city of golden valley

Construction NEWS

2013 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM • SEPT 27, 2013

New This Week

Curb and gutter completed, concrete driveway aprons to be installed

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)

Curb And Gutter Completed, Driveway Paving And Boulevard Backfilling Set For Next Month

Crews placed gravel and installed curb and gutter on Yosemite Ave, Yosemite Circle and the Hwy 55 Frontage Rd.

Crews will begin installing concrete driveway aprons early next week. Please remember, homeowners will not be able to drive on the new concrete for seven days, but they will be able to park in front of their homes each night. Please park vehicles on one side of the street to allow access for emergency vehicles.

Base course paving is scheduled for the week of Sept 30. When that is completed, crews will begin paving asphalt driveways. After all paving activities have been completed, crews will begin to backfill and grade boulevards. Residents may reinstall irrigation systems as soon grading has been completed. Please remember to mark sprinkler heads so crews can see them.

Schedule Sewer Inspection

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 the Certificate, a final televised inspection must be completed. To schedule the inspection call 763-593-8030.

Q & A: Why Are Streets Dug Up So Often?

Digging is necessary to meet the different requirements for each utility. Furthermore, health department regulations specify a minimum distance between the utilities to prevent cross contamination if a leak occurs. The sanitary sewer must be deep enough to pick up the sewage coming out the pipes under the basement floors, while the water main and services need to be a minimum of 7.5 feet deep to keep them from freezing. Storm sewer, however, is kept as shallow as possible so it does not conflict with other utilities. Finally, when utility work is complete, streets are excavated to remove bad soils and install sand and the pavement section.

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.

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 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.

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.

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