

# Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2013 – Phase 13 Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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Newsletter No. 6

## Please Remember to Continue Watering Your New Sod.....

### Care of New Sod

When new sod is installed in front of your home, **begin watering your new sod immediately!** Your efforts, when combined with the contractor watering the boulevard sod for the **first 30 days only**, will help the sod grow so your lawn looks its best.

Apply the water in three or four applications per week. Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand the hot weather and periods of little or no rain. **After the first 30 days, it will be entirely up to you to water!** Sod installation is complete in **Areas A, B, C-1 and C-2** and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in **Areas A and B.**

Please read your sod care flyer very carefully. If you are using a lawn service, please share with them the maintenance recommendations shown on the flyer.

While all of the sod installed will probably go dormant by late November, we want to remind all of you of the following maintenance tips for the sod to survive through the fall.

- Do not walk on your new sod for the first two weeks after its installation.
- Do not mow the new sod until it "roots down" and you are unable to easily lift the sod from the soil. Then set the

mower deck at the **highest setting** and cut the new sod with this setting for the remainder of the year.

- Do not fertilize your new sod until fall 2014. The contractor will fertilize in the spring. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the grass.

It takes about three years for new sod to mature; you must continue to water your sod as described in the sod care flyer for the next few growing seasons!

Residents that have replaced their private driveway using the street contractor need to water the new sod along the edge of the driveway. The contractor cannot water your sod the full length of the driveway.

Sod care flyers will continue to be passed out to residents receiving new sod.

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### Important Reminders

**Emergencies:** If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Palda and Son's respondent at 651.403.9809. If necessary, you may call 911.

**Construction Safety:** Please remind your children to 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 and we do not want any mishaps.

**Survey Stakes and Utility Flags:** Surveyor stakes and colored utility flags will continue to be placed along streets throughout the project. They are hard to miss because they have a colored ribbon or flags tied to them. These stakes and flags guide the contractors operations. **Please do not tamper with these stakes in any way. These must remain in place until the sod is placed in front of your home.**

**Yard Parties:** Please let us know now of any large events you have planned at your home during the summer and fall. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

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### Recent Events

During the past five weeks, the street contractor, Palda and Sons, Inc. completed the following work:

**Area C-1** – The contractor completed the installation of topsoil and sod.

**Area C-2** – The contractor completed the installation of the blacktop driveways, topsoil and sod.

**Area D** – The contractor completed the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, the installation of

concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop, and concrete and blacktop driveways. The installation of topsoil began.

**Area E** – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement and removed existing concrete curb and gutter. Private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, and drain tile and storm sewer pipe installation were also completed. The correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and preparation of streets to receive their recycled gravel base began.

### Private Utilities

**Xcel Energy** - Their crews continue relocating light and utility poles at various intersections throughout the project area out of the way of the proposed curb and gutter.

### Tentative 4 Week Schedule

The following schedule is a result of the contractor's best guess of progress. Many factors, including weather conditions and coordination of private utility reconstruction, may change the schedule. We will keep you posted of any significant changes.

**Area D** - The contractor will complete the spreading of black dirt in the boulevards and the installation of sod.

**Area E** – The contractor will continue the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and

prepare streets to receive their recycled gravel base. Weather depending, curb and gutter installation will begin on approximately **October 7** south of and including 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Curb and gutter installation north of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue will begin on approximately **October 11**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of October 21. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **October 28**.

### Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement - Crystal Residents Only

**Areas A, B, C-1, C-2, D and E** – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

### Concrete Installation

Whenever concrete curb and gutter or driveway surfaces are poured, please do not drive across the concrete for 6 days. The concrete needs this time to gain sufficient strength. The contractor will provide you advance notice so your vehicles are not trapped in your driveway.

During the time you cannot access your driveway, the Crystal police department will allow you to park in the street overnight in front of your home. Once the concrete curb gains sufficient strength, a temporary gravel ramp will be built across the curb so you can access your driveway. **Following construction**

**of the temporary gravel ramps, the Crystal police department will not allow you to park in the street overnight in front of your home.**

If you have any concerns about your vehicles being trapped in or out of your driveway, please **now** contact Dave Fritzke.

### Field Office

The field office is located at the south west corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Douglas Drive. Travis Evenson of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) will be available there throughout the project.

You can put project related written correspondence in the mailbox at the field office or in the utility payment mailbox located outside City Hall.

### Communications

You will receive newsletters throughout the course of the project through the mail to keep you up-to-date. Additionally, periodic construction updates can be viewed on Crystal's website at [http://www.crystalmn.gov/city\\_departments/phase\\_13\\_street\\_reconstruction\\_project.html](http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/phase_13_street_reconstruction_project.html)

Anytime you have questions or comments, please contact:

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