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Re: Park St. Resurfacing, Project 08-132

During the upcoming construction season, the section of Park St. between University Ave. and Maywood Ave. is scheduled to be rehabilitated.

The preliminary field survey performed for the project has identified deficient sidewalk in the project area. Deficient sidewalk is defined by current City policy to include sidewalk with significant cracks, spalling, heaving, or other tripping hazards. Deficient sidewalk squares have tentatively been marked with a dot of pink paint, and are shown on the preliminary project drawing as black rectangles. The preliminary project drawing is available on the City's web site (www.ci.middleton.wi.us) as a downloadable Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file. Look under "Project Plans" and click on "Park Street Resurfacing" to access project information. If you do not have internet access, please contact me to request a hard copy of drawing adjacent to your property.

Following a public hearing, it is intended that sidewalk and driveway apron replacements will be assessed to the benefitting property owners in accordance with the City's current assessment policy (see web site). A credit of 25% will be applied to corner lots if any work is planned adjacent to your side yard. Reconstruction of improvements made within the last two years will not be assessed. The proposed assessment schedule is not yet available, and you will be notified separately of the scheduled public hearing.

When the City contractor removes sidewalk that has been raised by a tree root, the contractor will normally be instructed to cleanly cut the root 6" away from the edge of the sidewalk. This is intended to prevent (or at least delay) continued lifting of the new sidewalk, without permanent harm to the tree.

In many instances, you may be able to correct concrete deficiencies and avoid assessment costs for removal and replacement. Please refer to the web site for a summary of available sidewalk corrective measures that includes a brief description of available options.

In cases where corrective work is not appropriate, you may elect to hire your own contractor for replacement of the identified concrete. Before doing any replacement work, your contractor will need to get a City street opening permit. There is no cost for the permit.

If you decide to take any corrective action or replace the concrete yourself, please be sure to let me know, so I can tell the City's contractor not to remove the concrete as part of the project.

Prior to the beginning of construction, please make an effort to trim back any bushes, shrubs, or tree branches (other than terrace trees, which will be pruned by the City as needed) that may be hanging over the sidewalk, and plan to relocate any smaller plants or flowers that are adjacent to sidewalk scheduled for replacement. The removal and replacement of sidewalk will normally

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require disturbing approximately 6"-12" of land adjacent to the sidewalk. When there are branches in or over that zone, they are subject to being broken by the contractor's equipment. Similarly, flowers close to the sidewalk may be disturbed while the contractor is placing concrete forms.

Finally, if you disagree with the preliminary sidewalk markings or have any other questions about the upcoming project, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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