

New This Week

Concrete repairs are completed.

Construction Area

Phase 1: Turnpike Rd, Radisson Rd
Phase 2: Lawn Terrace, Colonial Dr

2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ OCT 14, 2011

Construction Season Wraps Up

In the past week, crews finished installing the new traffic signs and paving the final layer of asphalt. For more information on the paving process, see "Paving is a Four-Step Process" in the Sept 30 issue of *Construction News*.

The warranty for the sod that was installed recently will end Oct 28. City staff will inspect all the sod after that date, and anything that does not meet the warranty specifications will be replaced. Due to weather and seasonal conditions, the replacement may not occur until next year. For more information about maintaining your new sod, see "Tips for Maintaining New Sod" at right.

With the final layer of asphalt being paved and new signs installed, the construction project is pretty much wrapped up for the year. The contractor will have a few punch list items to finish this fall or next spring, but the level of construction activity will not be near as busy as it has been this summer.

For more information on the City's commitment to infrastructure, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/index.php. ○

Pre-Payment Of Special Assessments

If you are planning to pre-pay your assessment for the 2011 Pavement Management Program, please do so by **November 18, 2011**. If you pre-pay, the assessment will not be added to your property taxes in 2012.

To pre-pay your assessment, mail your check to City Hall at 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427. You can also put your payment in the drop box near the front door of City Hall or pay in person at the General Services counter on the second floor. Also, please be aware that credit cards are not accepted.

The street assessments were approved by the City Council in spring 2011. If you have any questions about assessments and how they work, contact the Golden Valley Finance Department at 763-593-8009. ○

Reinstalling Irrigation And Fence Systems

To avoid spending tax dollars to relocate private irrigation and fence systems within City street right of way (ROW), homeowners are responsible for temporarily moving or relocating their own systems.

In areas behind the curb that have been graded smooth or have had sod laid, homeowners may reinstall irrigation and fence systems (eg, invisible fences) that were relocated before construction. For areas within the ROW, please have installation companies mark the reinstalled irrigation heads or invisible fences with locate flags. ○

Tips For Maintaining New Sod

Help maintain your new sod by following these simple guidelines:

- 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 the desired length until next spring.
- Fertilizing should not be necessary until next spring

The contractor is responsible for maintaining the sod for the first 30 days after installation. The warranty primarily covers the sod if it fails to become established. If the sod was mowed too short (see tip above) or damaged by non construction activities, then it is not covered by the warranty. After that warranty period, the sod is the responsibility of the homeowner for watering and maintenance. ○

Thanks For Your Patience And Cooperation

The City of Golden Valley is committed to building and maintaining quality streets. Your patience and cooperation with the construction project this year is much appreciated. ○

Want More Info?

If you want more questions answered, such as “what does weather permitting mean?” (5/13 newsletter), or need more information on other topics like “construction area driving tips” (5/27 newsletter), “construction schedules” (5/13 newsletter), “driveway maintenance tips” (6/24 newsletter), or other construction activities, please go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/property-owners.php and see past published editions of *Construction News*.

These newsletters are available online anytime and will be updated as new *Construction News* editions are released. ○

SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE Weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events can cause schedule changes. The contractor makes an 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@goldenvalleymn.gov to get on the list.**

RECYCLING 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 Public Works Department at 763-593-8030.

CONTACT US (When calling, please provide your address.)

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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 Police 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 NEWSLETTERS

During construction, *Construction News* will be printed biweekly, or more frequently if needed. The newsletter will include updates on construction scheduling, phone numbers of contact persons, and other information that may be useful to you. **To get this newsletter by email, contact us at 763-593-3987 or pschutrop@goldenvalleymn.gov.**

TIPS & ANSWERS www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/

If you're wondering about various construction practices, or if you're looking for information about things like taking care of your new driveway or sod, go to the City website and check out the PMPs Tips & Answers page. If you don't find answers there, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030.



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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