

New This Week

Crews start storm and water utility work.

Construction Area

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

2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ MAY 13, 2011

Work Continues On Turnpike Rd, Radisson Rd

This week on Turnpike Rd, utility crews finished work on the storm sewer on the north end and replaced a fire hydrant. They also began preliminary storm sewer work on Radisson Rd. The rain affected the schedule and delayed the start date for some of the work items. Next week, crews will continue the water main and water service upgrades on the 200 block of Turnpike Rd.

Centerpoint Energy crews have completed their work in the construction area, and only restoration of disturbed areas remain. ○

What Does “Weather Permitting” Mean?

Construction activities are highly dependent on weather. Rain has the biggest, and most significant, impact on any construction activity that involves moving or hauling materials (sand, rock, dirt, etc).

Since most construction activities involve hauling materials, rain can quickly shut a project down for a day (or more, depending on how fast things dry). Other weather issues that create unsafe working conditions (high wind, fog, lightning) can also delay work on a project. Typically, when a project is stopped for a day due to weather, the same construction activities will be conducted the following day assuming the weather clears up. ○

Construction Site Safety

During construction season, the number one concern for the City of Golden Valley and the contractor is the safety of both the workers and the public. This goal can only be met through everyone's help and cooperation.

Please, do all you can to keep yourself and your children away from the construction work and equipment. Do not let children or pets climb on or play near dirt piles, trenches, equipment, or work areas. Should an accident occur and someone gets seriously hurt, call 911. ○

Check Your “To Do” List

If you have not already done so, please remove any irrigation, invisible pet fences, plants, etc that are located within the City Right of Way and may be in the way of construction. City staff recommend that you remove any features within 15 feet of the existing street. Because these items are private systems located on City property, homeowners are responsible for temporarily moving or relocating the items. If you would like help figuring how far you need to move items in front of your house, please contact Public Works at 763-593-8030, and a staff member will assist you.

If you are interested in replacing your entire driveway as part of the City's street reconstruction program, call Public Works (763-593-8030) now to request a driveway estimate. Requests will be taken until Tuesday May 31. For more information about the Driveway Reconstruction Program, go to the City website at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/index.php. ○

Why Do Schedules Change?

The Pavement Management Program (PMP) involves maintenance and upgrade work on systems you use every day. This year's project involves work on the following items:

- **Water Main and Services**—These are the pipes that provide safe, clean water to your house each time you turn on the faucet.
- **Sanitary Sewer Pipes**—These pipes make sure that waste water leaving your house is treated properly and does not pollute our community.
- **Stormwater Collection and Distribution**—During rainstorms and snow melts, these systems collect surface water and transport it to collection areas for natural treatment.
- **Street Subgrade Correction**—The streets you drive on are only as good as the soils below. This work improves the lifespan of the pavement.
- **Curb and Gutter/Street Paving**—This is one of the final and smaller steps of the construction process, but the one everyone typically thinks of when they think of construction.

Coordination of all these items, while dealing with construction issues and weather, is a dynamic process. Modifying the schedule is the most efficient way to balance making progress on the project while accommodating the daily challenges of construction. The roads and infrastructure being built today will be serving generations to come. Your patience and understanding with the construction process is greatly appreciated. ○

Where Can I Get More Information?

The City recognizes that living in a construction zone sometimes causes a bit of stress and frustration. It's like going to the dentist—City roads and infrastructure require regular maintenance and repair, even though the work can cause some discomfort while taking place.

To stay informed about the construction process and learn more about the City's commitment to providing quality roads and infrastructure, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/.

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 Environmental Coordinator at 763-593-8046.

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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