

## New This Week

Crews begin subcut on Circle Down

## 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 ○ JUNE 15, 2012

## Base Paving Complete, Subcut Starts

In the last two weeks, the contractor completed the subcut and paved the base layer of pavement (see article below) on King Hill Rd and King Creek Rd.

On Circle Down, crews completed utility work and started work on the subcut.\* The subcut work is expected to continue into next week. Once the subcut is completed, crews will install curb and gutter.\*

On Harold Ave and Rhode Island Ave, the private utility companies (Centerpoint, CenturyLink, Comcast, Xcel) continued their relocation work, which is anticipated to continue until the City's project begins in July. ○

\* For more information on subcuts, see the article in the May 18, 2012 Construction News. For more information on curb and gutter, see the article in the June 1, 2012 Construction News. Copies also available at [www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/property-owners.php](http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/property-owners.php).

## Deadlines For Driveway Estimates

If you're interested in receiving an estimate to replace your driveway as part of the City's street reconstruction project, call Public Works (763-593-8030).

**For homes on Rhode Island Ave and Harold Ave, the deadline to request an estimate is Monday, July 2. The deadline has passed for all other areas.**

## Why Pave In Two Layers?

Golden Valley's new asphalt roads are paved in two layers called the base course and the wear course. The first layer of asphalt, known as the base course, is 3 inches thick.



It provides a smooth surface while the construction work focuses on smaller scale items such as boulevards, driveways, and raising utility structures to the level of the new street.

Not only is the smooth surface easier to drive on for residents, it also helps with drainage during rainstorms and reduces the amount of dust in the air.

Finally, paving the base course and letting it sit for a while gives the new road time to settle before the final layer of asphalt is applied.

The second layer, known as the wear course, is 1.5 inches thick and is the final component of the new road. Soon after the final layer of asphalt is paved and cooled down, the road is open to traffic.

Your help is needed to keep the new streets looking good. Please do not turn the tires of your vehicle when the vehicle is not in motion, as this can scuff the asphalt. Also, please do not park a vehicle on the street in the same spot for an extended time (days). Leaving the vehicle stationary can cause depressions in the pavement.

## Driveway Maintenance Tips

The following information will help you maintain your new blacktop or concrete driveways:

### New Blacktop Driveways:

- Please be aware for at least six months after construction, parking any vehicle, trailer, motorcycle, bicycle, etc on your driveway, especially when the blacktop temperature is above 60 degrees Fahrenheit, may leave depressions in the pavement.
- Also, avoid making sharp turns because they can scuff the new surface. Though some depressions and scuffing are expected because the new asphalt is tender for several months until it has time to cure, parking in your garage is recommended to keep depressions and scuffing to a minimum.
- Applying sealers normally does not result in any struc-

tural benefit; however, if you choose to use a sealer, it is recommended not to use any products labeled "coal tar." Instead, use asphalt emulsion sealers. Follow the manufacturer's directions for application of these products. Wait a minimum of three years before applying any sealer.

### New Concrete Driveways:

- You should not drive on your driveway for at least one week after it is constructed.
- The contractor sprays the new concrete with curing compound when it is poured. This seals the concrete to keep it moist and help it cure.
- Wait until next spring before sealing your concrete driveway. Several concrete sealant products, including clear acrylic sealers, linseed oil, and penetrating sealers, are available from a variety of retailers.

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pschutrop@goldenvalleymn.gov).**

## TIPS & ANSWERS [www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/pmp/](http://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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