

## New This Week

Concrete work complete in Phase 1.

## Construction Area

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

2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ AUGUST 5, 2011

## Paving Continues In Phase 1; Subcut Continues In Phase 2

Northwest Asphalt crews have finished the subcut and concrete work in Phase 1 and will be paving the remaining Phase 1 streets next week. During the paving operation vehicles will not be allowed to park on the streets that are being paved. Homeowners will have access to their driveways, but may experience delays and temporary driveway blockage as the paving operation completes the work.

Northwest Asphalt crews also continued the subcut operation in Phase 2. The subcut operation involves road and driveway closures that will be different each day. Homes impacted by the driveway closures will be notified the day before the work is to take place. Please monitor doors at your home for orange construction notices advising of driveway access restrictions. In the next week or two the subcut operation will be complete in Phase 2 and curb and gutter will be installed soon thereafter. ○

## What Does Weather Permitting Mean?

Construction activities are highly dependent on weather. Rain has the 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. ○



## Why Install Curb and Gutter?

Concrete curb and gutter provides superior drainage as well as a structural edge to support the roadway—two key advantages over rolled bituminous curbs or no curb at all.

Moisture collecting on the street and in its subgrade is a primary cause of premature street failure. Concrete curb and gutter:

- collects water and transports it to storm pipes, providing superior drainage following rainfall and snow melt. Without curb and gutter, the water would go into the roadside subgrade or run along the boulevard.
- helps the contractor control the street grade to reduce the formation of low spots (“bird baths”) along the edge of the road.
- helps collect sediment from the street (eg, sand) that can later be cleaned up through routine street sweeping. Such maintenance efforts help improve the quality of water that runs off the streets and into Golden Valley’s streams and ponds.

Without the structural support provided by curb and gutter, pavement distress (settlements, edge cracking, and alligator cracking) will appear along the edge of a roadway much sooner, ultimately resulting in the premature failure of the street and increased maintenance costs.

Golden Valley is committed to building and maintaining quality streets. In general, concrete curb and gutter will extend the life of a new street by approximately 25 percent and will significantly reduce long-term maintenance costs. ○

## Get More Driveway Maintenance Tips At [www.goldenvalleymn.gov](http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov)

For those homes in the construction area that 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](http://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 or parking anything on it that can mar the new surface for the first six months.
- 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 newsletter), 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pschutrop@goldenvalleymn.gov).**

## TIPS & ANSWERS [www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/](http://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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