

New This Week

Curb installed on Harold and Rhode Island.

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 ○ SEPT 21, 2012

Curb And Gutter Installed On Harold Ave, Landscaping Conts.

This week crews installed curb and gutter on a portion of Harold Avenue (between Winnetka Ave and Ridgeway Rd) and Rhode Island Ave.

The subcut work on the east end of Harold Ave also continued and will be completed next week with curb and gutter installation following soon thereafter. In

the other project areas sod has been installed and the contractor has begun work on the miscellaneous landscaping items and other smaller tasks.

City staff will be inspecting all the work completed and adding items that need to be addressed to the project punch list (see article). ○

Reinstalling Fences And Irrigation

In areas behind the curb that have been graded smooth or where sod has been placed, homeowners may reinstall irrigation and fence systems (eg, invisible fences) that were relocated before construction.

For areas within the right-of-way (ROW), have installation companies mark the reinstalled irriga-

tion heads or invisible fences with locate flags.

During street construction projects, homeowners are responsible for temporarily moving or relocating their private irrigation and fence systems within City street ROW so the City can avoid spending tax dollars on private systems. ○

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. ○

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.php.

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.



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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