

# Village tradition upheld, ancient sidewalks fixed

## For 151 years, Glendale residents have trod their historic sandstone

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**GLENDALE** - It looks like a common sidewalk repair - workers lifting up broken pieces, leveling the surface underneath with sand and patching the cracks with cement.

But what's happening this week along Greenville Avenue is the shoring up of 151 years of history.

The sidewalks being fixed are sandstone, and they've been there since 1855 - the same year Glendale was incorporated as a village.

Some of the squares remain smooth and level in spite of their age. Others have settled and cracked.

Residents have long been interested in preserving the sidewalks, installing brass plaques in the 1970s that explain the history.

Workers from Powers Lawn & Garden in Miami Township started the repairs Monday morning. They'll likely continue into next week. Debbie Powers, an owner, said weather and age cause the cracking, leaving a risk of people to falling.

Her company doesn't get a lot of requests anymore for sandstone repairs, she said, and the village probably could have spent less money if it replaced the sandstone with traditional concrete.



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But village officials are pleased with the bill: \$10,795.

They expected to pay three times that much, Village Manager Walter Cordes said.

"We just felt it was important to keep them since they are original."

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