

New This Week

Harold Ave base course paved.

Construction Area

Full Reconstruction: Circle Down, Turners Crossroad, King Creek Rd, King Hill Rd, Harold Ave, Rhode Island Ave, Welcome Ave, Phoenix St
Mill and Overlay: Welcome Cir

2012 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ OCT 5, 2012

Harold Ave Paved, Wear Course Paving To Come

In the last two weeks crews paved the base course of asphalt on Harold Ave and began work on grading for the sidewalk on the south side of Harold Ave.

King Creek and King Hill have had the final wear course layer of asphalt paved. On Welcome Circle, the street was milled in preparation for the new layer of asphalt.

Next week Circle Down, Turners Crossroad, Welcome Avenue, Phoenix Street, and Welcome Circle will be paved with the wear course. For more informa-

tion on why the street is paved in multiple layers, please see the article on paving in two layers.

In the coming weeks the contractor will continue work on the sidewalk along the south side of Harold Avenue and complete other tasks, including raising iron (see article).

In the other project areas, small miscellaneous work continues such as addressing punch list items (for more information about what a punch list is, please see the last edition of the Construction Newsletter). ○



Construction Term: Raising Iron

Raising iron refers to placement of metal castings at their final elevation (grade). Storm sewer and sanitary manholes, as well as water main valves, are all metal castings that are typically in the road and need to be adjusted so they are nearly flush with the new road surface.

When the first layer of asphalt is placed, the metal castings must be low enough for the paver to go over them without touching. As the contractor prepares for the final layer of asphalt, they raise the iron to the final elevation.

This work involves cutting the pavement around the metal casting, raising it by adding concrete rings below the casting, applying a grout on the inside of the rings to fill the gaps, and then patching the asphalt that was disturbed.

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 primary reason for paving in two layers is that different types of asphalt are used in the different layers. Also, the two layers allow for better compaction of the asphalt, which improves long term durability of the new street.

The first layer of asphalt, known as the base course, is three 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. ○

Pre-Payment Of Special Assessments

If you are planning to pre-pay your assessment for the Pavement Management Program, please do so by **Nov 15, 2012**. 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. ○

Want More Info?

Remember seeing an interesting article in an old edition of *Construction News*, but can't remember where the paper copy is?

Published editions of *Construction News* are available anytime online at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/property-owners.php.

If you want to learn more about the construction process, the City website also defines construction terms, answers frequently asked questions, and provides helpful coping tips. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/tips-answers.php. ○

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 of your service week. The recycling contractor will collect recycling in street reconstruction areas on schedule. Please continue to report all missed pick-ups to Allied Waste at 952-941-5174.

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. 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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