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St. John's Park Neighborhood Improvement Area Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents, while the second section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents.

OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES

Safety

Please remind your children to stay clear of all construction operations, machines, and stockpiled materials as they travel to and from their school bus stops. School bus operators for Edina Public Schools are aware of the reconstruction schedule. The operators may adjust their school bus routes to avoid reconstruction activities. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 has a list of emergency contacts for the Contractor.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Please call me, Carter Schulze, SEH's Resident Project Representative, with your questions and concerns. My telephone number and email address are 952.912.2610 and cschulze@sehinc.com. If you get my voice mail when you call, please leave a message. I check my voicemail regularly throughout the day, and even on the weekends.

If I do not have an answer for you, I will route your question or concern to the City, contractor, or other SEH staff members. Once I have your answer or information, I will call you back.

You may also contact your City Utility Engineer, Jesse Struve, at 952.903.5713 or jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us.

PHASE UPDATES

Phases 1 & 2

Sod and Restoration

During the week of September 14, the contractor will finish placing the new sod in Phase 2. If you live where new sod was recently installed in front of your home, please begin watering it immediately! The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand the hot weather and periods of little or no rain. The contractor will water the sod on an as needed basis using a water truck for a period of 6

weeks. Your efforts, when combined with the contractor's, will help the sod look its best. After 6 weeks, it will be entirely up to you to water the new sod!

Do not mow the new sod until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted or 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 at this setting for the remainder of the year.

Do not fertilize your new sod until next spring. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod. It was fertilized at the farm where it was grown. The sod will brown for the winter and green again in the spring when it receives moisture from the snowmelt. Because it takes about three years for new sod to mature, you must continue to water your sod as described in this update for the next several growing seasons! If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Phase 3

Streets and Driveways

During the week of September 14, the contractor will finish installing concrete curb and gutter and concrete driveway aprons (weather permitting) along Ashcroft, 59th, and 60th. After the concrete is poured it will take 3 - 4 days to gain enough strength before you can drive vehicles on it. During this period, you will not be able to use your driveway. Please move your vehicle(s) out of your driveway before the work begins, otherwise, they will be trapped in your driveway. The contractor will notify you of the actual date and time with you via a doorknob hanger. From now on, please check your front door each day for such notices.

During the 3 - 4 days it takes for the concrete to harden, you can park overnight **along the east side only** of Ashcroft, St. John's and Fairfax. You are not allowed to park on both sides because there would be insufficient room for emergency vehicles to quickly access homes along these streets.

The contractor will set out temporary no parking signs to remind you of this temporary parking ban along the west side of St. John's. There is likely insufficient space for all of you to park; therefore, parking is also available along Phase 1 & 2 streets.

We understand that this is an inconvenience for you. If you have special needs such as, but not limited to, medical supply deliveries or handicapped access issues please now call me. The contractor will work with you to accommodate your special need.

The signal that you can resume using your driveway will be when the contractor builds a gravel ramp to your driveway apron.

Sincerely,

Carter Schulze, PE
SEH Resident Project Representative