

Friday, September 27, 2013

**Re: SRTS SIDEWALK PROJECT: NORTH SIDE OF HEATHERDELL ROAD  
FROM FARM ROAD TO OLYMPIC LANE – Letter #3**

Dear Resident:

This is the third in a series of letters regarding the above referenced project. I am pleased to advise you that the long awaited, fully federally-funded project to reconstruct the sidewalks on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Farm Road and Olympic Lane is scheduled to commence Thursday, October 3.

As indicated in the second letter, Landi Contracting of Hawthorne will be performing the work. During the work there will be ample space and proper grade for temporary pedestrian passage on the south side of Heatherdell between Windsong Road and McDowall Park. However, the same cannot be said for the portion of the road between Windsong Road and Hilltop Avenue. The terrain is steep, and affords very little area for pedestrian passage or the placement of proper barriers to separate pedestrians from motorists. Having walked the area in question on that side of the road I can personally attest the experience can be hair-raising as SUVs and large trucks whiz by.

Thus, Mr. Landi sought and has been granted permission to not provide any pedestrian access for two and half weeks between Windsong Road and Hilltop Road. This action will of course affect school children, commuters, joggers and those performing their daily walking exercises. At the suggestion of our consultant, Don Marra, we reached out to Joe Urbanowicz at the Ardsley School District and he has agreed to accommodate us by temporarily providing school bus service for those students in the impacted area. I spoke with Mr. Urbanowicz late this afternoon and he has assured me that the school district is prepared upon notice to make the necessary busing arrangements.

As for commuters who take the BeeLine 39 bus we encourage them to walk to the nearest bus stop on either side of the closure. If that is not convenient one can always take the car to the Park & Ride facility at McDowell Park and grab the 39 bus from there. As for the joggers and walkers, we offer our sincerest apologies, but we need to suggest that you find another route to perform your exercise during the 2 and ½ weeks the sidewalk is closed. You will NOT be welcome in the work area for your own safety. The Mayor and I have discussed this matter, and although neither of us is 100% content with this, if this is what is needed to get this job done properly and not delay the job further, because it is in the best interest of the Village, regretfully this is the course of action we will have to take.

As indicated in letter one, the Village will ensure access to the driveways of the impacted homeowners at all times. Although work is expected to be contained within the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm daily, residents should be prepared for some noise and dust, and that there will be periodic lane closures. If you have misplaced your earlier letters they are available on the Village's homepage of its website, [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

Please bear in mind not to confuse the sidewalk closure period of time with the entire projects schedule. The sidewalk closure is expected to take 2 to 3 weeks. Depending on weather conditions and excavation discoveries the best we can offer at this time is that the project is expected to be completed before the winter holidays.

Again, I close this letter by asking everyone to please indulge the workers on the forthcoming project with your patience. Through all the inconvenience, please keep in mind that the project will be wonderful once it is completed. Thank you!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with our consultant, Donald Marra at 497-6302 or [donmarra@yahoo.com](mailto:donmarra@yahoo.com) or my office at [ardsleymanager@optonline.net](mailto:ardsleymanager@optonline.net) or 693-3435. In our absence, Highway Foreman Rick Thompson may also be able to respond to your questions at 693-0117 or [ArdleyFF40@aol.com](mailto:ArdleyFF40@aol.com). A copy of the plans are available for your inspection via link on the right column of the homepage of the village's website, [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).

Respectfully,

George F. Calvi  
Ardsley Village Manager

Cc: Residents of north side of Heatherdell Road from Farm Lane to Olympic Lane;  
Residents of south side of Heatherdell Road from Highland Drive to McDowell Park;  
Residents of Jordan Lane; Greenburgh Parks & Recreation Dept; Greenburgh DPW;  
Residents of Windsong Road;  
School Supt. Lauren Allen; WC BeeLine – Attn: Patty Chemka; ASVAC  
Ardsley Village Board, DPW, FD, PD, Parks, Library, Building; Don Marra