



North Lions Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2015– Phase 14 North Lions Park Street Reconstruction
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Street Reconstruction Resumes.....

Sod Maintenance

Crystal, New Hope, Brooklyn Park, SEH and the contractor jointly inspected the sod that was placed last year, and in nearly all cases the sod was in good condition.

The sod **needs** your attention so its roots can grow deep and become mature, established turf. You **must** continue to water your sod again this year, a minimum of 1½ inches per week (use a cake pan or similar to measure).

The contractor's obligation to maintain the sod has now ended. **The replacement of any sod that dies is now the responsibility of the property owner.**

Please do not fertilize your new sod this spring. The contractor fertilized your sod this spring. Remember: **You must continue to water and care for your new sod after this year!** New sod requires

up to three years to become mature, established turf.

Overall Schedule

Between now and mid-June, the following street reconstruction activities will be completed, including:

- Adjusting manhole lids in the streets to match the final street paving elevations.
- Repairing damaged curb.
- Placement of concrete valley gutters in select intersections.
- Installation of boulevard trees to replace those that were removed to make way for reconstruction activities.
- Installation of rain garden plantings (see Rain Garden section).
- Repairing sections of blacktop street pavement that might have broken or blown out during the winter.
- Administering private driveway warranty work.

Final Paving

By mid to late June, there will be a final cleanup of the project area, and the new streets will receive a final layer of blacktop. Finally, the pavement will be sawed and sealed along the Crystal streets.

Once available, a more accurate update on the date of the final layer of blacktop can be viewed on Crystal's website at:

http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/phase_14.php

Rain Gardens

For residents who have volunteered to have and maintain a rain garden in front of their home, the contractor will supply and install the selected plants you selected from the questionnaire/agreement by mid-June.

Please recall that the city will assist with yearly maintenance for weeding, mulching, and plant replacement for a period of two years after the initial installation/planting. After two years, it will be entirely up to you to maintain the rain garden. Please, also remember that it is your responsibility to water the rain garden plantings, beginning immediately after their installation.

Remember. **You must water and care for your new rain garden plantings immediately after planting.**

Important Reminders

Construction Safety: For the safety of everyone, all adults and children should stay **as far as possible** from all construction activities and equipment. **Construction safety is our utmost concern and your cooperation is imperative.** Construction activities are extremely dangerous.

Care of Private Driveways: Please read the suggestions for care of your new driveway on the back side of the estimate form.

Resident Input

If you had your sanitary sewer service repaired last year, we **must know immediately** if you have any concerns about the repair. We must resolve these with the contractor before placing the final layer of blacktop in order to achieve the best reconstruction results. Please call Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal (see the “Contacts” section). After hours, you can put project-related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located near the front door outside Crystal City Hall or the community center.

Special Assessment Balance – Crystal Residents

If you let your assessment go onto your property taxes in 2015, you can continue to let it be billed on your taxes over the remaining 14 years. If you decide to pay off the balance in any year, you must do so prior to Nov. 15 to avoid paying interest charges for the entire following year. Contact Gail at Crystal City Hall at 763-531-1118 or gail.petschl@crystalmn.gov.

Thank you

We are sincerely interested in hearing what you think about how the street reconstruction process went. We need to know the good things along with things that fell short of your expectations. We will use this feedback on future projects to help us keep doing the positive things and improve where we fell short. Please drop us a line or give us a call.

Finally!

From all of us at the cities of Crystal, New Hope, Brooklyn Park, SEH, and Palda and Sons to the residents of the North Lions Park Reconstruction Area, you have our deep appreciation for the patience, tolerance and understanding you have shown throughout this entire reconstruction process. It has been our pleasure serving you.

Contacts

Please direct your questions or comments to either Mick or AJ.

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at 763-531-1161 or mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov.

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