

February 12, 2016

**Re: 2016 Curb and Sidewalk Program**

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

Please recall our recent letter informing you that Upper Dublin Township personnel would be inspecting the condition of the curbs and sidewalks on your property frontage.

We inspect the curbs and sidewalks on the streets scheduled for repaving each year. We identify and mark portions of curbs and sidewalks at this time that must be replaced prior to the paving work. In accordance with Township ordinances, property owners are responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of curbs and sidewalks on their property frontage. All curbs that the Township determines to be deteriorated, structurally cracked, displaced or broken must be replaced by the respective property owner. Sidewalks and/or driveway aprons that are cracked, vertically misaligned or deteriorated to a point that they represent a pedestrian hazard must also be replaced by the respective property owner.

If you are receiving this second notice, your concrete has been inspected. You will find white paint marks indicating the sidewalk and/or apron blocks and/or curb sections found at the time of inspection that you must replace. Please be aware that the concrete marked in the field during this inspection is the concrete deemed necessary to be replaced as of that date and time. There may be instances where additional concrete replacement becomes necessary based upon the winter we experience and/or damage to your concrete. If additional concrete is marked in the future, you will be contacted with that information.

If your curb or sidewalk or apron was monolithically poured, every effort will be made to remove only the marked section of concrete. Unfortunately, sometimes this is not possible. Additional concrete, due to this situation, might need to be removed. If this is the case, you will be billed for the additional concrete replaced. If you do not think you have any white marks on your concrete, please contact our office to confirm.

The Upper Dublin Township Code places the responsibility for curb and sidewalk replacement on the property owner. Code Section 207-31 states that property owners must be provided at least ninety (90) days within which to complete the required concrete work. The ninety (90) days is the total time allowed for a property owner to:

1. Locate and hire a private contractor to do the work; and
2. Have the required work performed and completed.

In order for residents to have sufficient time to find a contractor and complete the required concrete work, we are mailing this notice to you as early as possible. Please note that if you hire a contractor, the contractor must follow the same work and replacement specifications as the Township contractor. **The Township must have all the concrete work**

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completed by June 10, 2016. This will allow sufficient time for the concrete to cure prior to your road being milled and paved. You must **notify** the Township by **March 25, 2016** if you decide to hire your own contractor. We will then mark our records that you are having a private contractor complete the work. *In previous years, residents on the same street have been able to obtain better pricing by hiring a contractor to do all the work on their street.*

**If we do not hear from you by March 25, 2016, the Township will assign your work to our contractor, Siravo and Son, who will begin work on or about March 28<sup>th</sup>.** Siravo and Son is a bonded, insured contractor obtained through the public bidding process at prevailing wage rates. They are the same contractor used in 2015. *Their pricing is as follows: Curbs - \$55.00 per linear foot; 4 Inch Sidewalk - \$8.00 per square foot and for 6 Inch Sidewalk/Apron - \$16.00 per square foot.* **Their construction costs will then be billed to you at the end of the project, usually in August or September. You will then be responsible for paying this bill for the concrete work completed.**

The Township contractor will provide a maintenance bond guaranteeing the quality of its concrete work for a period of 18 months after the work is completed. Lawn restoration will be done once to the satisfaction of the Township inspector. **Ongoing maintenance of the restored area will be the responsibility of the property owner,** i.e., the watering of seeded areas to promote grass growth. All work will be coordinated and inspected by Public Works Department personnel.

**Please notify us in writing if you have privately owned facilities,** underground installations in or adjacent to the work area (the public right of way), such as lawn sprinkler systems and electric dog fences. **If we are not made aware of any such installations, the Township contractor cannot be held responsible for any damage.**

Please be aware that if you have a section of curb that needs to be replaced, and a drainage pipe runs through that curb section for a roof drain, sump pump, French drain, underground drain, or other similar discharge to the street, you may not route the pipe through the new curb. You must reroute the pipe to discharge onto your property. Township Code Sections 206-31.I(4)(d) and 206-83.A prohibit drains to be connected to streets and require that the drains discharge to infiltration or vegetative areas on the property and that they must be no closer than 20 feet to an adjoining property. These Township Code regulations are requirements of the Township's stormwater management program and storm sewer permit compliance program.

For those residents who decide to let the Township contractor do their concrete work, there will be an additional charge for the contractor to handle their pipes through the curb. The contractor will cut the pipe and place a pop-up drain behind the curb/sidewalk to allow the water to drain. *Our contractor's price for this work is \$35.00 per installation.* If you use a private contractor, they will need to perform the same work. After this project is completed, the homeowner will then need to contact a separate contractor to complete the installation of the pipe 20 feet back from their property line to be in compliance with current stormwater regulations.

If you choose to hire your own contractor, you must obtain a permit from the Township for the work, but the Township will waive the fee for this permit. You can obtain a copy of the permit application form and other information about this program by visiting the Township website at [www.upperdublin.net](http://www.upperdublin.net). Look for the "Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program for 2016" link under **ANNOUNCEMENTS**. If you do not have internet access, you may obtain a form at the Township building or you may call the Township at 215-643-1600 (x3233) and request a copy.

The Public Works staff must meet with your contractor prior to the start of work to discuss the work limits, inspection and permit requirements, and quality standards that are expected. We must be notified by the contractor to schedule inspections prior to the start of work. **If the contractor fails to schedule inspections, he/she may be forced to tear out their work and do it again under proper inspection.**

Please contact the Public Works Department at 215-643-1600 (x3234) or (x3233) if you require additional information with respect to this project and your associated rights and obligations.

Sincerely,



Jerry Smith  
Public Works Administrator  
Upper Dublin Township