

## Grading Completed, Sod Laying Begins In Area 1, Area 2 Curb And Gutter Set For Aug 5

Crews have completed boulevard grading and placement of topsoil and started laying sod in Area 1. They should complete work by the end of next week.

**Please remember that the contractor is responsible for maintaining the new sod for 30 days. After that time, City staff will mark any dead sod that needs to be replaced. All sod that is acceptable after the warranty period ends becomes the homeowner's responsibility to maintain.**

Crews have also completed raising manholes and gate valves in Area 1.

In the west portion of Area 2, subgrade correction should be completed by the middle of next week (weather permitting).

Crews will begin placing gravel in the west portion of Area 2 in preparation for curb and gutter, which is scheduled for the week of Aug 9. Please remember that you will not be able to drive on the concrete for seven days, but you will be able to park in front of

your home each night. Please try to park on one side of the street to allow room for emergency vehicles. During working hours residents on Ski Hill Rd, Windy Draw and the north end of Paisley Ln can park on Cutacross Rd and Meander Rd.

All residents in the east half of Area 2, will be hooked up to the temporary water system in order for crews to begin water main replacement the week of Aug 2. Utility work in the east portion of Area 2, north of Cutacross Rd will also begin that week.

Sod in Area 1 has been delayed due to heavy rains the past few weeks. Sod is now scheduled for the week of Aug 2, weather permitting.

Residents living in each construction area should check their doors daily for specific information regarding work in each area. City staff is available to address any questions or concerns you have (see Who to Call).

## Q & A: Why Are Streets Dug Up So Often During Reconstruction?

Digging is necessary to meet the different requirements for each utility. Furthermore, health department regulations specify a minimum distance between the utilities to prevent cross contamination if a leak occurs. The sanitary sewer must be deep enough to pick up the sewage coming out the pipes under the basement floors, while the water main and services need to be a minimum of 7.5 feet deep to keep them from freezing. Storm sewer, however, is kept as shallow as possible so it does not conflict with other utilities. Finally, when utility work is complete, streets are excavated to remove bad soils and install sand and the pavement section.

## New This Week

Crews have completed boulevard grading and placement of topsoil and started laying sod in Area 1. They have also completed raising manholes and gate valves.

## Coming Up

In the west portion of Area 2, subgrade correction should be completed by the middle of next week (weather permitting).

## Schedules May Change On Short Notice

Weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events can cause schedule changes. The contractor makes every effort to notify residents as soon as possible.

## Check Doors For Notices

The contractor will routinely notify you about upcoming work, particularly if the work will make your driveway inaccessible for most or part of a day (you will be able to get back into your driveway each evening). Please check all of the doors around your house for written notices of upcoming work.

## Construction Questions

At the construction site, please direct all project-related questions to City staff. For other questions, call Public Works at 763-593-8030. If you would prefer to have Construction News emailed to you, contact Pat Schutrop at 763-593-3987 or pschutrop@ci.golden-valley.mn.us to get on the list.

### Who To Call (When calling, please identify your construction area.)

#### City of Golden Valley

Brian Dahlberg, Engineering Technician • 763-593-8112 • bdahlberg@ci.golden-valley.mn.us  
Jeff Oliver, City Engineer • 763-593-8034 • joliver@ci.golden-valley.mn.us  
Al Lundstrom, Environmental Coordinator • 763-593-8046 • alundstrom@ci.golden-valley.mn.us  
Mike Meehan, Police Operations Commander • 763-593-8070 • mmeehan@ci.golden-valley.mn.us  
Jeannine Clancy, Director of Public Works • 763-593-8035 • jclancy@ci.golden-valley.mn.us

#### CenterPoint Energy

Customer Service Office • 612-321-5369

#### Special Needs?

The contractor will work with residents needing access for wheelchairs, Metro Mobility rides, etc. Call Public Works at 763-593-8030.

#### After-Hour Emergencies

Call the Golden Valley Public Safety Department at 763-593-8079 to report problems that require immediate assistance by the City (flooded street, disruption to water service, sanitary sewer back-up, etc). Your message will be relayed to on-call Public Works personnel.

## Project List

### Area 1 Streets

- Edgewood Ave N (Glenwood Ave to Westchester Circle)
- Georgia Ave N (Glenwood Ave to Westchester Circle)
- Westchester Circle (Olson Memorial Frontage Rd to Glenwood Ave)

### Area 2 Streets

- Cutacross Rd (Meander Rd to Ski Hill Rd)
- Meander Rd (Glenwood Ave to Cutacross Rd)
- Paisley Lane (Glenwood Ave to Cutacross Rd)
- Pomander Walk (Paisley Lane to cul-de-sac)
- Ski Hill Rd (Paisley Lane to cul-de-sac)
- Windy Draw (Ski Hill Rd to cul-de-sac)

### Area 3 Streets

- Harold Ave (Idaho Ave N to cul-de-sac)
- Idaho Ave N (cul-de-sac to Olson Memorial Frontage Rd)
- Kingston Circle (Idaho Ave N to cul-de-sac)
- Olson Memorial Frontage Rd (Douglas Dr to Glenwood Ave)

## RECYCLING UPDATE

Recycling should be picked up as scheduled. Please continue to have your recycling curbside by 7 am on Fridays. The recycling contractor (Waste Management) will collect recycling in street reconstruction areas on schedule. Please continue to report all missed pick-ups to Waste Management at 952-890-1100. If you feel you are not getting optimum service, call the City's Environmental Coordinator at 763-593-8046.

## Tips For Maintaining Your New Driveway

If you installed an asphalt driveway, follow these tips:

- You should not drive on your driveway for at least one week after it is constructed.
- Please be aware for at least six months after construction, parking any vehicle (including trailers, motorcycles, bicycles, etc) on your driveway, especially when the blacktop temperature is above 60 degrees, may leave depressions in the pavement. Also, avoid making sharp turns because they can scuff the new surface.
- Though some depressions and scuffing are expected because the new asphalt is tender for several months until it has time to cure, parking in your garage is recommended to keep depressions and scuffing to a minimum.
- Applying sealers normally does not result in any structural benefit; however, if you choose to use a sealer, it is recommended not to use any products labeled "coal tar." Instead, use asphalt emulsion sealers. Follow the manufacturer's directions for application of these products. Wait three years before applying any sealer.

If you installed a concrete driveway, follow these tips:

- The contractor sprays the new concrete with curing compound when it is poured. This seals the concrete to keep it moist and help it cure.
- Wait until next fall before sealing your concrete driveway. Several concrete sealant products, including clear acrylic sealers, linseed oil, and penetrating sealers, are available from a variety of retailers. The City identifies three in its driveway maintenance literature: Construction Materials of St Louis Park (952-929-0431), Construction Midwest of New Hope (763-536-8336), and Brock White of St Paul (651-647-0123). Many more concrete sealer retailers are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Concrete - Seal & Waterproof."

For more information about driveway maintenance, see Who To Call on page 1.

## Tips For Maintaining New Sod

Help maintain your new sod by following these simple guidelines:

- Give new sod as much water as you can during the first four days after it has been laid. After that, sod requires about two inches of water per week until the roots take hold. Test for established roots by attempting to pull up an edge of the sod. If it pulls up easily, give it more time and continue watering at least two inches per week. If the sod edge does not come up, the roots have taken hold.
- Once the roots are established, water about one inch per week, which is the minimum amount needed to keep a lawn healthy and thriving.
- Don't mow new sod until the roots are established. Cut it first at the highest mower setting. The grass can then gradually be cut to the desired length. However, don't cut the grass to that length until next spring. Finally, fertilizing should not be necessary until next spring.

This document is available in alternate formats upon a 72-hour request. Please call 763-593-8006 (TTY: 763-593-3968) to make a request. Examples of alternate formats may include large print, electronic, Braille, audiocassette, etc.



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