

## Players and students get into the sidewalk clearing game

The Edmonton Oil Kings, Boston Pizza, Brookfield Residential and Gameau School are teaming up with the City of Edmonton to encourage Edmontonians to clear ice and snow from their property and for neighbours in need.



This partnership provides Oil Kings tickets to all nominated Snow Angels and a Boston Pizza party to the first 15 Edmonton classrooms that clear snow and ice in their neighbourhoods as a thank you for their winter generosity.

"With this week's warm temperatures melting the snow, we could see sidewalks quickly turn to ice," said Katie Hayes, project manager, City of Edmonton. "This is one of the most important times of the year to keep on top of clearing your sidewalk. During freeze-thaw cycles, we unfortunately hear a lot about slips and falls that have happened on uncleared icy sidewalks."

"Clear sidewalks are crucial to the accessibility and safety of our communities," said Councillor Bev Esslinger. "That's why we are delighted to have the Edmonton Oil Kings, Boston Pizza, Brookfield Residential and the students of Gameau School join us in recognizing the importance of Snow Angels and everyone in the community who help ensure our walkways are clear of ice and snow."

Gameau School was one of the first schools to grab their shovels and participate. "Our students are proud to be involved in the Snow Angels program and help promote safer neighbourhoods," said Ann Parker, principal. "It's a way to build citizenship, give back to the community and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours."

The Oil Kings are no strangers to giving back to the community, being involved in such community initiatives as Seats for Kids, JV Drivers' Corner and the CN Adopt-A-School program.

"The Edmonton Oil Kings are honoured to once again be part of the Snow Angels program and to encourage citizens to look out for the safety of everyone by clearing their walkways," said Kevin Radomski, director of business operations for the Edmonton Oil Kings. "Serving our community and helping those in need is something our team sincerely enjoys being a part of."

Boston Pizza is a long-time supporter of families and schools in our communities. Their numerous school charity programs help schools raise money and encourage students to be the best that they can be.

"Boston Pizza is proud to support and reward students who help others in need within their community," said Delia Colquhoun, marketing manager for Boston Pizza. "We believe initiatives and a program such as Snow Angels help strengthen communities and encourage children to give back."

Anyone can be a Snow Angel and residents are encouraged to offer to lend a hand for those in their neighbourhood who could use help shovelling.

Already have a volunteer? Help them get their wings by nominating them as a City of Edmonton Snow Angel. Call 311 or visit [edmonton.ca/snowangels](http://edmonton.ca/snowangels) to submit your nomination.

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