

North Lions Park Neighborhood

Street Reconstruction

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Street Reconstruction to Begin in Area B.....

Area Updates and Schedule

Please keep in mind that the construction schedule may change due to a variety of factors including weather conditions and coordination of private utility reconstruction. The contractor will make an effort to notify properties with utility or driveway access restrictions.

Area A – The contractor has completed the curb removals and private sanitary sewer repairs. Utility work (storm sewer, fire hydrant relocation) will continue along with streets receiving their recycled gravel base. Following the gravel base installation, the reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins along with drain tile pipe installation will occur.

Area A (Excluding 59th and Elmhurst Avenues) – Curb and gutter installation will begin around **June 8**. Concrete driveway installation will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Please see the section on “Concrete Installation” for more information. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of **June 15**. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **June 22**.

Area A (59th and Elmhurst Avenues) – Following storm sewer

pipe installation, curb and gutter installation will begin during the week of **June 22**. Concrete driveway installation will begin soon after curb and gutter installation.

Area B - Due to the Contractor’s work in Area A progressing quicker than originally anticipated, the contractor will start street reconstruction in Area B during the week of June 8. Please see the section on “Boulevard Landscaping, Irrigation, and Pet Containment Systems” for more information. We apologize for any inconvenience the revised start date may cause residents in Area B.

The contractor’s reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base on **June 11**. After the reclaim machine

finishes its work, the contractor will begin private sanitary sewer service repairs along with storm utility work, relocation of hydrants, and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils.

Areas C, D – Please contact Mick if you are interested in participating in the Private Driveway or Sanitary Sewer Service replacement programs. The deadline for returning these agreements has not been set yet.

Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement

(Crystal Residents Only)

Area A – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for driveway and sanitary sewer repairs has passed.

Important Reminders

After Hour Emergencies: Please call 911 to report any situations (flooded street, interrupted water service, sanitary sewer backup, washed out road, etc.) that require immediate attention from the City.

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.

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.**

Special Events or Mobility Needs? Please contact us (see Comments or Questions section) as soon as possible to let us know if you have any special events planned or mobility needs during this year’s street reconstruction project.

Area B – The City has contacted the residents who are interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **June 15** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the City’s contractor. If you have questions on the private sanitary sewer program, please contact Dave Fritzke at 763.531.1163 or dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **June 15** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the City’s contractor. If you have any questions on the private driveway program, please contact Mick Cyert at 763.531.1161 or mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov

Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy – The installation of new gas service lines to homes in Areas A and B are complete. Crews continue to install new gas service lines in Areas C and D. The anticipated completion date is the week of June 1.

Xcel Energy - Xcel crews began relocating light and utility poles at various intersections throughout the project area. The poles are being moved back further from the location of the future curb and gutter.

Concrete Installation

Wherever 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 of the work so you can plan to have all vehicles out of your garage or driveway before

the concrete is poured. 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, you will need to resume parking in your garage or driveway in accordance with the no on-street parking restrictions from 2am to 5am daily.

Special Assessment Update

(Crystal Residents Only)

The deadline to prepay your entire assessment or a portion of it, without interest, has lapsed. You may still prepay your entire assessment, or a portion of it, until November 25 at a 4.5% interest rate charged from the levy date, April 21, 2015. If you take no action by November 25, 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 gail.vankrevelen@crystalmn.gov or 763.531.1118 .

Boulevard Landscaping, Irrigation, and Pet Containment Systems

If you have placed private landscaping, irrigation, or pet containment systems in the City boulevard (up to 15’ beyond the edge of the street) that are of value to you, please **now** relocate them out of the boulevard, especially if you live in Area B. If you choose not to relocate your particular item(s) before street reconstruction

begins in front of your home, the contractor may remove and dispose of the item(s), and will not replace them. These landscaping items include, but are not limited to, mulch, plastic and brick garden edging, decorative stones, statues, plants or bushes, irrigation, or pet containment systems. If you have any questions, please contact John Keppers or Mick Cyert (see the “Important Information” section).

Please watch for updates in the Construction newsletter when you may reinstall these items in their original location.

Communications

Comments or Questions? Please contact us (please include your address)

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Written correspondence

You may put project related correspondence in the mailbox located at the Field Office at the North Lions Park parking lot north of Jersey and 61st Avenues. You may also put project related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located outside City Hall.

Construction Updates

Construction update newsletters will be mailed to properties in the street reconstruction area throughout the course of the project. Additionally, periodic construction updates can be viewed on Crystal’s website at http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/public_works.php (look for the Phase 14 link under “Quick Links”).