

New This Week

Welcome Ave and Phoenix ready for curb and gutter.

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

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Curb and Gutter in Welcome & Phoenix Area, Subcut on Harold Continuing

Subcut work will continue on Harold Ave for a few more weeks leading to daily road closures. Residences will receive a construction notice in advance of any access delays to their property. Please check doors for construction notices daily.

On Welcome Ave and Phoenix St all of the utility work has been completed and the subcut and preparation for curb and gutter is almost done. Curb and gutter (see article) will be installed by the end of next week, weather permitting. Once the curb and gutter has been installed, residents will not have access to their driveway for up to seven days. Please do not drive on the new concrete.

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



Residents will be able to park on the street in front of homes during non-construction hours, but should check for posted no parking signs prior to parking.

Boulevard grading is complete on Circle Down and Turners Crossroad. In the coming weeks the topsoil will be spread and sod installed (see article on sod maintenance tips). In King Creek and King Hill City the contractor will be removing all of the sod that was installed previously and did not meet contract specifications. New sod will be installed and a warranty period will begin once the sod is accepted by the City, (see article on sod warranty). ○

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.

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 Install 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.php.

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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