

North Lions Park 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, **please make sure to carefully follow the sod care flyer instructions and begin watering your new sod immediately.** Your efforts, along with the contractor watering the boulevard sod for the **first 30 days only**, will help the sod become established and healthy.

Sod installation is complete in **Area A and B (excluding Kentucky Avenue)** and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in Area A and along Cloverdale Avenue in Area B. The 30-day contractor watering period will expire on **October 10** in the remainder of Area B, with the exception of Kentucky Avenue.

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 2016. 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.

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 and Area B (Cloverdale Avenue Only) – The contractor completed the installation of topsoil and sod.

Area B (Excluding Kentucky Avenue) – The contractor completed the installation of the blacktop driveways, topsoil and sod.

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 C (Excluding Kentucky

Avenue) – The contractor completed the installation of concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base and the first layer of blacktop. The installation of concrete and blacktop driveway installation began. The contractor will continue the installation of concrete and blacktop driveways and begin the installation of topsoil and sod.

Area D & Kentucky Avenue –

The contractor completed the private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, and storm sewer pipe installation, the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, and the installation of concrete curb and gutter. The installation of concrete driveway installation began.

The contractor will begin paving the streets with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **October 12**. After the streets are paved, the contractor will complete the installation of concrete and blacktop driveways, topsoil and sod.

Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement (Crystal Residents Only)

Areas A, B, C and D – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for driveway and sanitary sewer repairs has passed.

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. 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 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”).

Field Office

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