

October 28, 2009

St. John's Park Neighborhood Improvement Area Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents, while the second section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents.

OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES

Streets

Final Blacktop Pavement

On Wednesday October 28, Midwest will install the final layer of blacktop pavement on all 3 phases of the project. There will be no parking signs posted to allow for the paving operation. Please make sure your vehicles are parked either in your driveway or out of the project limits during that day.

Crack Control Joints

Following the installation of the final layer of blacktop pavement (approximately 3 days), Midwest will be installing the crack control joints. Midwest will use large saws to cut these joints into the recently installed final layer of blacktop pavement. Midwest will create dust when using these saws so please be patient. The sawing does not take a long time.

The joints control where cracks form in the new pavement. All blacktop pavement in cold-weather climates crack when they endure freeze-thaw cycles in the weather.

The no parking signs will remain in effect until the sawing is complete. Midwest will ask the police department to have any vehicle, including your contractor's vehicles, violating this temporary parking restriction to be ticketed and towed.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay clear of all construction operations, machines, and stockpiled materials as they travel to and from their school bus stops. School bus operators for Edina Public Schools are aware of the reconstruction schedule. The operators may adjust their school bus routes to avoid reconstruction activities. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 has a list of emergency contacts for the Contractor.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Please call me, Carter Schulze, SEH's Resident Project Representative, with your questions and concerns. My telephone number and email address are 952.912.2610 and cschulze@sehinc.com. If you get my voice mail when you call, please leave a message. I check my voicemail regularly throughout the day, and even on the weekends.

If I do not have an answer for you, I will route your question or concern to the City, contractor, or other SEH staff members. Once I have your answer or information, I will call you back.

You may also contact your City Utility Engineer, Jesse Struve, at 952.903.5713 or jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us.

PHASE UPDATES

Phase 1

Sod and Restoration

Please continue watering the new sod in front of your home. New sod requires 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Phase 2

Sod and Restoration

Please continue watering the new sod in front of your home. New sod requires 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Phase 3

Sod and Restoration

If you live where new sod was recently installed in front of your home, please begin watering it immediately! The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand the hot weather and periods of little or no rain. The contractor will water the sod on an as needed basis using a water truck for a period of 6 weeks. Your efforts, when combined with the contractor's, will help the sod look its best. After 6 weeks, it will be entirely up to you to water the new sod!

Do not mow the new sod until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted or it "roots down" and you are unable to easily lift the sod from the soil. Then set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new sod at this setting for the remainder of the year.

Do not fertilize your new sod until next spring. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod. It was fertilized at the farm where it was grown. The sod will brown for the winter and green again in the spring when it receives moisture from the snowmelt. Because it takes about three years for

new sod to mature, you must continue to water your sod as described in this update for the next several growing seasons! If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Sincerely,

Carter Schulze, PE
SEH Resident Project Representative