Sidewalk Repair Methods: There are several methods that can be implemented to repair or replace a damaged section of sidewalk. Most require the assistance from experienced contractors familiar with the various repair methods. You should discuss your options in detail with a contractor.

Surface Planing: Minor tripping hazards of less than ¾-inch in height can be addressed by use of a concrete surface planer. This equipment can be used to grind down a protruding edge or lip of a concrete slab that is higher than an adjacent slab, thereby eliminating the tripping hazard. This method is not recommended for tripping hazards of one-inch or greater which would require a significant removal of the overall concrete slab thicknesses and lead to a reduction in strength by 50% or more. Thinner sections of sidewalk are more prone to other problems such as cracking.

SLAB JACKING: Contractors have developed a method to raise sections of concrete walk that have settled over ½-inch, utilizing special grouting equipment and procedures. Many walk sections can be repaired by this method and thus avoid more costly repairs methods.

Replacement: This is the most common form of repair and is necessary to replace cracked, deteriorated or uneven areas of sidewalk. Sections are removed, reformed, poured, and finished by experienced contractors. New walk requires several days to cure before it should be used.

Finding & Hiring a Contractor
The following contractors have recently performed sidewalk repair work within the community, though none are specifically endorsed by the City of Delaware.

- A1 Concrete Leveling 614-575-0123
- Bill Nelson 740-272-0137
- BKM Construction 740-362-5022
- Caldwell Construction 740-362-4741
- Cyrus Construction 740-595-9680
- JC Concrete 740-272-7862
- RC Concrete 614-496-6423

The City strongly recommends property owners solicit more than one repair estimate for both cost comparison purposes and to check on a contractor’s references for sidewalk work completed for other area property owners.

Questions regarding repair materials, methods, or regarding the procedures to complete required sidewalk repairs can be submitted by email to pwcs@delawareohio.net or by calling 740.203.1810