

# Broadway Park Neighborhood

## Street Reconstruction

2011– Phase 11 Broadway 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, **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 in **Areas A and B** and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired in parts of **Area A**.

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 2012. 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.

#### Recent Events

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

**Areas A and B** – The installation of topsoil and sod.

**Area C** – The contractor completed the installation of concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop, and concrete driveways. The installation of blacktop driveways and topsoil began.

**Area D** – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement, removed and replaced existing concrete curb and gutter at select locations, completed reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins and the installation of street gravel base.

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#### Important Reminders

**Emergencies:** If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Palda and Sons 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.

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#### Tentative 4 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 C** – The installation of blacktop driveways and the spreading of black dirt in the boulevards will continue, and the installation of sod will begin. Sidewalk will be installed along 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Following that will be the construction of rain gardens. The rain garden plantings will take place in spring 2012.

**Area D** – The contractor will pave the streets with their first layer of blacktop on **September 28**. Blacktop driveway paving will begin right after the streets are paved.

## **Immediate Action Items - Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Replacement- Crystal Residents Only**

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

## **Field Office**

Remember that the field office is located at Broadway Park at the corner of 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue & West Broadway. Chris McKenzie of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) will be available there throughout the project. The office's phone number is 763.535.6223 and fax number is 763.535.6268. If no one

answers, please leave a voice mail message that includes your name, address, and telephone number and someone will call you back shortly.

You can put project related written correspondence in the mailbox located outside the field office.

## **Additional Communications**

Periodic construction updates and related information will also be available for viewing on Crystal's website at

[http://www.ci.crystal.mn.us/city\\_departments/phase 11 street reconstruction project.html](http://www.ci.crystal.mn.us/city_departments/phase_11_street_reconstruction_project.html)

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