

New This Week

Streetlights reinstalled, boulevard grading complete.

Construction Area

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

2011 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ SEPT 16, 2011

Sodding, Miscellaneous Work Continues

In the coming weeks, the contractor will continue to install sod and work on other miscellaneous items, including minor work (such as small landscaping items) and corrective work (such as curb and gutter) that does not meet contract specifications. Items that need to be corrected are added to a punch list (see box at right).

City crews will also inspect all sanitary sewers and storm sewers with video cameras to confirm that all the joints are sealed and no issues are present. Once this inspection process is complete and if no issues are identified, the contractor will schedule the paving of the final course of asphalt. Should any issues be identified, corrective measures will be determined at that time. ○

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.

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. ○

Reinstalling Irrigation And Fence System

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. Areas behind the curb

that have been graded smooth or have had sod laid, homeowners may reinstall irrigation, fence systems (eg, invisible fences), and other items that were relocated before construction. For areas within the right of way, please have

installation companies mark the reinstalled irrigation heads or invisible fences with locate flags. After that warranty period, sod watering and maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. ○

Construction Term: Punch List?

The construction process includes a step known as the punch list, which is a list of items that need to be corrected before the final project is accepted by the City.

Some punch list activities will be completed this fall before the final course of asphalt is paved, while others will be completed next spring or summer. As crews work through the punch list, the progress may seem slow. Many punch list items are typically smaller tasks that do not require large equipment.

A benefit of completing punch list items before the final layer of asphalt is installed is to minimize the amount of heavy construction equipment activity on the new street. The City recognizes that this phase of construction can be frustrating, and your patience is greatly appreciated.

Once the City accepts the project, all care and maintenance is the responsibility of the City. Making sure the project meets the contract's standards and specifications means the City will get a finished product that will last for years to come. ○

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 the assessments and how they work, contact the Golden Valley Finance Department at 763-593-8009. ○

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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