

New This Week

Concrete work started in Phase 2.

Construction Area

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

2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ AUGUST 19, 2011

Curb And Gutter Complete In Phase 2, Paving To Start Soon

This week Northwest Asphalt completed installing the curb and gutter in Phase 2. Crews also finished the remaining concrete work miscellaneous items. Towards the end of next week, or the week after, the streets in Phase 2 will be paved.

In Phase 1 this week, crews started working on miscellaneous items in the boulevard, including grading, in preparation for sod. They also resumed sewer lining. As part of this process, odors can enter the home through the sanitary pipes from time to time. Please make sure to pour 1 gallon of water down all drains (including the floor drain in the basement) to help prevent odors from entering the home. The contractor will put notices on the doors of any homes impacted by the sanitary lining work the day before the work is to begin.

Once all the sanitary sewer pipes have been lined and re-inspected and other miscellaneous construction activities completed, the contractor will install the final layer of asphalt on all the roads in Phase 1 and 2 at the same time. ○

July Sod Warranty In Phase 1 Has Passed

The contractor is responsible for maintaining new sod for the first 30 days after installation. After that warranty period, the homeowner is responsible for watering and maintenance. In Phase 1, the warranty has now passed for sod installed in July. Staff will be inspecting the sod, and the contractor will be making replacements as needed.

Tips For Maintaining New Sod

- 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. ○



Why Pave In Two Layers?

Golden Valley's new asphalt roads are paved in two layers called the *base course* and the *wear course*.

The first layer of asphalt, known as the *base course*, is 3 inches thick. It provides a smooth surface while the construction work focuses on smaller scale items such as boulevards, driveways, and raising utility structures to the level of the new street. Not only is the smooth surface easier to drive on for residents, it also helps with drainage during rainstorms and reduces the amount of dust in the air. Finally, paving the base course and letting it sit for a while gives the new road time to settle before the final layer of asphalt is applied.

The second layer, known as the *wear course*, is 1.5 inches thick and is the final component of the new road. Soon after the final layer of asphalt is paved and cooled down, the road is open to traffic.

Your help is needed to keep the new streets looking good. Please do not turn the tires of your vehicle when the vehicle is not in motion, as this can scuff the asphalt. Also, please do not park a vehicle on the street in the same spot for an extended time (days). Leaving the vehicle stationary can cause depressions in the pavement. ○

Driveway Maintenance Tips

If you've had new concrete and asphalt installed for driveways and aprons, the City offers useful maintenance information and tips at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/tips-answers.php. In brief:

- Do not drive on the concrete for up to a week, and avoid making sharp turns on the asphalt during the first year.
- Wait until fall before sealing your new concrete driveway area and/or apron. For asphalt, 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. ○

Want More Info?

If you want more questions answered, such as “what is asphalt reclaiming?” (7/8 news-letter), or need more information on other topics like “construction area driving tips” (5/27 newsletter), “construction schedules” (5/13 newsletter), “tips for maintaining new sod” (7/8 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 any-time and will be updated as new Construc-tion 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 up-coming 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.



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