



2019 Sidewalk Replacement Project

This letter serves to notify you of upcoming construction work that may involve your property. The information in this letter contains responses to typically asked questions regarding the work.

Why is this project necessary?

In order to sustain and improve safety within the Village of Shorewood and to continue to help make the Village a walkable community. All sidewalks within the Village street right of way are typically inspected every ten years based on several criteria; hazardous sidewalks in the specified area will be replaced as part of this project. The Village typically only includes replacement of problematic sidewalks within the current area; however, sidewalks identified as being hazardous outside the area through complaints are also added to the current year's project.

Who will be doing the work?

Through a public bid process Forward Construction, Inc. of Milwaukee has been awarded a contract to perform the sidewalk replacement. Shorewood Department of Public Works and contract engineering staff will manage and inspect this year's project.

How do I know what public sidewalk will be replaced?

The public sidewalk sections to be replaced have been marked with a circle in pink paint; please disregard any white markings. Sidewalk squares have been identified for replacement based upon revised criteria (copy on reverse of assessment notice) approved by the Village Board on June 17, 2019. Beginning this year, the program will utilize concrete grinding, where possible, to eliminate trip hazards. If any of your walk is a candidate for grinding (marked with a wavy line), a separate notice is included in this mailing. If you have questions regarding marked squares, please contact DPW at the number listed below.

What will the cost of replacing the sidewalk be for me?

Most sidewalk work is 100% assessable to the abutting property owner. If you live on a corner lot, the side of the residence typically not listed as your address will be assessed at 50%. An **estimated** assessment breakdown for your property has been included with this letter. Your final assessment will be based on the contracted price of the actual material quantities and work performed. **Upon completion of construction, the cost of the work will be posted as a special assessment to your 2019 property tax bill.**

What about my special conditions or requests?

Residents may have plants, decorative stone, buried sprinklers, buried electric pet containment fences or other obstructions that may impact the scheduled work. **Neither the Village nor the Contract is responsible for damage to private systems located in the public right-of-way. Due care will be given to buried private irrigation systems and pet fences clearly marked with white spray paint and/or white flags before construction begins and which remain marked for the duration of the project.** The contractor may begin the project using a root-saw in areas that tree roots heaved or will heave the concrete in the future. The Village and contractor are not responsible for damage to private underground items installed by the property owner within the public way. All other utilities such as gas, electric, cable and telephone will be marked by "Diggers Hotline". You will see further markings in various colors that correspond to these utilities. Questions regarding these should be directed to the utilities themselves. Typically, residents also have vacations, parties, home

projects, and other events that may conflict with the scheduled work. Special conditions and requests received by the Village in a timely manner will be given to the contractor for consideration.

When will the project be started and completed?

It is anticipated that sidewalk removals will begin in late July; however prep work may begin prior to that time. Typically, a sidewalk project takes about four weeks to complete – weather permitting.

When will the contractor get to me?

When the project gets underway, the Village will cooperate with the contractor to get additional scheduling and work progress information posted and/or distributed in a timely manner. The actual progression of work often varies and is dependent on many things including weather and field conditions.

Will you also replace the sidewalk between the street and the sidewalk (carriage walk)?

The sidewalk that links the back of curb at the street with the public sidewalk is commonly known as the carriage walk. The Village includes these walks in their inspection and will mark them for replacement if they meet replacement criteria.

Will the project include the replacement of the driveway apron?

No, the Village does not typically inspect or have a program to replace driveway aprons (the section of your driveway located between the street curb and the sidewalk) outside of their normal inclusion in scheduled street reconstruction projects.

What if use and access of my driveway is affected by this work?

Your access will only be interrupted if the sidewalk portion to be replaced falls within the driveway. The contractor is required to give notification of work affecting use of your driveway at least 24 hours in advance of removal. **Street parking permits will be distributed to affected residents.** Affected driveways should not be used until the concrete has sufficiently hardened as evidenced by the removal of barricades by the contractor. Typically seven days of concrete curing is required.

How is restoration of turf handled?

All turf areas will be repaired with top-soil and grass seed. Residents are responsible for watering and care of the seeded area.

When is my payment due?

The cost of the work will be posted as a Special Assessment to the 2019 property tax bill. Payment is due January 31, 2020. Assessments greater than \$1,000 will be split in two payments with half posted to each of the 2019 and 2020 property tax bills.

Whom can I contact with questions?

Questions regarding the project can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 414-847-2650, Monday through Thursday 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M., and Fridays 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Additional information may also be found at www.villageofshoreowod.org/sidewalk

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.