

October 15, 2008

Highlands Neighborhood Reconstruction

Due to a wet weather start this week, crews have had to bump their schedules back a few days. Crews are backfilling the newly replaced curb areas, placing black dirt back to grade, reinstalling mailboxes, as well as general site clean-up. Crews should be in this week to install the cobra head light fixture. They are awaiting Xcel energy to hook up to the source of power. Once this happens, you will have lights back on in the neighborhood.

The middle of next week, neighborhood will see our sod crews arrive onsite. They will begin installing sod in areas that were damaged due to our construction. A more in depth update will be in next weeks City Extra on the sod and its warranty period.

Centerpoint Energy has had their sub contractor, Klein Underground, install sod in areas that were disturbed by Michaels during gas service upgrades in your yards. Their work is not part of the City's project. Please contact Centerpoint Energy for any questions related to sod that was replaced by Klein Underground, as the City cannot warranty that work.

Please contact your irrigation company to schedule repairs to damaged systems caused by the project. Please have your irrigation company mark the irrigation heads with a small flag once the systems are repaired. This will make them visible to the crews working onsite, and prevent damage to your system once it is repaired.

Irrigation system and pet fence repairs: The City does not pay for the winterizing of irrigation systems as this is something homeowners would have to typically do anyways on an annual basis. The City does, however, take care of any damage that was caused during construction. It is not recommended to perform the repairs too early, in case crews hit the lines after they have been repaired. The City will only pay for the repairs on a one time basis. Once the area has been backfilled with black dirt, contact your irrigation company and schedule an appointment for the repairs. Please have your irrigation company or pet fence company invoice the City directly @ 4801 W. 50th St. , Edina MN , 55343 . (Attn: Aaron Kuznia, Engineering Dept.) If timing does not allow for this for some unforeseen reason, you may have to just go ahead and winterize your system - as normal, and come spring have the system professionally repaired. **All repair work will be required to be completed in full by June 1, 2009 - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Please remember, schedules are weather dependant or can change on a daily basis. 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

I will be in and out of the office for the next week and a half and may not be able to answer an email or phone message promptly. I will be checking for messages periodically. If you need immediate assistance please contact our office at 952-826-0371 and you call will be directed accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this construction project.

Aaron Kuznia - Project Inspector / Project Manager, City of Edina
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