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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.

The City's contractor will begin replacement later this summer, with tree identification/removal beginning soon. It is important to note that much of the damage to the existing sidewalk 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 possibility of root regrowth affecting the replaced sidewalk.

Once poured, your new sidewalk panels 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.

Once the sidewalk portion of the project is complete, the City's Forester will re-evaluate the neighborhood for street tree replacements that have a deeper root system, which are better suited for the locations.

We anticipate no interruption to trash collection or mail delivery services. The contractor may place a porta-potty in the area 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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