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Accessible Sidewalks for All People! Take Action to Help!

Every winter, Ithaca becomes an obstacle course, as pedestrians struggle to navigate walkways blocked with snow & ice. Sidewalks are often a problem. Crosswalks are worse – especially at the ends where they meet the sidewalk. Uncleared crosswalks often persist long after the traffic lanes and sidewalks are clear, because under current Ithaca city policy, no one at all is responsible for clearing them. Blocked walkways are a problem for everyone in Ithaca, but especially for older adults, people with disabilities or mobility impairments, and low-income families. This is a solvable problem.



Though we are preparing to put our snow shovels away for the winter, Ithaca's Common Council Administration Committee will be meeting on April 27th with pedestrian snow removal on the agenda. Finger Lakes Independence Center, Bike Walk Tompkins, and Tompkins County Office for the Aging have joined together to form the Coalition for Snow-Free Sidewalks and Crosswalks. This coalition is encouraging everyone to send emails to the Mayor and Common Council voicing your support for policies and practices in snow removal for the safety of all, especially for older adults, those with disabilities and mobility impairments, and low-income families.

Add your support by emailing council@cityofithaca.org, and please include the coalition organizer in your emails, snow@ericclerner.net.

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