

July 2, 2009

Edina Country Club Area Residents:

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

OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES

Country Club Road Closed to Through Traffic

To facilitate boulevard restoration work in Stage 7, the City gave Palda permission to close Country Club Road at about Edina Boulevard during the week of July 6.

Safety

The upcoming three-day holiday weekend may cause children in the project area to approach the construction sites, machineries, and stockpiled materials. Please remind your children to stay away as these can be dangerous. 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 Palda.

Palda's Bi-Weekly Progress Map

The map for the period July 6 - July 19 is now available for your review at the following link:

<http://www.sehinc.com/online/edina/index.htm>

STAGE UPDATES

Stage 6B & 7

Sod Care

When new sod is installed in front of your home, 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.

Stage 8

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work.

Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

During the week of July 6, Palda will finish replacing Wooddale Avenue first, then Country Club Road's already removed sidewalk panels, followed by installing concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons.

This work was scheduled for the week of June 29 but is delayed. Due to the delay in starting this work, Wooddale Avenue will not be closed to all traffic at Country Club Road as previously planned.

During the week of July 6, Wooddale Avenue and Country Club Road residents (including residents who access their garage from the Country Club alley) will not be able to use their driveway for approximately three consecutive days while the concrete driveway aprons harden. Palda will coordinate the concrete pour with Wooddale Avenue and Country Club Road residents using a doorknob hanger.

During this period when you cannot access your driveway, you can park in front of your home along the west or south side of Wooddale Avenue or Country Club Road, respectively. As soon as the concrete hardens, Palda will notify you that you can access your driveway. A temporary gravel ramp will be constructed to allow access to your driveway until the rest of Wooddale Avenue and Country Club Road's pavement is installed in mid-July.

We understand that this is an inconvenience. Please now contact me if you live along Wooddale Avenue or Country Club Road and need assistance traveling from your home to your parked vehicle, or if you have special needs that demand you have continuous access to your driveway. Such needs might be delivery of heavy oxygen bottles for a medical condition. Palda will accommodate such special needs.

Stage 9

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work.

Temporary Water Main

Stage 9 homes will soon receive their water from the temporary water main pipe network.

As part of this work, Palda may need to enter Stage 9 homes to operate the water shut off valve in the basement. Palda will coordinate this work with affected homeowners using a doorknob hanger on a case-by-case basis.

The temporary pipe will supply water to the home by back feeding water into the home at the outside hose bib. It is the same water being used today. While the home is connected to the temporary pipe, the water softener probably will not work.

Do not shut off the hose bib; if it is turned off, the water is shut-off to the home. If necessary, please remind your lawn service not to shut-off this hose bib either.

While being provided water from the temporary water main, the tap water may be warmer than usual. This is normal. It is caused by the fact that water will travel to the home above ground rather than below. Water main reconstruction may cause rust colored water to come out of faucets. This too is normal. The faucets can be flushed to remove the reddish color. Flush the faucets by running all of them at the same time for several minutes. The aerator of each faucet head may need to be cleaned off after the flushing operation.

When you cut your grass, please be careful with lawn mowers near the temporary water service pipe. It is possible to cut open the temporary water service pipe with a lawn mower blade. If applicable, please pass this warning along to your lawn service.

Concrete Driveway Apron Removals

During the week of July 6, Palda will remove concrete driveway aprons along Arden Avenue. This work is in preparation for the upcoming construction of the temporary trunk water main pipe network.

Palda will remove your concrete driveway apron to bury the temporary trunk water main pipe where it intersects your driveway. The apron will be temporarily replaced with gravel. This prevents the temporary trunk water main pipe from being crushed by your car.

Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

During the week of July 6 to speed up Palda's reconstruction operation, Palda will mill off the upper one-half of the blacktop pavement along Arden and Bruce Avenues. Palda will leave the bottom one-half of the blacktop pavement in place for you to drive on. Palda will also leave in place the existing concrete curb and gutter. During the milling

operation, you will still be able to access your driveways. However, you may have to wait a few minutes for the machine to crawl past your driveway before you can enter or leave it.

This milling operation speeds up Palda's reconstruction operation by allowing them to handle thinner and lighter blacktop pavement chunks with their tractors when they excavate their small trenches to reconstruct the sanitary sewer and water main pipe networks.

You can view a picture of the machine Palda will use to mill off the upper one-half of the blacktop pavement at the following link.

<http://www.sehinc.com/online/edina/index.htm>

Sincerely,

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