

August 7, 2009

Edina Country Club Area Residents:

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

OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES

Upcoming 50th Street Detour

Water main reconstruction on 50th Street at Arden, Bruce, and Wooddale Avenues will cause 50th Street between Wooddale and Halifax Avenues to close to eastbound traffic the week of August 17.

Eastbound 50th Street traffic will detour onto Wooddale Avenue, east on 54th Street, north on France Avenue, west on 51st Street, and north on Halifax Avenue back to 50th Street. Expect delays.

Additionally, Wooddale Avenue will be closed to all traffic between 50th Street and Country Club Road and will remain closed until mid-September; Wooddale Avenue will be closed to northbound traffic between Wooddale Lane and 50th Street; and there will be limited access to 50th Street from/to Arden and Bruce Avenues, both north and south of 50th Street . .

All streets will reopen to traffic August 24, with the exception of Wooddale Avenue between 50th Street and Country Club Road.

As always, this schedule is weather dependent.

Drivers will be notified of the street closure using advance warning signs deployed along 50th Street, press release, City Extra email and the City's website beginning the week of August 10.

Parking Restrictions

Please remember that on-street parking is not permitted on any street in Stages 8 -10 between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, parking is not allowed anytime on the north side of Bridge Street between Browndale and Arden Avenues. Please pass this on to your guests and contractors; especially inform your contractor that deliveries are not allowed during these hours.

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 Palda.

Palda's Bi-Weekly Progress Map

The map for the period August 3 - August 16 remains available for your review at the following link:

<http://www.sehinc.com/online/edina/index.htm>

STAGE UPDATES

Stage 6B & 7

Sod Care

Please continue watering the new sod in front of your home. New sod requires at least 2 inches of water per week done in three or four applications. Palda's responsibility for watering your new sod will end on Wednesday, August 12. It will then be entirely your responsibility to keep your sod watered!

Stage 8

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work except as modified below.

Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

If you live along Casco or Drexel Avenue and Palda damaged your irrigation, pet containment, or driveway heating system(s) please recall that the City will cover the cost of its repair one time only. Your contractor must complete your repair(s), if any, during the week of August 10. Keep in mind that your contractor must not slow down Palda's progress. Before your contractor begins working, you will need to obtain a City purchase order number from me. Please now contact me at 952.912.2633. Your contractor must submit the invoice that includes the City purchase order number for the work done to the City of Edina, Engineering Department. City staff will review the invoice to verify the work was for repair(s) associated with Palda's activities. If the outcome of their review is satisfactory, the City will pay your contractor directly.

If you live along Wooddale Avenue and Country Club Road 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 in 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. 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.

Stage 9

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work except as modified below.

Storm Sewer

During the week of August 10, Palda will install storm sewer pipe along Arden from Bridge Street to approximately 4614 Arden Avenue. You will have overnight access to your driveway during this installation.

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During the week of August 10, Palda will begin installing the concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons along Bruce Avenue. While this occurs, you will not be able to use your driveway for approximately three consecutive days while the concrete driveway aprons harden. Palda will coordinate the concrete pour with you using a doorknob hanger.

During this period when you cannot access your driveway, you can park in front of your house after working hours, along the west side of Bruce Avenue. As soon as the concrete hardens, Palda will notify you that you can access your driveway. A temporary gravel ramp will be constructed to allow access to your driveway until the rest of the Bruce Avenue pavement is installed in late August.

We understand that this is an inconvenience. Please now contact me if you live along Bruce Avenue and need assistance traveling from your home to your parked vehicle, or if you have special needs that demand you have continuous access to your driveway. Such needs might be delivery of heavy oxygen bottles for a medical condition. Palda will accommodate such special needs.

Along Arden Avenue, Palda will continue to remove the existing street pavement and curb and gutter and install the new layer of gravel that will exist under the new curb and gutter and blacktop pavement.

Stage 10

Temporary Water Main

During the week of August 10, Palda will finish connecting homes along Country Club Road to the temporary trunk water main pipe lying in the boulevard using a temporary water service pipe that will lay across the front lawns.

As part of this work, Palda may need to enter homes along Country Club Road to operate the water shut off valve in the basement. Palda will coordinate this work with affected homeowners using a doorknob hanger on a case-by-case basis.

The temporary pipe will supply water to the home by back feeding water into the home at the outside hose bib. It is the same water being used today. While the home is connected to the temporary pipe, the water softener probably will not work.

Do not shut off the hose bib; if it is turned off, the water is shut-off to the home. If necessary, please remind your lawn service not to shut-off this hose bib either.

While being provided water from the temporary water main, the tap water may be warmer than usual. This is normal. It is caused by the fact that water will travel to the home above ground rather than below. Water main reconstruction may cause rust colored water to come out of faucets. This too is normal. The faucets can be flushed to remove the reddish color. Flush the faucets by running all of them at the same time for several minutes. The aerator of each faucet head may need to be cleaned off after the flushing operation.

When you cut your grass, please be careful with lawn mowers near the temporary water service pipe. It is possible to cut open the temporary water service pipe with a lawn mower blade. If applicable, please pass this warning along to your lawn service.

Sincerely,

Chad Millner , PE

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