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Kick off 2027 with fireworks, music and celebration!

Calgarians are invited to ring in the New Year at the city's official New Year's Eve celebration, a night of free, family-friendly fun at Eau Claire Plaza and Prince's Island Park. Starting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31, the evening will feature live entertainment, interactive activities, local food trucks and an outdoor skating party.

As the clock strikes midnight, a dazzling fireworks show will launch from Prince's Island Park, perfectly timed to music on CJSW 90.9FM. The display can be enjoyed from both celebration sites or watched from home via livestream at calgary.ca/NYE.

Let's ring in 2027 together! Learn more at calgary.ca/NYE.

Safe parking during holiday activities near schools

December brings concerts, events and celebrations to school communities. These activities increase traffic and parking demand during already busy times.

Parking rules help keep streets safe and accessible during events by protecting sightlines, sidewalks and access points. Blocking crosswalks, driveways, or bus zones—even briefly—can create safety risks when streets are crowded.

Planning ahead, parking legally and walking a short distance helps reduce congestion and supports safer holiday gatherings for everyone. Learn more: calgaryparking.com/safeschools.

Put fats, oils and grease (FOG) in their place this holiday season

When FOG goes down the drain, it builds up in your pipes and can lead to messy and time-consuming sewer backups.

Remember to cool it, scrape it and compost it instead.

Learn more at calgary.ca/protectyourpipes.

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Protect your household water lines and meter from freezing

Every winter, some Calgarians will experience frozen water pipes, service lines and water meters, resulting in a water outage. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth and configuration of water pipes and a history of freezing.

Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- Repair broken windows, check doors and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.

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Convert your unregistered basement suite by Dec. 31 and save

When The City of Calgary started its Secondary Suite Registry in 2015, just 430 homes dotted the map.

11 years later, more than 26,000 suites are registered. It's a success story made possible by Calgarians who stepped up to provide renters with a suite that is legal and safe.

For homeowners who have yet to register their suite, time is running out on a program that allows them to convert their suite and save money.

The City of Calgary's Secondary Suite Amnesty Program ends Dec. 31, 2026. Homeowners who take advantage of the Amnesty before that date will avoid development permit charges and registration fees.

Owners of a suite constructed prior to March 2018 must ensure their existing suites meet the minimum life safety requirements. This includes providing a safe exit from all bedrooms, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, a safe exit from the basement to outside, and drywall barriers between suites and in the mechanical room.

Details about registering an existing suite and the Amnesty Program can be found on calgary.ca/suites.

Renters searching for a safe, legal suite can look for The City's official Registered Secondary Suite sticker in the window and visit the online map that lists all registered suites.

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A year of progress for Calgary's Green Line LRT

2026 was a year of momentum for the Green Line LRT, with important progress taking shape and bringing the city's future transit vision closer to reality.

This year, major construction contracts were awarded, including the Bow River package, which delivers three significant Green Line structures: the Ogden Road Bridge, Bow River Bridge and Deerfoot Trail Bridge. Beyond the infrastructure itself, this work creates opportunities for local businesses, contractors and consultants while investing in Calgary's economy.

Across southeast Calgary, residents are seeing signs of progress taking shape. The completion of the 78 Avenue SE bridge in Ogden, the Blackfoot Trail SE bridge near Crossroads Market, and the Ogden Road realignment project has prepared the area for Green Line service and transportation connections.

Another important step came in September when City Council approved a surface route for the Downtown Segment of the Green Line LRT. The route will connect the Event Centre/Grand Central Station to a station on 10 Avenue near 2 Street SW. This approval supports a more connected transit network to help Calgarians move between communities, employment centres, and destinations across the city.

Looking ahead to 2027, Calgarians can expect to see ongoing construction and continued progress along the alignment as stations, bridges, and guideways begin to take shape. Work will continue planning and designing the Downtown Segment.

Thank you, Calgary. The progress made this year reflects the support, patience, and involvement of the communities we work in. Together, we're building a transit system that will connect people, create opportunities, and serve future generations.

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Planning & Development Services are gathering community feedback

The City of Calgary is conducting a Planning & Development Public Service Satisfaction Survey to better understand the experience of Community Associations and how information from The City related to local planning and development is used. Feedback will be reviewed to improve City service offerings. Comments and suggestions aim to help improve:

- The clarity and accessibility of planning information available to the public
- The types of information related to planning and development provided by The City
- How we communicate opportunities for public participation
- Overall experience of interacting with our services

Complete the survey at calgary.questionpro.ca/CalgaryPlanningSurvey until Dec. 31, 2026. The survey is available online only and can be completed anytime. It will take approximately 5 to 20 minutes to complete depending on your responses, and your participation is entirely voluntary. Answers and comments will remain confidential, and you will not be personally identified.

For more information about our survey and to register for the Partners in Planning (PIP) free certificate program that helps you understand how planning and development works in your community, go to calgary.ca/planning/planning-liaison-program.