

# Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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## 2013 Street Reconstruction Concludes.....

All street reconstruction activities in the project area are substantially complete. Substantial completion implies that a street is paved with its first layer of blacktop and its boulevards are restored.

Some minor work items will not be accomplished this year. For example, the planting of boulevard trees to replace those that were removed to make way for reconstruction activities. Instead, with the City's permission, the contractor will finish these items next spring.

### Care of New Sod

Sod care flyers are enclosed for **Area E** residents receiving new sod. Please read the flyer very carefully.

Please remember that the contractor waters the sod for **only the first 30 days** after its installation. **After the first 30 days, it will be entirely up to you to water!** Sod installation is complete and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in **Areas A through D.**

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.
- **Begin watering your new sod immediately in the spring.**
- Do not mow the new Area E 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 2014.
- 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.

The sod will again turn green in the spring when it receives moisture from the snowmelt. **Because it takes about three years for new sod to mature, you must continue**

**to water your sod for the next few growing seasons!**

### Rain Gardens

For residents that have received a rain garden in the boulevard in front of their home, the rain garden plantings will occur in the Spring or Summer of 2014. The City will be contacting you this winter to place your order for plant materials. Several rain garden plant types will be made available to select from.

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.

### Field Office

**The field trailer has been removed from the project area.** You can of course still contact us through the winter and spring with questions or concerns at the telephone numbers given in the Contacts section of this newsletter.

### What's Left for 2014

The following will be completed in the spring/summer of 2014:

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### Important Reminders

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**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.

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- Adjusting manhole lids in the streets to match the final street paving elevations.
- Repair of damaged curb or sidewalk.
- Placement of concrete valley gutters in select intersections.
- Installation of boulevard trees to replace those that were removed to make way for reconstruction activities.
- Rain garden plantings (see Rain Garden section)
- Repair sections of blacktop street pavement that might have broken or blown out during the winter.
- Administer private driveway warranty work.
- Pave the final layer of blacktop on the streets
- The blacktop will be sawed and sealed
- Parking, centerline lane, and crosswalk pavement markings will be placed at select locations.

## Final Newsletter of the Season

With reconstruction winding down, this is the last newsletter you will receive this year. Next spring, another one will be sent to you before the final layer of blacktop wear course is placed on the streets.

## Resident Input

During this coming fall, winter, and spring we will want to know if you notice anything wrong with your new driveway, sod, or street and curb and gutter in front of your home. It is important for us to get these matters resolved before placing the final layer of blacktop wear course next spring.

If you had your sanitary sewer service repaired this year, we must know if you have any concerns about the repair. We must resolve these concerns with the Contractor before placing the final layer of blacktop next spring. Please call Mick Cyert, in the Contacts section of this newsletter.

## Additional Communications

Periodic construction updates and related information will also be available for viewing 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)

## Contacts

After reconstruction activities end this fall, please direct your questions or comments to either Mick or Travis.

Travis Evenson of SEH at 952.912.2610 or [tevenson@sehinc.com](mailto:tevenson@sehinc.com).

Or

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