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- 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.
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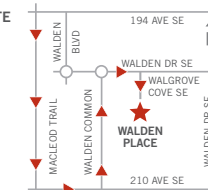
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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer on committees or other community related activities, please contact us at [info@waldenyc.ca](mailto:info@waldenyc.ca), we would love to have you!

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- \*\* Proof of residency required to join the block watch page\*\*

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 Wiencki. **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)

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### Annual General Meeting:

The Walden Community Association annual general meeting is on the horizon, for January/February 2018. Look for a confirmed date and time to come.

### THANK YOU, WALDEN SNOW ANGELS!

A big thank you to all the Walden Snow Angels! We have some awesome neighbours in Walden who have shared their time, their snow blower or shovel with the community. From the gentleman who clears the path on the greenspace or the neighbor who shovels the driveway. That is the spirit of Walden, thank you!

### WALDEN COMMUNITY CLUBS

Don't forget to check out some of the clubs in Walden! And if you would like to lead a club, let us know, we need volunteers! We will help you to organize yourselves. Here is some of the things that are ongoing

**Senior Music Jam Session:** Are you a senior who loves music, playing an instrument or singing? Tom Doran is looking for other like-minded seniors who are interested in playing music and singing along. This would be for our own enjoyment but if the talent is there, who knows...Walden could have their own Seniors band and entertaining others along the way. If interested, please email Tom at [tpdoran07@gmail.com](mailto:tpdoran07@gmail.com).

**Walden Book Club:** The book club is a casual group who takes turns hosting members in their homes. They meet the third Sunday of the month around 7 p.m. to share our thoughts and opinions about the books, drink wine and visit.

In December the book club is reading *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls' memoir of her life living in a dysfunctional family of nomads.

The books they select cover a wide range of genres and they are always open to learning about new gems that we have not yet read. If you are interested in sharing your love of books with the club, contact Joan at [botkin.pletz@gmail.com](mailto:botkin.pletz@gmail.com).

**Other Clubs** we would like to promote and are looking for volunteers to lead them, include

- Basketball Club (adults or kids)
- Running Club
- Walking Club
- Mom & Tot Club
- Yoga Club
- Photography Club
- ...the possibilities are endless!

### Newsletter/Website Updates:

**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@waldenyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@waldenyc.ca) with your comments.

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

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



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## Who Do You Call!

Call 911: In case of police, fire or medical emergency, always call 911.

Call 403-266-1234: For non-emergency calls.

Call 311: For questions or concerns related to City of Calgary services, connect with 311 via the 311 Calgary mobile app, [calgary.ca/311Online](http://calgary.ca/311Online) website or by calling 311. Check out the 311 Brochure here: <http://www.calgary.ca/cfod/csc/Documents/311/311-Brochure.pdf>

### Winter is here!

November brought the big snow! And we know it is here to stay. The snowfall in November caused a bit of an issue with sidewalks and, of course, snow removal. So again, here is a summary from the City of Calgary of our snow and ice bylaws.

### Who you gonna call?

9-1-1	403-266-1234
<b>Crime In Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle prowling</li> <li>• Vandalism</li> <li>• Theft</li> <li>• Impaired driving</li> <li>• Assault</li> <li>• Suspicious person you believe is about to commit a crime</li> </ul>	<b>Crimes NOT In Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspicious vehicles</li> <li>• Suspicious people (no crime)</li> <li>• Careless driving</li> <li>• Break and enter (after the fact)</li> <li>• Crime complaint follow-ups</li> </ul>
<p>If you feel yourself or someone else is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.</p> <p><a href="http://www.calgarypolice.ca">www.calgarypolice.ca</a></p>	<p>Go online: Use our mobile app or online reporting system for some not in progress crimes, traffic service requests &amp; crime tips.</p>

**Bylaws related to snow and ice** (<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Snow-ice.aspx>)

- Within 24 hours after the snow has been deposited, all snow and ice must be completely removed from City

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pathways and sidewalks. *Please see below for definitions of a sidewalk and pathway.*

- 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 or pathway must remove snow and ice for a minimum width of 1.5 meters from the side of the pathway closest to their property.

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.



## Warning Notices

If you receive a Warning Notice for failure to remove snow and ice from a sidewalk or pathway and do not remove it within 24 hours, The City of Calgary workforce will be instructed to carry out the work and the cost will be invoiced to the property owner. Failure to pay this will result in the cost being added to the property taxes.

## Snow & Ice helpful hints

Tips that will help make clearing your sidewalk a little easier:

- A free sand/salt mixture, called pickle, is available for pick up at most fire halls and Roads depots. This mixture helps to break down built-up snow and ice on your sidewalk, so it can be fully removed down to the bare surface. Please note, during periods of heavy snowfall, this mixture is in high demand and fire halls may have to wait for the mixture to be restocked.
- For a list of locations <http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/Roads/Pages/Road-Maintenance/Snow-and-ice-control/Sanding-material-pick-up-locations.aspx>.
- This mixture falls under the City of Calgary's Road Salt Management Plan. It adheres to Environment Canada's Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salts.
- If you require help clearing your sidewalk, click here for a full list of Community Based Snow Removal Programs.
- You may also be interested in finding out about our Snow Angels program.

**City of Calgary Snow Programs:** See real time snow clearing updates, maps, information about the Snow Angel program and other winter weather programs from the City of Calgary at on our snow page.

**Roads Mobile App:** download the City of Calgary Roads app, to help you plan your commute during winter storms.

**Snow & ice related bylaws:** Snow and ice removal is regulated under the Street Bylaw (under section 67). This page is an overview of these regulations. Please refer to the actual bylaw for more detailed information. Original copies of the bylaw are available from the City Clerk's office.

**Filing a complaint:** How to file a complaint and what happens to it.

If you know of a bylaw infraction and would like to report it to Animal & Bylaw Services, please fill out the above form, call 311 (from within Calgary) or 403-268-CITY (2489) (from outside Calgary)

## City of Calgary Mobile Applications

You can stay in touch with The City of Calgary on your mobile device using their free and up-to-date apps.

Available for iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad or Android user. These can be found on the City of Calgary Mobile Apps page:

<http://www.calgary.ca/CFOD/CSC/Pages/Mobile-Apps.aspx?redirect=/mobileapps>

Some applications that can help you

- **311 Calgary** – report issues immediately as they come up
- **Calgary Transit** - displays all nearby route options and departure times, you can track your bus on the map, plan trips, view schedules and more.
- **Pets:** information about pet licensing, find the nearest off-leash area? Lost your pet, Get information on programs and services from Animal & Bylaw Services
- **Roads:** City of Calgary Roads app is designed to help you plan your commute during winter storms.

## Drive with care, slow down and be aware:

The clock has been turned back and winter is just around the corner, the mornings and evenings are darker. Please take your time as you drive through the community, be on the lookout for folks walking through the community, whether it's families playing in the parks, waiting/getting of the bus, folks going to/from the bus, or someone walking a pet, our community is an active one. A reminder, 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 and ourselves safe!

## Keep you and your property safe!

**Crime of Opportunity | Prevention efforts – A message from our CPS Officers**

As you know our local officers continue to conduct crime prevention checks in Walden and communities throughout Calgary.

In November, CPS officers started to keep a look out for vehicle theft opportunities such as vehicles unlocked and running with keys inside. This provides an opportunity to educate property owners and to prevent car thieves from stealing these very vehicles. Often criminals will travel around communities in groups looking for unattended running vehicles to steal. The person at fault is always the offender who chooses to commit the crime but we hope through crime prevention education to dramatically reduce opportunities for these thieves.

- Between 06:30 hours and 08:30 hours Monday November 13, local patrol members located 24 vehicles unlocked and running with keys inside. Considering the morning temperature was only -5, this was a large number of vehicles checked by district 8 CPS members.
  - One house in particular was very concerning, vehicle running unlocked inside the attached garage with the garage door partly open. This poses a huge safety issue for potential CO2 poisoning.
- Between 06:00 hours and 08:30 hours Tuesday November 14, local police members located 28 vehicles unlocked and running with keys in the ignition.

Please help us prevent as many auto thefts as possible by:

- Never leaving a running vehicle unattended. If your keys must be in the ignition to warm it up, please remain with your vehicle.
- Installing a remote starter if possible, however, always make sure the vehicle is locked.
- Using a steering wheel lock to deter thieves.
- Never leaving children unattended in a running vehicle.
- Never leaving spare keys or garage door openers in or around your vehicle. If a garage door opener goes missing at any time, the garage door should be immediately recorded.
- If your keys are stolen, immediately changing the locks for the keys that have gone missing, including residences and vehicles.
- Always locking the man door leading from a garage into a residence.

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