

October 2, 2008

Highlands Neighborhood Reconstruction

Yesterday, crews finished paving the rest of the streets in the neighborhood with the first layer of bituminous asphalt. Crews plan on returning today to finish replacing the asphalt driveway sections that were removed during concrete apron replacements last week.

On Friday, the contractor will allow you to again use your driveways, as the 7-day concrete cure period will be complete.

Crews are continuing work on the new lighting system. All underground conduits have been installed, and crews have tied all the conduits together, began erecting the wood poles, and will start pulling wires, etc.

Next week crews will be working by backfilling the newly replaced curb areas, placing black dirt back to grade, reinstalling mailboxes, as well as general site clean-up. The neighborhood could possibly see sod being installed in about a week or so. I will be able to give you a better update next week. I have been contacted by Centerpoint Energy and they have stated that their sod crews will be onsite late next week. They will be fixing areas that were disturbed by their gas service utility upgrades.

If you have not done so yet, 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.

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!**

Once the irrigation company has completed the repairs, can you please have them turn off the zone near the back of curb at the street? For residents that have already had their repairs completed; can you also shut down your zones near the back of curb? This will help dry up the area. We are finding that all areas all over the neighborhood are very wet and saturated in the morning. By doing this, it will help speed up the project allowing crews to take advantage of a full days work, and not have to wait until streets and other areas air dry.

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

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

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