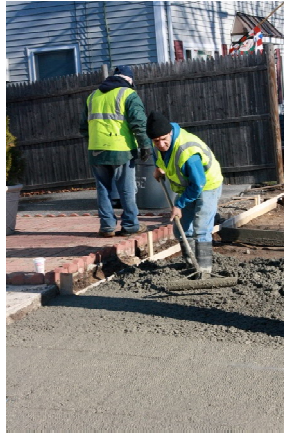


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### **SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS SAVE BIG DOLLARS**



Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr., continuing his push to rehabilitate the city's infrastructure, praised City Services for their work on neighborhood sidewalks this year. The crew worked all summer and into December fixing crumbled, deteriorating sidewalks.

The Mayor was equally pleased to learn of the cost savings having City Services crews complete the work, instead of outside contractors. This year the city saved over \$100,000 in construction costs by completing most of the sidewalk repair

"This is a great cost saving and time saving measure," states the Mayor, "we can react quickly to problem sidewalks, keeping our walking routes safe and improve the appearance of our neighborhoods."

Proof keeping the program in City Services works, the Mayor pointed out that an entire block of Fuller Street, which had antiquated asphalt sidewalks, was completely overhauled by the City Services crew. (Pictured) "We have a great system," says Mayor

DeMaria, “we have a crew come in and demolish the old sidewalks, and then another crew come in and pour the cement and shape the new sidewalk. The crews can work faster and repair more.”

With the winter weather coming, the Mayor also points out how the added flexibility where the crews can shift gears where needed. City Services is now readying for plowing, sidewalk clearing and pothole repair. As cold weather slows outdoor work, crews are busy planning interior work to the city’s other assets, fixing up bathrooms, painting facilities and repairing vehicles.

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