



Mayor & Council,
Please see the
following letter being
sent to resident impacted
by this years sidewalk
program. /s/

July 16, 2024

Valued Resident,

I hope you are enjoying summer here in Novi and all our amazing community has to offer. In 2022, a Sidewalk Repair program was developed, **entirely** funded by the City. The sidewalk at your address was recently recognized as needing repair. As such, the City will be replacing all identified sidewalk panels and removing necessary City-owned street trees at **no cost** to you.

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The City's contractor will begin replacement later this summer, with tree identification/removal beginning as early as the week of August 5th. It is important to note that much of the damage to the existing panels is due to trees adjacent to the sidewalk which have very large and shallow root systems. Simply cutting and trimming back the roots would create an unstable and unsafe tree, as well as the good possibility of root regrowth affecting the replaced sidewalk.

Once poured, your new sidewalk will become solid fairly quickly, but it has little strength and hardness for the first two days. During that time, especially during the first 24 hours, we ask that you refrain from using the sidewalk.

In the spring, the City's Landscape Architect and Forester will re-evaluate the neighborhood for street tree replacements with a deeper root system which are better suited for this type of location.

We anticipate no interruption to trash collection or mail delivery services. The contractor has informed us they will be placing a porta john on site for the crew while work is performed. It will be removed as soon as the work is complete in your neighborhood.

We are excited to bring this program to your neighborhood and work with you to improve your sidewalk. If you have any questions, please contact Community Relations at communityrelations@cityofnovi.org or 248.735.5628.

Sincerely,

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