subsection 15(4)(a), in an off-Leash area that has been designated by the Director, Parks pursuant to subsection 48(1)(i)(iii) of Bylaw 20M2003, the Parks and Pathways Bylaw, as an area where dogs are not required to be Leashed on Pathways, every Owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not sit or stand on a Pathway or otherwise obstruct or interfere with users of the Pathway.

## No Dogs in Park on Holidays

(6) The Owner of a dog or any other Animal shall ensure that such dog or other Animal does not enter or remain in the Park known as Prince's Island Park, or on the pedestrian bridges to the Park whether on or off Leash at any time on

the following two (2) designated days of each year:

- (a) July 01 – Canada Day; and
- (b) the first Monday of August – Heritage Day

## SWIMMING IN PARKS PROHIBITED

16. (1) The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal does not enter or swim in any body of water within a Park, unless specifically allowed by the Director, Parks.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 16(1), the Owner of an Animal may allow such Animal to swim in any river which runs through or adjacent to a Park, unless specifically prohibited by the Director, Parks.

(3) Without limiting the generality of subsections 16(1) or (2), the Owner of any Animal shall ensure that such Animal does not enter or remain in the water or upon the ice of the Glenmore Reservoir at any time.

## UNATTENDED ANIMALS

17. (1) The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not be left unattended while tethered or tied on premises where the public has access, whether the access is express or implied.

(2) The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not be left unsupervised while tethered or tied on pri-

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18. (1) The Owner of an Animal left unattended in a motor vehicle shall ensure:

(a) the Animal is restrained in a manner that prevents contact between the Animal and any member of the public; and

(b) the Animal has suitable ventilation

(2) The Owner of an Animal shall not leave an Animal unattended in a motor vehicle if the weather conditions are not suitable for containment of an Animal.

(B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)

### CYCLING WITH ANIMALS

19. (1) When operating a bicycle or wheeled conveyance on a Pathway, no Person shall do so with any Animal on a Leash.

(2) Subsection 19(1) shall not apply to persons operating a device designed for persons with disabilities.

(B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)

### SECURING ANIMALS IN VEHICLES

20. (1) No person shall allow an Animal to be outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle on a roadway, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving or Parked.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 20(1), a person may allow an Animal to be outside the passenger cab of a motor vehicle, including riding in the back of a pickup truck or flatbed truck if the Animal is:

(a) in a fully enclosed trailer;

(b) in a topper enclosing the bed area of a truck;

(c) contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the bed of the truck; or  
(d) securely tethered in such a manner that it is not standing on bare metal, cannot jump or be thrown from the vehicle, is not in danger of strangulation, and cannot reach beyond the outside edges of the vehicle.

(3) For the purpose of this Section, "roadway" means any street or highway, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or Parking of vehicles.

(4) The Owner of a vehicle involved in an offence referred to in this Section is guilty of the offence, unless that vehicle Owner satisfies the Court that the vehicle was:

(a) not being driven or was not Parked by the Owner; and

(b) that the person driving or Parking the vehicle at the time of the offence did so without the vehicle Owner's express or implied consent.

### NUISANCES

#### REMOVING EXCREMENT

22. (1) If an Animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall remove such feces immediately.

(2) If an Animal is on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall have in his possession a suitable means of facilitating the removal of the Animal's feces.

(B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)

### NOISE

23. (1) The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not bark, howl, or otherwise makes or causes a noise or noises which disturbs any person Whether any sound annoys or disturbs a Person, or otherwise constitutes objectionable noise, is a question of fact to be determined by a Court hearing a prosecution pursuant to this Section of the Bylaw

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### SCATTERING GARBAGE

24. The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not upset any waste receptacles or scatter the contents thereof either in or about a street, lane, or other public property or in or about premises not belonging to or in the possession of the Owner of the Animal.

### THREATENING BEHAVIOURS

25. The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not:

(1) Bite, bark at, or chase stock, Animals, bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles;

(2) Chase or otherwise threaten a person or persons, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the Owner;

(3) Cause damage to property or other Animals, whether on the property of the Owner or not;

(4) Do any act that injures a person or persons whether on the property of the Owner or not;

(5) Bite a person or persons, whether on the property of the Owner or not;

(6) Attack a person or persons, whether on the property of

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- Okotoks garage buy and sell.
- Walden/Legacy and Chaparral Buy/Sell Group

## Dog Days of Spring cont'd

the Owner or not;  
(7) Attack a person or persons, whether on the property of the Owner or not, causing severe physical injury; or  
(8) Cause death to another Animal  
25.1 No Owner shall use or direct an Animal to attack, chase, harass or threaten a person or Animal.  
(B/L 48M2008, 2008 NOVEMBER 3)





## If you value your Community, be sure to purchase your Walden Community Association Annual Membership!

Memberships cost \$20 per address and are valid for 1 year from date of purchase.

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Fill out the above, enclose your cheque or money order, payable to 'Walden Community Association' and mail to the following address: Walden Community Association – Memberships c/o ATB-Walden, #300, 151 Walden Gate SE, Calgary, AB T2X 0R2.

- Please allow 3-4 weeks for your membership to be delivered to your home address.
- Members of the community association are welcome to attend WCA sanctioned events throughout the year. Not only will you be able to meet others within Walden, but to help build a better sense of community for Walden.
- Stay connected with what is happening in your community. Members are kept up to date of the developments within and around the community. Being a member secures you a vote at public meetings, or make a difference by join the board and more.
- In the future, other benefits will come from sports, activities and partner discounts; access to youth and community events and programs.

Walden Community Association updates can be found at [www.waldenny.ca](http://www.waldenny.ca)



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When I was elected the biggest concern of Calgary-South East Constituency residents was lack of schools. I heard your concerns and worked hard to bring 13 new schools to our constituency.

I've been so fortunate to attend openings for several of them recently, with more to follow.

#### Calgary Board of Education:

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 Copperfield School (Grades K-4) Copperfield OPEN  
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South East High School Grades 10-12) \*Anticipated opening September 2018\* Seton

#### Calgary Catholic School District:

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 Mahogany School (Grades K-6) \*Anticipated opening Fall 2018\*  
 Silverado School (Grades K-9) \*Anticipated opening Fall 2017\*  
 Legacy High School (Grades 10-12) \*Anticipated opening Fall 2018\*

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to the residents at **Auburn Heights Retirement Residence** who competed in the All Seniors Games. What an impressive group, including Florence Slavinski, who turned 102 on the day of the closing ceremonies.

Some students at **Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School** recently learned about vulnerable groups of people in the Calgary area and became experts on their particular group. They contacted local government officials to raise awareness, visited the group and became advo-

cates for them. This impressive group presented to the Calgary Foundation to convince them to continue to fund these organizations. At the end they held an assembly to celebrate student learning, which I was able to attend. What an amazing group of future leaders.

#### Did you know?

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Hello people of Ward 14!

Last month I did a bit of a primer for the new season. Since we are now entering the first full month of spring, I want everyone to remember a couple of seasonal tidbits that I wrote about in March.

**Street sweeping, civic census, & voter registration are all online**

You can still find all of the information that you need—including the latest information on when to move your vehicle—at [calgary.ca/sweep](http://calgary.ca/sweep). You should also have received your access code for the online civic census and voter registration by mail in March. All of these things are very important, and all of them are now available online (which saves taxpayers money).

**Ward 14 Traffic Safety Meeting (another reminder from last month)**

Traffic Safety is constantly one of the most popular topics in Ward 14. Anyone who is concerned with traffic safety (especially those who are Star Wars fans) will be happy to hear that they can join the Calgary Police Service, and the City's transportation department on *May the 4<sup>th</sup>* to discuss the topic. I will also *be with you*. Join us from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mid-Sun Community Centre.

**Roadway Activity Map**

I really like maps. Those close to me know this very well. I like them because they teach me all sorts of new things, and because they are incredibly useful. That is why I am happy to share the newest addition to the City of Calgary's collection of online maps: the Roadway Activity Map.

The map combines a number of data sources to provide real-time information on both planned and active road construction work projects. It includes both short term, and long term projects like construction paving, sidewalk closures, and microsurfacing, as well as special event closures like parades and festivals.

You can find the map at [maps.calgary.ca/roadwayactivities](http://maps.calgary.ca/roadwayactivities), or find the entire City of Calgary Map collection by clicking 'maps' on [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca).

**Should Calgary Bid on the 2026 Winter Olympics**

The topic of bidding on the 2026 Winter Olympics is going to be one that is discussed for months to come, if not years. The decision making process will begin with a thorough investigation of how the Olympic bid will impact Calgary.

There are many factors to consider in the decision to bid, and the website [shouldcalgarybid.com](http://shouldcalgarybid.com) contains lots of information. Our investigation will also include learning what Calgarians think about the bid. The website that I mentioned also contains a survey. If you want to take the survey do it soon. I am not sure how long it will be available.

**April Counciltalk**

This month Counciltalk will be in the main gym at the Deer Run Community Centre (2223 146 Avenue S.W.) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (please note the later than usual start time). There are only three more opportunities (including April) to hold Counciltalk before the summer, so please make sure you get out to one. The other dates and times for Counciltalk are posted on [calgary.ca/counciltalk](http://calgary.ca/counciltalk), or you can get reminders by signing up at [calgary.ca/ward14connect](http://calgary.ca/ward14connect). Tell your friends to join too. The more, the merrier!

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