

565 Mount Auburn St.
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
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Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Sir,

On Friday May 8, 1981 at approximately 8:45 A.M. while walking on the cement sidewalk on Cushing St. Cambridge, on the Belmont Street end, a break in the cement, caused an uneven rise of about an inch, just enough to cause me to fall.

In that fall I received abrasions to both hands, one knee, as well as my chin, and a bruise near my temple.

I returned home, but about 7:30 P.M. that same night, I began experiencing sharp pains in my right wrist and hand, so I went to Mount Auburn Hospital where X-rays were taken and Tetanus shots administered. Suspecting a break, a splint was applied. I returned to the hospital on Saturday noon (the following day) where the splint was removed - fortunately there was no break.

It has come to my attention that at least two other persons have fallen on this same location.

What with having to dodge bicyclists, joggers, roller skaters etc (using the sidewalks) the older person has difficulty enough coping with these dangerous practices let alone poorly maintained sidewalks in our city.

Falls are bad at any time, but to our elderly citizens they can be serious, painful costly, sometimes fatal.

I hope some attention will be given to the Cambridge sidewalk situation, which I have become more aware of since my accident.

Very truly yours,
Frances H. O'Leary
(Mrs. John L.)

Comm. from Frances H. O'Leary, 565 Mt.
Auburn St., requesting reimbursement for
damages she sustained in a fall due to
a defect in the sidewalk on Cushing St.

In City Council,

June 1, 1981

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