

Walden Newsletter

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Welcome to the 24th edition of the Walden Newsletter. We invite you to contribute content to help ensure that this newsletter is by, for, and about Walden residents. Copies of the Newsletter are on the web at: [Walden Neighborhood](http://WaldenNeighborhood.com) (WaldenNeighborhood.com) on the home page.

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Please share your thoughts, something interesting, a photo, or whatever you'd like for our next issue. Your input will be a unique contribution for our readers! Submit information via email to: ronjude22@comcast.net.

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Walden emails are sent from: communicate@camcomgmt.com. Please add this address to your email contacts to stay informed.

CAMCO will now be on site in Walden on Wednesdays (8AM to 4PM). Be sure to email Simone (srobinson@camcomgmt.com) for an appointment as needed, as she has other duties, including inspections and vendors on site.

WALDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION UPCOMING 2026 MEETING DATES:

February 26, 2026, March 26, 2026 – Annual Meeting,
April 23, 2026, May 28, 2026, June 25, 2026

NOTE: The Board has voted that as of October, 2025 the work session will now be part of the general meeting to begin at **6:00pm in Walden Hall**. To speak at an HOA Board meeting, email Simone Robinson at least one week prior to the meeting date requesting to be heard at that meeting. (srobinson@camcomgmt.com)

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WALDEN CROSSROADS COMMITTEE

Attention Gardening Enthusiasts! The Crossroads Committee is seeking help to design, plant and maintain the downtown flower pots for 2026 and assist in garden cleanup and planting efforts at both Walden entrances. The Spring flowers are sure to dazzle again this year. If you love working in the garden or if you have a couple of hours to help refresh the planting beds, please contact Stacey New @ staceynew214@gmail.com.



LIVING IN WALDEN - SNOW REMOVAL

- by Kathy Pape

Unless you're school age or an avid skier, just the prediction of snow can set you on edge. It's understandable because snow means CHANGE. Whatever you planned, snow will change those plans. A one-hour delay or a school closure, an icy exit ramp or closed roads, boots, coats, bad hair, shoveling and car issues. This article is intended to provide some semblance of certainty about living in Walden when it snows.

Notification

For significant storms in which service is expected, residents will receive an email notification with pertinent information from CAMCO. In extreme conditions, WNA may choose to enact the Emergency Snow Plan, during which vehicles will need to be moved from the Snow Emergency Routes. **Plan now for an alternate parking location for your cars and who will move your cars.** See, [Walden Neighborhood](#) for the Snow Emergency Routes map. If you are a tenant be sure that your landlord has registered you and your contact information so that you will receive these important notifications.

Both Ruppert, our contracted snow removal vendor, and Walden residents are responsible to have their areas of responsibility cleared of snow and ice no later than 24 hours after the end of a storm. Your responsibility is dependent on the type of home you live in. Let's first separate our homes into three types: **single family detached, connected homes (townhouses or Voisinage I), and Voisinage II (condos above businesses).**

Snow Affected Areas

The streets and alleys in Walden are not municipally owned, and Silver Spring Township is not responsible for snow removal. The Walden Neighborhood Association (WNA) is responsible for the removal of snow on the streets and alleys. To accomplish snow removal WNA has hired Ruppert, the same vendor used for landscaping.

Let's also think about the types of areas that may be affected by snow: roadways, alleys, common sidewalks, sidewalks connecting a home to a common sidewalk and alleys and garage aprons.

Single-family detached home residents are responsible for clearing the snow from the sidewalk from their home to the common sidewalk, the common sidewalk fronting their home, and the garage apron.

Townhouse and Voisinage I & II residents are not responsible to clear snow from the common sidewalks, from the sidewalks between their homes and the common sidewalks and the garage aprons. Ruppert, as contractor for the WNA is responsible to clear snow from the sidewalks between their homes and the common sidewalks and the garage aprons.

MEET 'N TWEET: THE TURKEY VULTURE

- by Taylor Burton

Our next feathered friend is one you've definitely seen soaring over Walden, and perhaps mistook for an eagle or hawk: it's the famous turkey vulture! If you have a squeamish stomach, now might be the time to scroll to the next article.



Turkey vultures are known for their signature bald heads, immense wingspan, and affinity for eating roadkill. This has not endeared them to most people, earning vultures a reputation for being “creepy” or “disgusting.”

Maybe that's true, but we should also celebrate them for being nature's cleanup crew! Their powerful stomach acids kill bacteria and prevent the spread of diseases; great for us and for the environment.

Another fun fact about turkey vultures is that they smell better than any other bird. As in, they have a great *sense* of smell and can scent rotting carcasses from over a mile away. They probably smell like literal death given their diets and their main defense mechanism: vomiting. If threatened, a vulture will empty out their stomach. Not only does this lighten them up so they can launch into flight more quickly, it also does a fantastic job of convincing the predator to rethink their life choices.

To spot a turkey vulture in Walden, keep your eyes on the skies. You can easily recognize these birds by their 6-foot wingspan and teetering flight pattern. They love riding the thermals over the construction field. You might also occasionally see them perched on neighborhood roofs with their wings spread wide, enjoying the sun. They hang out in large, quiet family groups—since they lack a syrinx, they cannot sing or call like other birds. Seeing a group of silent vultures perched on your roof can be ominous, but don't be intimidated! Remember: They love their families and a solid meal...just like you.



Note on the picture: Can you spot the black vulture hiding among the turkey vultures? There is also a red-shoulder hawk! Some party!

WALDEN CARES - SAVE THE DATE

- by Stacey New

Saturday May 9th, 2026 is Walden Cares Annual Fundraising Yard Sale!

In conjunction with the Walden Neighborhood Yard Sale, Walden Cares Committee is sponsoring a fundraising Yard Sale at Walden Hall on Saturday May 9th. Everyone is encouraged to donate unwanted items to the fundraising sale. ALL PROCEEDS will benefit Walden Cares Charitable Projects. Donation drop off days and times will be in the April-May Newsletter. Also watch for updates and announcements on social media, Facebook pages, Waldeners and The Crossroads at Walden.

Currently Walden Cares sponsors “SockTober” in October each year and “The Angel Wreath Project” in December. New socks are donated to area organizations providing clothing to our neighbors in need. The Angel Wreath Project donates holiday gifts to patients & families at area hospitals experiencing cancer treatment.

Due to the success of the inaugural Walden Cares Annual Yard Sale in 2025 and generous donations of our neighbors, the Walden Cares Committee is able to expand their charitable giving this year. A new project is slated for July. Watch for announcements in the newsletter!

For more information, contact Stacey New @ waldencares90@gmail.com.



SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP NEWS

- by Jake Walter

Welcome to 2026 Walden residents! As we enter the colder months, there are fewer updates to share on the items our community may care about, but there are still some important items to know about.

First, with local elections having taken place, Mark Pottinger has been elected and joined the Board of Supervisors. The duties and responsibilities of each board member were assigned at the annual reorganization meeting on January 6, 2026.

The Township will have a public meeting on February 25th to discuss an ordinance regarding the **construction and operation of data centers in the township**. The board has stated that they are encouraging data center developers to look elsewhere in their search for locations.

The intersection at Woods Drive and Route 114 (Hogestown Road) did receive a Local Share Account (LSA) grant to widen the intersection and add dedicated turn lanes. LSA grants are money that comes from Pennsylvania’s gambling-related revenue. More information should be available on the schedule of the project soon.



This year March 7th will be the annual Jig Jog 5K. You can sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Carlisle/JigJog>.

Summer Camp registrations for CAMP Silver Spring will open on February 17th for the full summer and on February 23rd for half summer sessions. The Summer Playground at Pleasant View Park will also open shortly but at the time of this writing a release date has not been listed yet.

Community events for February and March include a bus trip to Washington, DC on March 26th. This trip includes a 2-hour boat ride on the Potomac. Local classes offered by the Park District include:

- Beekeeping
- Pickleball (both open sessions and how to play)
- Strength and aerobic classes (including yoga, Pilates, dancercise, and other classes)
- Youth volleyball clinics and adult volleyball pick-up games

You can sign up for these programs at: <https://silverspringrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.



Sophia's at Walden

Did you know Sophia's has special dinners for pickup on Wednesdays? Please contact them to place your order no later than Sunday for the following Wednesday. Visit sophiasatwalden.com or call 717-791-0100.

Special Valentine Dinner on February 14th:

Join us with your sweetheart to dine in for a special Valentine's Day menu. Call for reservations for seatings from 5-7:30pm. Hurry...space is limited!

Sophia's Winter Hours:

- Sunday: Brunch served at 9am – last seating at 2pm
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday – Saturday: Lunch served from 11am – 3pm

Reservations are highly recommended for Sunday Brunch, and can be made at: sophiasatwalden.com or by calling 717-791-0100.

We are a B.Y.O.B. establishment.

WALDEN LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

- by Scott Lippert

Early Spring Clean-Up & Pruning Tips



As winter finally begins to loosen its grip, February and March bring the first opportunities for central Pennsylvania residents to step back into the yard. These months are ideal for early spring clean-up and pruning tasks that set the stage for a healthy, beautiful growing season.

1. Start with a General Clean-Up

Before new growth begins, take a stroll through your garden and lawn to assess any winter damage. Remove branches, leaves, and other debris that have collected around trees, shrubs, and garden beds. Cleaning now prevents pests and diseases from gaining a foothold when temperatures rise.

If your soil isn't too soggy, gently rake matted leaves off the lawn to allow sunlight and air to reach the grass. Be cautious not to compact the soil—wait for a few dry days before doing any heavy yard work.

2. Prune Carefully and at the Right Time

Late winter to early spring is the perfect pruning window for many deciduous trees and shrubs. Without leaves, it's easier to see branch structure and make clean cuts. Focus on removing dead, damaged, or crossing branches.

- **Prune now:** Hydrangeas, butterfly bush, shrub roses, and fruit trees like apple and pear.
- **Wait to prune:** Spring-flowering shrubs such as lilac, forsythia, azalea, and rhododendron. These bloom on old wood—pruning them too early removes this year's flower buds.

3. Refresh Beds and Borders

Once debris is cleared, you can edge your beds, top-dress with compost, and refresh mulch—but leave space around plant crowns to prevent rot. Mulching now helps regulate soil temperature and keeps early spring weeds from taking over.

4. Inspect Tools and Equipment

Before the gardening season kicks into high gear, sharpen pruners, clean shovels, and check lawnmowers. A little upkeep now saves time and frustration later.

5. Look Ahead

As you tidy up your landscape, take notes on plants that struggled last year and areas that may need new additions. Visiting a local nursery in March can spark inspiration while giving you access to early-season plant stock. A thoughtful early spring clean-up sets the tone for a healthy and vibrant garden all year long. With a few weekends of effort in February and March, your landscape will be ready to burst into life at the first hint of warm weather.



WALDEN CARES ANGEL WREATH THANKS

- by Sue Sheehan



Thank you to all the downtown businesses and groups that supported and donated to the 2025 Angel Wreath Program and thank you especially to all the individuals and families that purchased gifts. You are all a vital part of this program. We sponsored 6

families / 26 individuals and received 130 gifts! With donated funds we were able to purchase a \$100 Giant gift card for each family to use towards groceries!

As just one example of your impact, the Lindquist Family from UPMC sent us a thank you card with this message:

Merry Christmas to you all. Thank you all for the generous and thoughtful gifts that made my family's Christmas extra special this year. I wanted to let you all know that my kids may not have gotten a special Christmas without your kindness. You all are angels and we thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!





High Road Taproom will be sponsoring food trucks on Mondays in February and will then resume the Monday and Tuesday schedule starting in March. Times are 4PM to 8PM. Please stop by High Road Taproom or visit their Facebook page to see which vendors will be coming.

WALDEN GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Are you looking for a way to become involved in Walden and meet some wonderful neighbors? We have many official and unofficial committees and groups that are always welcoming new faces!



Walden Book Club Our book club meets every other month on the 2nd Monday at 7 pm at Walden Hall. Our **next meeting is March 9th** and the book we will be discussing is: "*The Correspondent*" by Virginia Evans. The next two books we will be reading are: (May 11) "*Theo the Golden: A Novel by Allen Levi*" and (July 13) "*Boy Swallows Universe*" by Trent Dalton. If you are interested in attending the next meeting or would like to be added to the book club notifications please contact Cheryl Scialpi @ cbscialpi@gmail.com.

Walden Budget Committee The Budget Committee is currently working on the 2026-27 Budget process. (Board Chair is Mark DiRocco.)

Walden Cares Committee consists of a group from Walden whose mission is to serve the needs of the surrounding community and beyond through various projects supported by the Walden residents. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue Sheehan at sheehanboys@gmail.com.

Walden Communications Committee is a new committee set up to improve Communications within the Walden HOA and the residents. One of the tasks was to provide a medium for residents to join and participate in the HOA Meetings online. The committee arranged a Google Meet Setup and Camera for the residents to participate from the comfort of their homes. The committee also arranged for the Walden newsletter to be posted on our Waldenneighborhood.com site home page for all residents to view. The Board Liaison is Sudhir Mishra and the Chair is Kim Distenfeld. Going forward the committee is expanding and welcoming new members and ideas. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sudhir at msudhir77@gmail.com.

Walden Crossroads Committee has been formed with immediate goals of working with Charter to fill the empty business spaces, enhance overall aesthetics of the downtown, and support the existing businesses. The Board Liaison is Rob Shearer and the Chair is Stacey New. If you are interested in joining the Walden Crossroads Committee or becoming a volunteer, please contact Stacey, staceynew214@gmail.com.

Walden Guys Coffee and good conversation every Thursday at 9 a.m. on the Idea Coffee patio or inside Sophia's during bad weather. The group discusses anything and everything. The topic really doesn't matter; the point is a great group of guys who enjoy each other's friendship and enjoy a coffee over what's happening in Walden and even far beyond. Any Walden adult man who would like to make friends and connections is welcome to drop by. The men who show up on Thursday at 9 a.m. are a cross-section of Walden Guys. All are welcome. We hope you join us! Contact Jack at jgp1950@comcast.net for details, or just show up at 9.

Health and Wellness is a new committee approved by the WNA Board; Lou Brown is the committee's liaison to the Board.

Walden Landscaping Committee is a standing committee created by the Walden Association. The Board Liaison is Jeff McCombie and the Chair is Sam Becker. The Committee acts as an advisory committee to the Board and a liaison between the community and the WNA. The committee generally meets once a month. An update of concerns, projects and any recommendations are forwarded to the Board for their monthly consideration. Volunteer opportunities arise frequently throughout the year for those who value our community but do not have the time to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in learning more, volunteering or interested in participating should feel free contact Simone with CAMCO at srobinson@camcomgmt.com.

Walden Mahjong There is a group who play Mahjong (the American version) most Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and occasional day games Tuesday afternoon. Both experienced players and those who would like to learn to play are welcome; the group is happy to teach you the game. This

group is social and plays just for fun; by the rules but not sticklers! Contact Cheryl at cbscialpi@gmail.com for more information or to join and include if you are interested in day games, afternoon games or both.

Walden Mamas of Facebook: Check out “Walden Mamas” on Facebook and connect with other mothers in the neighborhood. In addition to our Facebook community to socially connect, we host regular Moms’ Nights Out for kids’ craft events at Walden Hall. Reach out to Megan the admin for Walden Mama’s Facebook Page for additional information or email megan.schopf@comcast.net.

Walden Neighborhood Appearance Control Board (NACB)

CAMCO Management reviews the submitted applications for architectural changes to ensure they are complete and then provides the completed submissions to the NACB to verify that the project is consistent with the standards and appearance of Walden set forth in the Walden Guidelines for Architecturally Controlled Improvements. The NACB conducts a thorough review of the project and application. Three NACB members are appointed to a one-year term. These members do not need to be Unit owners, tenants, or residents of the Walden Community. A member may also be a member of the Walden Neighborhood Executive Board. Each calendar year, the members of the NACB are appointed for a term of 1 year for the remainder of the then current calendar year by the members of the Walden Neighborhood Executive Board. The new NACB members chosen at the November Board Meeting 2025, Ronald Andidora and Andrew Crobak, will remain in place throughout the remainder of 2026.

Walden Newsletter Committee confers every other month to prepare for the coming issue. Presently we have 6 regular members, and we welcome anyone who wishes to join the committee (email Judy Andidora at ronjude22@comcast.net). The purpose of the Newsletter is to have our neighborhood know about what is happening in each two-month period, and to offer articles of interest to Walden residents.

Walden Pool Committee Our committee would love to recruit more members in the spring of 2026 so that new ideas can be shared. Please consider joining us! This past season we implemented the services of a pool monitor. We would especially love to have the swimmers that use the pool on a regular basis join us! Besides proposing new ideas and concerns, the committee closes the pool at night, stack chairs, checks garbage cans, and put out trash cans for pick up on Thursday. Thankfully we no longer need to put up and take down umbrellas since installing the gazebos this season. The Board Liaison is Dee Clippinger and the Chair is Jim Campbell. Contact Dee if you are interested in joining the Walden Pool Committee: Dclip99@gmail.com.

Walden Road Safety Committee was formed in the Spring of 2024 at the direction the WNA to review motor vehicle transit in the Walden Development and make recommendations to the Board to enhance safety. The Committee is now focusing on speed limit signs, parking, lighting, safe crosswalks and handicap ramps for pedestrians. The Road Safety Committee may be expanding its role to other areas of safety at the discretion of the Board after its work on the roads is completed. To join, contact the Board Liaison, Mark DiRocco at: mdirocco7@gmail.com.

Walden Social Committee

Are you passionate about living in Walden and making a positive impact on our community? Do you enjoy planning and organizing events for Walden? The newly created/reestablished Social Events Committee would play an important role in organizing a variety of events, such as movie nights, pool parties, community gatherings and more. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to get involved! The Chair is Gwen Dando. If you are interested in joining Walden’s Social Events Committee, please email Simone at srobinson@camcomgmt.com or watch for events and volunteer where needed!

Do you have a committee or group that is not listed and you want to be included going forward? Contact Judy at: ronjude22@comcast.net.

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WALDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLES & TERMS

Walden Neighborhood Association Executive Board is responsible for maintaining, replacing and repairing when required all of the Common Facilities and for maintaining the Controlled Facilities The WNA Executive Board is made up of 9 members representing 4 classifications of Units in Walden: (2) Detached Dwelling (Single Family),(3) Interior Space (residents above Crossroads), (2) Attached Dwelling (Townhomes) and (2) Tract Units (commercial spaces). Each term is 3 years and members are elected by the homeowners of Walden in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. The Tract Units automatically renew with Charter. The Executive Board will be constituted and organized and will operate in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

WNA Executive Board Roles and Terms

President: Jeff McCombie (Term expires 2026)
Detached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit

Vice President: Will Dando (Term expires in 2028)
Interior Space Unit (Rep)

Secretary: Sudhir Mishra (Term expires in 2028)
Attached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit

Treasurer: Mark DiRocco (Term expires in 2028)
Detached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit

Lou Brown (Term expires 2028)
Interior Space Unit

Dee Clippinger (Term expires 2026)
Attached Dwelling Solely Residential Unit

Rich Tysarczyk (Term expires 2026)
Interior Space Unit

Greg Hodecker (Term expires in 2025 & is renewed automatically)
Tract Unit

Rob Shearer (Term expires in 2025 & is renewed automatically)
Tract Unit

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Sophia's at Walden



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****ALL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT WALDEN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED****

[*Walden Guys meet outside Idea Coffee Shop or inside Sophia's](#)

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