

New This Week

City portion of construction project will be starting soon.

Construction Area

Yosemite Ave N, Yosemite Cir, Loring Lane, and Woodstock Ave (west of Hwy 100 and S of Hwy 55); Hwy 55 S Frontage Rd (Schaper Dr to cul de sac)

2013 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ MAY 10, 2013

Street Construction Starting Soon

Now that spring load restrictions are no longer in effect and the frost out of the ground, street construction activity can actually begin.

Next week City staff will meet with the construction contractor to kick off the City's portion of the construction work. The next edition of *Construction News* will

include more information on which areas will first be impacted by construction work and what type of work will be taking place.

CenterPoint Energy continues replacing gas lines. If you have any questions about CenterPoint Energy's project, please contact 612.321.5369. ○

Why Do Schedules Change?

The Pavement Management Program (PMP) involves maintenance and upgrade work on systems you use every day. This year's project involves work on the following items:

- **Water Main and Services**—These are the pipes that provide safe, clean water to your house each time you turn on the faucet.
- **Sanitary Sewer Pipes**—These pipes make sure that waste water leaving your house is transported to a sewage treatment facility and does not pollute our community.
- **Storm water Collection and Distribution**—During rain storms and snowmelts, these systems collect surface water and transport it to collection areas for natural treatment.
- **Street Subgrade Correction**—The streets you drive on are only as good as the soils below. This work improves the lifespan of the pavement.
- **Curb and Gutter/Street Paving**—This is one of the final and smaller steps of the construction process, but the one everyone typically thinks of when they think of construction.

Coordination of all these items, while dealing with construction issues and weather, is a dynamic process. Modifying the schedule is the most efficient way to balance making progress on the project while accommodating the daily challenges of construction. The roads and infrastructure being built today will be serving generations to come. Your patience and understanding with the construction process is greatly appreciated. ○

What Does "Weather Permitting" Mean?

Construction activities are highly dependent on weather. Rain has the biggest, and most significant, impact on any construction activity that involves moving or hauling materials (sand, rock, dirt, etc).

Since most construction activities involve hauling materials, rain can quickly shut a project down for a day (or more, depending on how fast things dry). Other weather issues that create unsafe working conditions (high wind, fog, lightning) can also delay work on a project. Typically, when a project is stopped for a day due to weather, the same construction activities will be conducted the following day assuming the weather clears up. ○

Residents May Request Driveway Estimates

If your driveway connects with one of the reconstructed streets and a portion of it will be removed to properly perform construction, the City of Golden Valley pays to replace that portion your driveway with the same material that was removed. But if you choose to take part in the City's **driveway program**, you have the opportunity to reconstruct the rest of your driveway (blacktop or concrete) as part of the project at the same prices paid by the City, plus an administrative fee. If you choose to do this, you can pay in cash after construction to avoid it being assessed, or you can have the costs assessed to your property over 10 years with the associated interest charges.

If you are interested in replacing your driveway as part of the City's street reconstruction project, call Public Works at 763-593-8030 to request a driveway estimate.

Project Includes Sanitary Sewer Inspections

Residents in the PMP area may have their sanitary sewer service inspected as part of the project. This inspection is part of the City's ongoing Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Program.

I/I is the discharge of clear rain water or ground water into the sanitary sewer system. The most common sources of I/I include improper connections of sump pumps and foundation drains into the sanitary sewer system and infiltration of ground water into the system through defects in the underground sewer pipes.

Sewer service inspections are voluntary (unless you are selling your home). Additional information can be found at www.goldenvalleymn.gov (click on "Inflow and Infiltration" in the Quick Links box on the home page). ○

Want More Info?

To stay informed about the construction process and learn more about the City's commitment to providing quality roads and infrastructure, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/.

The City website also defines construction terms, answers frequently asked questions, provides helpful coping tips, and has past published editions of *Construction News*. Go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/property-owners.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 for situations where utility or driveway access restrictions may be experienced.

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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CenterPoint Energy

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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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