

Forest North Neighborhood

Street Reconstruction

2012– Phase 12 Forest North Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

June 1, 2012

Newsletter No. 2

Area A Well Underway, Area B Up Next.....

Recent Events

The rain during the last month has delayed the contractor's progress.

We appreciate your continued patience with not only the weather, but the dynamic schedule of the construction.

During the past six weeks, the street contractor, Northwest Asphalt, completed the following work:

Area A – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement, removed existing concrete curb and gutter, completed private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, relocation of hydrants, and storm sewer pipe installation. The correction of

unsuitable road foundation soils and preparation of streets to receive their recycled gravel base began.

Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy – The installation of new gas services lines to homes in Areas A, B & D are complete. Crews continue to install new gas service lines in Area C.

Tentative 3 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 A (Except 49th / Fairview Avenue) – The contractor will

continue to correct unsuitable road foundation soils and prepare streets to receive their recycled gravel base. Curb and gutter installation will begin around **June 6**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of **June 18**. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **June 25**. Blacktop driveway paving will begin right after the streets are paved.

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Area B – The contractor's reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base in Area B around **June 11**. After the reclaim machine finishes its work, the contractor will immediately begin private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, relocation of hydrants, storm sewer and drain tile pipe installation and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils.

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.

Concrete Installation: Whenever 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 so your vehicles are not trapped in your driveway.

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.

For those residents with an alley, you will retain access from one side of the alley at all times during concrete installation.

If you have any concerns about your vehicles being trapped in or out of your driveway, please **now** contact Dave Fritzsche for potential assistance.

Yard Parties: Please let us know now of any large events you have planned at your home during the spring, summer, and fall. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

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

Area A – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

If you have been contacted by the Contractor and are still in the process of completing your private driveway contract please continue to work with the Contractor to complete the agreement.

Area B – *If you are interested in driveway or sewer repair and have not yet told us*, please contact Dave Fritzke, Crystal City Engineering Department by **June 6** at 763.531.1163 or dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov

Dave will contact the residents who are interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **June 8** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke.

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway

replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **June 29** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke.

Areas C and D – Residents interested in repairing your sanitary sewer service or replacing your driveway will be contacted mid-summer. Please watch future newsletters for particular deadlines.

Special Assessment Update - Crystal Residents

The deadline to prepay your entire assessment or a portion of it, without interest, has lapsed.

You can still prepay your entire assessment, or a portion of it, until November 29 at a 5.0% interest rate charged from the levy date, April 17, 2012. If you take no action by November 29, your assessment will be added to your property tax statement.

If you have questions or concerns about your assessment, please call Gail at Crystal City Hall at 763.531.1118.

Field Office

The field office is located 4720 Douglas Dr. Chris McKenzie of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) will be available there throughout the project. Please remember that parking is NOT permitted on Douglas Drive. When visiting the field office, please park in the Crystal Community Center parking lot.

You can put project related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located outside City Hall.

Communications

You will receive newsletters throughout the course of the project through the mail to keep you up-to-date. Additionally, previous newsletters can be viewed on Crystal's website at http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/phase_12.html

Anytime you have questions or comments, please contact either:

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

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