

# Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2013– Phase 13 Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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Newsletter No. 2

## Areas A and B Well Underway.....

### Recent Events

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

**Area A** – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement, removed existing concrete curb and gutter where necessary, completed reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, storm sewer pipe installation, the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, and the installation of concrete curb and gutter.

**Area B** – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into

gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement. Removal of existing concrete curb and gutter, private sanitary sewer service repairs and storm sewer pipe installation began.

### Private Utilities

**CenterPoint Energy** – The installation of new gas services lines to homes is complete in Areas A and B. Crews continue to install new gas service lines in Areas C-1 and C-2. Later this summer they will work in Areas D and E.

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

### Tentative 3 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 A** – Concrete driveway installations will begin during the week of **June 10** where necessary. Installing the gravel base will begin toward the end of the week of **June 10** and continue into the week of **June 17**. The contractor will pave the streets with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **June 17**. Blacktop driveway paving will begin right after the streets are paved. The contractor will pave the streets with their final layer of blacktop during the week of **July 1**.

**Area B** – The contractor will continue removal of existing concrete curb and gutter, private sanitary sewer service repairs and storm sewer pipe installation. The contractor will begin reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, relocation of hydrants, drain tile pipe installation and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils.

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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.

**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 spring, summer, and fall. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

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## **Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement – Crystal Residents Only**

**Areas A and B** – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

**Areas C-1 and C-2** – *If you are interested in driveway or sewer repair and have not yet told us;* please contact Dave Fritzke, Crystal City Engineering Department by **June 20** at 763.531.1163 or [dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov](mailto:dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov).

Dave will contact the residents who are interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **July 3** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke.

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **July 3** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Mick Cyert.

**Areas D and E** – Residents interested in repairing your sanitary sewer service or replacing your driveway will be contacted mid-summer. Please watch future newsletters for particular deadlines.

## **Special Assessment Update – Crystal Residents**

The deadline to prepay your entire assessment or a portion of it, without interest, has lapsed.

You can still prepay your entire assessment, or a portion of it, until November 27 at a 5.0% interest rate charged from the levy date, April 16, 2013. If you take no action by November 27, your assessment will be added to your property tax statement.

If you have questions or concerns about your assessment, please contact Gail at Crystal City Hall at 763.531.1118 or [Gail.VanKrevelen@crystalmn.gov](mailto:Gail.VanKrevelen@crystalmn.gov).

## **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:

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

Or

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at 763.531.1161 or [mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov](mailto:mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov).