

New This Week

Base course paving complete on Hwy 55 Frontage Rd, Yosemite

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 Rd to cul-de-sac)

2013 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ○ OCT 11, 2013

Crews Prep For Sod On Yosemite Circle And Yosemite Ave

City crews completed base course paving and raised manholes and gate valves (see explanation in FAQ sidebar) on Hwy 55 Frontage Rd, Yosemite Ave, and Yosemite Circle.

Crews have started placing topsoil and grading boulevards in preparation for sod on Yosemite Circle and Yosemite Ave. Residents may now reinstall irrigation systems and dog fences. Please remember to mark sprinkler heads and dog fences so crews can see them. Sod installation is scheduled for the week of Oct 14.

After sod has been placed, the contractor is responsible for maintaining new sod for 30 days. After that time, City staff will mark any dead sod that needs to be replaced. All sod that is acceptable after the warranty period ends becomes the homeowners responsibility to maintain.

Xcel Energy has finished installing new streetlights on Yosemite Ave and Yosemite Circle. ○

Sanitary Sewer Repair Reminder

Residents who made repairs to their sanitary sewer as a part of the 2013 PMP need to make sure they have received a Certificate of Compliance.

To receive a Certificate of Compliance, contact Public Works at 763-593-8030 to schedule a final televised inspection. A Certificate will be issued once the final televised inspection is completed. ○

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. ○

FAQs

Q. It's not raining. Why isn't the contractor working?

A. When it rains more than a little, construction has to stop to avoid turning everything to mud. Golden Valley's silty soils tend to hold moisture. If soil is too moist, it turns to ruts and clumps when graded and cannot be properly compacted to build a good street. If grading is started before the surface is somewhat dry, the moisture is pumped deeper into the soil, making more mud. Muddy conditions can also limit accessibility when excavated soil must be hauled to other sites.

Q. What is "base course"?

A. Base course refers to the first layer of blacktop (asphalt, bituminous) paved on a street.

Q. Why is the contractor digging up the new street so soon after paving it?

A. Crews are raising the manhole castings and gate valve boxes. Because the paving machine can't go over things that stick too high above the new street, crews "raise the iron" after the first layer of blacktop is paved and before the wear course (top layer of blacktop) is placed.

Q. Why are streets dug up so often during reconstruction?

A. Digging is necessary to meet the different requirements for each utility. Further, health department regulations specify a minimum distance between the utilities to prevent cross contamination if a leak occurs. When utility work is complete, streets are excavated to remove bad soils and install sand and the pavement section. ○

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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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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