

During the Mayor's Walk through Papermill Bluffs in June, it was learned of a "trip hazard project" the City is providing to eliminate "trip hazards" at the joints of the public sidewalks in some additions.

The project is at **no cost to the home owner** providing the "trip hazards" meet the specifications required to correct them. Not all "trip hazards" can be resolved but in our addition this process could take care of the majority of our sidewalk problems.

The process involves horizontal cutting of the uneven edges at the butt joints of the walks. The following is the criteria as represented to us by the City department.

- 1- Heaves at the joints of the sidewalk slabs cannot exceed 1 ½ inches. [Other processes will have to be considered if the "heaves" are greater.]
- 2- The project does not include sidewalks that are not public access sidewalks. Such as private walks that lead from the public walks to the residential structure.
- 3- Cutting of the high edges of a driveway intersection with a sidewalk. [The reducing of the depth of the concrete would result in cracking and future deterioration of the driveway due to the weight of vehicles traveling over it.]

[Note]-Sunken sidewalks present a different problem that horizontal cutting cannot remedy. Some Papermill Bluffs residents have successfully used a "concrete leveling" company such as A-1 Concrete Leveling for those conditions. The cost of this process is far less expensive than the removal or replacement of the walk sections.

There are no planned "trip hazard projects" by the City for the rest of 2013 but it is our intention to solicit a list of addresses interested in reducing their liability of a trip hazard condition to present to the City for consideration of such a project here in Papermill Bluffs for 2014.

Please send us an e-mail using our web site "**contact us**" link. Just state in the comments section "**sidewalk help**". The sooner the better so we can be prepared to present it to the City at the soonest possible date yet this year. Thanks for your involvement in helping to improve Papermill Bluffs.