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2015 TOWN-WIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

HAMDEN – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very pleased to announce that the 2015-2016 Town-wide sidewalk improvement program is underway and repair and replacement work is under construction in various locations and neighborhoods throughout the Town. Additionally, locations on the Town’s sidewalk waiting list as well as the Town’s claims and safety priority list are also being worked on across Hamden.

Some of the locations in the first wave of improvements which have more extensive projects include:

- James Street, adjacent to Whitney Avenue, which has received completely new sidewalks along the length of the road. This has created a safe and walkable environment, allowing residents throughout the neighborhood easy access to nearby Legion Field; which itself is scheduled for major renovations, including: the installation of a beautiful playscape, benches, picnic tables, fencing and a newly paved parking lot with additional spots.
- Gorham Avenue, a street that is adjacent to Helen Street School and neighborhoods filled with students who walk there; is under construction and scheduled for completion after half the street was repaired in 2014.

- Ridge Road locations near St. Stephen's School, and the walking route for Ridge Hill School, are receiving improvements which are being implemented as part of a traffic calming/pedestrian safety project.
- Finally, the areas surrounding Rochford Field and Villano Park are currently under construction as part of the major renovations occurring at these Town assets.

It is the goal of Town Officials to create and maintain safe and walkable environments throughout Hamden. These improvements are major steps towards that goal.

“Making neighborhoods safer by having clean, walkable sidewalks is a major priority of mine and is something that is vital to the quality of life of our neighborhoods. We are working to make the largest one-year investment in our sidewalk system during the 2015-2016 capital improvement sidewalk season, and the work is showing results. We have a lot more work to do in many locations, but the progress being made will allow us to get to these locations a lot sooner than we have in the past,” said Mayor Curt Balzano Leng.

Updates regarding scheduled and completed sidewalk improvements will continue to be released on the Town Facebook Page, website and local news media. To report a sidewalk problem, please contact the Hamden Engineering Department at (203) 287-7044.

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