

Forest North Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2012– Phase 12 Forest North Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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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 and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in **Areas A and B.**

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.
- **As soon as your new sod is placed, begin watering your new sod immediately** until the ground

freezes.

- 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 2013. 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!**

Recent Events

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

Tentative 2 Week

Schedule

The spreading of black dirt in the boulevards and installation of sod will be complete in Areas C and D. 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.

Rain Gardens

For residents that have received a rain garden in the boulevard in front of their home, the rain garden excavation, backfilling with engineered planting soil and installation of wood mulch will occur in the spring. The City will be contacting you this winter to place your order for plant materials. The rain garden planting will occur in the Spring or Summer of 2013. Several rain garden plant types will be made available to select from.

If you selected "Yes" from the questionnaire/agreement that you will plant your own rain garden, the contractor will supply the plants that you have selected.

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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

Important Reminders

Emergencies: If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Northwest Asphalt's respondent at 952.292.8460. 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.

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 will be removed from the project area by the end of October. 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 2013

The following will be completed in the spring/summer of 2013:

- 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.
- Installation of rain gardens (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_12.html

Contacts

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

Chris McKenzie of SEH at 952.912.2607 or cmckenzie@sehinc.com.

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