

New This Week

Utility work complete on Circle Down and Turners Crossroad

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 ○ JULY 13, 2012

Work Starting In Welcome Ave And Harold Ave Areas

Construction work on Welcome Ave, Phoenix St, Harold Ave, and Rhode Island Ave will be starting next week with asphalt reclaiming and removals. If you have not already done so, please remove any irrigation or invisible fence or other private utilities within the right-of-way to protect it from construction activities.

Homeowners are responsible for temporarily moving or relocating their own private irrigation and fence systems.

In the last two weeks the contractor completed curb installation and utility work on Circle Down and Turners Crossroad. In the next two weeks the streets will be paved with the base layer of asphalt (for more information on why the City paves in two layers see the article in the June 15 Construction News). On King Hill and King Creek the contractor continued the restoration of areas disturbed by construction activities (see article on sod maintenance tips) and will be raising iron in the street (see article below).

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 at the highest mower setting. The grass can then gradually be cut to the desired length. Grass, however, is healthiest when it's at a minimum of three inches tall. Do not cut grass shorter than three inches for at least the first year.
- Fertilizing should not be necessary until next spring.

Sod Installation Warranty

The contractor is responsible for maintaining new 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 or damaged by non-construction project activities, then it is not covered by the warranty.

After the warranty period, sod watering and maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. For sod maintenance tips, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/tips-answers.

Deadlines For Driveway Estimates

The deadline for driveway estimates has passed for all areas.

What Is '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.



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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