

June 25, 2010

Pamela Park Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

Dear 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

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials. These sites, machines, and materials can be dangerous. 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 the contractor's emergency contacts.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

The City of Edina has received a number of requests to meet one-on-one to discuss disturbed boulevard areas. Please call me, Chad Millner, SEH's Resident Project Representative, to schedule a one-on-one meeting or to discuss other concerns or questions

My telephone number and email address are 952.912.2633 and cmillner@sehinc.com. If you get my voicemail 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.

Special Events

Please now contact me if you have any special events planned this summer that may require special access needs to your home during construction activities. Such activities could be graduation parties, garage sales, weddings, medical deliveries, house moves, large home remodeling projects, etc. The contractor will work with you as best they can to accommodate your event into their reconstruction schedule.

PHASE UPDATES

Phase 1

(Streets between W. 58th and W. 60th, not including W. 60th)

Streets and Driveways

On Saturday, June 26, the contractor will finish installing the second layer of blacktop driveway pavement. Driveway access will be available most of the time during this operation. The contractor will coordinate driveway access with each homeowner.

Restoration

On Saturday, June 26, the contractor will continue to place topsoil behind the concrete curb and gutter along Brookview.

During the week of June 28, the contractor will finish placing the new sod. 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.

Phase 2

(Streets between W. 60th and Valley View Rd / W. 62nd)

Install Storm and Sanitary Sewer

During the week of July 6, the contractor anticipates beginning to install the sump pump drain trunk pipe and sump pump drain service stub pipe between the existing edge of the street and the right-of-way (ROW) line.

To do this work, the contractor will be removing the end of your driveways and providing a temporary gravel patch during the week of June 28.

During the sump pump drain trunk pipe installation, you will have overnight access to your driveways. During the day, there may be periods of time during which you cannot access your driveway.

The sump pump drain trunk pipe will be located along both sides of each street just behind the proposed concrete curb and gutter.

We will install the sump pump drain service stub pipe towards the ROW line in front of your house in one of the following two locations:

1. Opposite your sump pump discharge pipe, if you have one the contractor can see.
2. Opposite the edge of your house furthest away from your driveway (because most houses do not have basements under their garage), if they do not see a discharge pipe.

Thanks for your continued patience and please remember schedules are weather dependent.

Sincerely,

Chad Millner, PE
SEH Resident Project Representative