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Highlands Neighborhood Reconstruction and Doncaster Sidewalk Residents,

### **Highlands Neighborhood Reconstruction**

On Monday crews from Northwest Asphalt will begin hooking up the temporary water main pipe to your homes on Lochloy. This blue pipe will be placed across your front lawn and be connected to your house at your hose bib. Crews may need to enter your home to operate your water shut off valve in your basement. This is done to isolate the connections until the new main has been installed and tested. Northwest Asphalt will coordinate this work with you using a door tag, or by knocking to see if you are home. This will be done on a case by case basis.

Please be careful cutting your grass with your lawn mower while working near the temporary water service pipe. If applicable, please pass this warning along to your lawn service. While being provided water from the temporary water main, you may notice your tap water is warmer than usual. This is normal. It is caused by the fact that the water main is above ground and subject to ambient temperatures.

Water main reconstruction and hydrant replacements thru the whole neighborhood may cause rust colored water to come out of your faucets. This is also normal. You can simply flush all your faucets at the same time to remove the reddish color.

Residents living in the entire neighborhood may still experience some temporary shut downs of the water main in the future for water main replacement. These shut downs will be brief, but are necessary to complete the work on Lochloy. Please watch your doors for tags! These tags will be placed by the contractor, as needed, to communicate with you the happenings of the next days work progress. They will inform you of water main shut downs for hydrant replacements, as well as if they plan on digging in front of your home the next morning. This way we can have your car out or moved if you need to leave after the work begins.

Later next week, the contractor plans on replacing removed, broken, and settled curb and gutter sections at random spot locations within the neighborhood. This work will happen along Duncraig, Glenbrae Circle, Ayrshire and West Lochloy. I will be able to give you all a better update next week on this work.

## **Doncaster Sidewalk Improvements**

Crews have begun working on the project along the south end of Doncaster Way. They are working to remove the sod and black dirt where the sidewalk will be placed. Next week they will continue removing black dirt and sod and begin preparing areas for gravel base. For most cases within the project area, we intend to just match up to your existing driveway with the new sidewalk. You may want to relocate any landscape items such as plants/shrubs that are within the project right of way. We will do our best to protect as much of the existing landscape as possible, but cannot make any guarantees. It would make it easier for everyone if you would relocate it ASAP, unless you don't want it.

On both projects, you may see some wood stakes in your front yards. Please do not remove these stakes, as they contain information for the contractor to build the projects according to our plans. If you have an irrigation system or pet fence that has been damaged by our work onsite, and is in need of repair, feel free to contact me and I will give you an update on how we can get this system repaired for you. We will be able to get your systems fixed once the curb and gutter has been replaced and backfilled.

Please remind all children to stay away from all reconstruction operations, parked equipment, and stockpiled supplies. On-site safety for all is everyone's concern, and your help is greatly appreciated. Please do not tamper with the wooden construction stakes in your yard. These stakes contain information for the contractors to use to get the job completed per our plans.

Please remember, schedules are weather dependant. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached in the office at 952-826-0444 or [akuznia@ci.edina.mn.us](mailto:akuznia@ci.edina.mn.us)

Thank you for your cooperation during this project.

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