



# Village of New Madison

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RE: Sidewalks

Property Owners,

A concern regarding deteriorating sidewalks has been brought to my attention and as Mayor; I reported this concern to the village council and discussed the situation with the Village Administrator.

Property owners are responsible for the upkeep of any sidewalk surrounding their property. The village is asking that property owners take the time to evaluate any sidewalk surrounding the property and to make necessary replacements in a timely fashion.

Sidewalks throughout town will be evaluated by the village and marked accordingly should a sidewalk need replaced. If the sidewalk surrounding your property is marked, the village will allow the property owner six months to have the sidewalk replaced. If replacement has not taken place within that period, the village will make arrangements for the replacement and the cost of doing so will be assessed to the property owner's real estate taxes.

This is not something we want to do, but due to the negligence of some sidewalks, we find it as being a possible legal situation. Should someone trip, fall, etc. and be injured due to the disrepair of a sidewalk, there could be legal repercussions for the property owner.

This is not a project that the village can take on all at one time. Each street will be evaluated with the worse sidewalks being marked and property owners being notified by mail. Hopefully, this gives everyone time to evaluate and replace before being "tagged" as a requirement.

The village certainly appreciates your co-operation.

Respectfully,

Monyca L. Schlechty, Mayor  
Village of New Madison