

2nd St. S - Sidewalk Improvements: South Side - Accessibility and Walkability; North Side - Drainage; between S. Glebe Rd. and S. Irving St.

Sidewalks on the south side of South Second St. are interrupted with utility poles which make it difficult or impossible for strollers and wheel chairs to use that side of the street, and difficult for single pedestrians to pass each other without stepping into the street. On the north side of the street, water drains downhill from the tennis courts across the sidewalk making the sidewalk periodically muddy and slick during three seasons, and sporadically icy when it freezes during the winter, often making the north sidewalk hazardous. Arlington Heights needs sidewalk improvements that make both sides of the street equally accessible and walkable.

Sidewalks on both sides of Second Street South between S. Glebe Rd and S. Irving St. have high volumes of pedestrian traffic. They are major pedestrian thoroughfares. People walk to the Thomas Jefferson Community Center and Park from throughout the neighborhood. Children ages 10-14 walk to the Thomas Jefferson Middle School (grades 6-8.) As of September 2019, children ages 5 -10 will walk to the Alice West Fleet Elementary School (grades K-5.) Neighborhood residents expect increased pedestrian traffic of adults pushing strollers, accompanying elementary school children to school. Adults walk with small children to the playground at TJ Park, often pushing strollers. The Community Center hosts regular fitness programs for mothers with strollers. The Community Center also has many events held at night, so people walk from cars parked throughout the neighborhood. 70,000+ County Fair attendees use the sidewalks annually, including people in wheelchairs. The facility is ADA compliant, but the sidewalks on the south side of the street are not, and the sidewalks on the north side are frequently hazardous because of water or ice.





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