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Dear neighbors,

Last weekend I raked the leaves amid 60 degree sunshine. Wednesday it snowed. Transition between the seasons is always rough, especially that between fall and winter.

So, as a final reminder: compost pickup ends on Friday, December 16. There's still time to fill your bins and bags with leaves and annual plants – and small branches, for that matter. The City no longer picks up holiday trees. Last year I saved mine – giving some shelter to the birds – until pickup resumed in April. I cut it up and put all of it in the compost bins for the first pickup.

When the snow flies, the City's maintenance staff will de-ice the major streets and those spots that are particularly dangerous (where folks slide through stop signs, for instance). The snow plows will come out for those snows deeper than 4 inches.

This year the City's [website](#) should provide more accurate information about where the snow plows are and where they have been. The Council approved installation of GPS monitoring equipment in the plows a year ago; everything should be in place for this year.

When the snow gets deep, call me if your neighborhood isn't cleared within a day. Of course, you can call me any time.

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## On the Agenda

It's not a very busy agenda this week. Here's a [link](#) to the documents; as always, I've selected the items that most interest me to highlight.