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From: Cindy Klopfenstein, PE
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Re: **Sidewalk Maintenance**

A neighborhood meeting was hosted by the City of Loveland Council and staff in the Navaho Tot Lot on August 20, 2009 for the Heights subdivision. At the meeting, a resident concern was discussed in the open forum regarding the need for increased sidewalk maintenance. As a result, the City Manager committed to staff performing thorough sidewalk inspections in the North and Mid-Heights neighborhoods this fall, with inspections in other Loveland neighborhoods performed thereafter.

City Codified Ordinance 905.14 states abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining and repairing sidewalks. The City does offer a 50% reimbursement program for residents replacing eligible sidewalks. Sidewalk replacement procedure guides and a reimbursement application are being sent to each household in the Heights as part of an informational packet, and are available upon request for any resident.

Sidewalk inspections are currently underway in the North- and Mid-Heights neighborhoods. The inspectors' notes will also be used in a future sidewalk connectivity study. In order to give residents ample opportunity to financially prepare, pro-actively maintain sidewalks, and to hopefully have better weather for construction, Notices of Violations from this mass inspection of the Heights will not be sent to affected residents until Spring of 2010.

For more information about the sidewalk maintenance program, contact Cindy Klopfenstein, City Engineer, at 683-1050 or by e-mail at cklopfenstein@lovelandoh.com.