



North Lions Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2015– Phase 14 North Lions Park Street Reconstruction

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2015 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

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 **Areas A, B, C and D** and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in Areas A and B with the exception of Kentucky Ave.

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.

Rain Gardens

For residents who 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 2016. 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.

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.

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.

What's Left for 2016

The following will be completed in the spring/summer of 2016:

- 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:
http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/public_works.php
Look for the Phase 14 link under "Quick Links".

Contacts

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

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