

## **Now About The Sidewalks....**

I have noticed on recent inspections that more vehicles are parked on the sidewalks. There are some aspects about this that you may not know.

Are you aware that the maintenance and repair of the sidewalks in front of your homes are your responsibility?

- A vehicle's weight could crack or break-up the sidewalk, and to have a cement slab replaced is expensive.
- A buckled or broken sidewalk is a safety hazard for pedestrians. If someone were to fall or trip on the sidewalk and sustain injury, you would be held liable and could be sued by the injured party.
- Parking on the sidewalks, although it may be considered a convenient parking space, forces your neighbors and their children to walk in the street. This is definitely a safety hazard and it is illegal to impede pedestrian traffic.
- If the sidewalks are not kept free of gravel or stones someone could slip and fall. Again you as the homeowner would be held responsible.
- Vehicles parked on the sidewalk do not add to the value of the home or the community. An interested buyer would probably turn away at the sight of all the vehicles up on the sidewalks. It would even block the view of the home they were planning to visit.

Please be a good neighbor and think twice before parking your vehicle on the sidewalk, it may save you a major expense in the future.

Thank You!

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