

2020 Street Improvement Project Montgomery, Minnesota

Project Update



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This letter is being sent to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

A start date for street construction has tentatively been set for the week of June 15, 2020. The anticipated schedule as presented by the contractor is described below:

June 15 thru July 3:

The contractor plans to work on curb removals in the select locations, as well as the installation of drain tile, yard drains, new concrete curb repairs, backfill behind the curb repairs and seeding.

If you are at a location that requires some grading and seeding, **Please review and hang on to the attached information sheet titled: "Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area"**. Following these guidelines will help in the establishment of your lawn.

Also, note that concrete that has just been poured needs time to cure. Even though it may look passable, even walking on it may damage the surface. Once the concrete has been poured, a curing compound is placed on the surface to help cure it evenly. This white compound may look like the concrete is dry, but again it is still wet. It takes 7 to 10 days for the concrete to be able to walk on and not do any harm. **Please refrain from walking on it or driving bikes on it because it will damage the concrete. NOTE:** If the curb or apron at the end of your driveway is planned for replacement, you will be asked to park in the street until the concrete has fully cured.

July 4 thru July 18:

Generally No work planned during this period until the contractor is scheduled to prepare for paving. We'll plan to update you at this time of the remaining work. But generally speaking:

Week of July 20th:

The contractor plans to begin working on select pavement repairs, as well as milling, reclaiming areas to prepare for paving around the end of July/ first of August.

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

We would like to again remind everyone that anything within the public right-of-way (typically 33 feet from road centerline) could be in jeopardy of being damaged and/or removed, especially if there is curb, drain tile or yard drain work planned at that location. This includes landscaping, irrigation or pet containment systems, etc. Those systems are considered "private" facilities. Locating them and marking them in and near the right-of-way is the property owner's responsibility. It would be helpful for those of you who have irrigation or pet containment systems to contact me so that we are made aware of them. **Any damage to those systems as a result of failing to locate and mark them will be the property owner's responsibility.**

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If you are interested in “saving a stamp” and receiving future Project Updates more promptly via e-mail, please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, either now or as the project progresses, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

Please help us restore your new lawn!

Late-June/Early-July is not a great time for seeding, but leaving any disturbed areas sit until fall is not really an option either. We have had success at these times with property owner assistance and doing follow up over-seeding and weed control in the Fall. Once the turf area has been seeded, care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. We ask for your assistance to help ensure that the seed area receives adequate water and proper maintenance. **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the germination and establishment period.**

WATERING

Grass seed needs moisture to germinate. After germination, the new grass seedlings are very tender and will die if they dry out. It is very important to water any seeded area until the grass is well established. Lightly water the grass seed during germination to avoid washing away the seed. Once the seed has sprouted, it needs about one inch of water per week. This should be applied in three or four “gentle” applications.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Once the turf begins to thicken and is being mowed, watering can continue at about one inch per week. Be sure to water deeply and infrequently. Frequent light watering causes the grass to grow shallow roots and sets your lawn up for trouble in hot weather. Avoid watering between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the hottest part of the day. It is best to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; there's less wind, less hot sun, and your lawn has a full day to dry. Watering at night invites mildew and fungus, but if you can't water in the morning and must water in the evening, aim for around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

During dry periods you must remember to give the young lawn a little extra water than you would your established lawn and let it grow a little longer before mowing. Fertilize as described below if the grass begins to yellow.

MOWING

Your newly seeded area should NOT be mowed until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. It may take longer than 30 days for these conditions to occur. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year.

Your new lawn will die if you cut it too short or during hot weather.

FERTILIZING

Fertilizer may be needed if the grass begins to yellow. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is required on mature lawns. We recommend a slow-release fertilizer such as 10-0-10 or 22-0-10. Phosphorous type fertilizers such as 10-10-10 may be used on new lawns but should be avoided if the area drains to the storm sewer, ponds, lakes or wetlands.

WEEDS

Weeds happen. Weeds pop among newly planted grass. That's because dormant weed seeds are always present in the soil, and they're waiting to sprout when they get a chance. **Mowing when the grass is ready helps control weeds.** A good rule of thumb is to wait until you've mowed your new grass at least four times before you treat the weeds with a weed-control product. As always, remember to read the product label for specific information related to the weed-control product you are using.

If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, please call Dominic Metzger, Resident Project Representative, at 507.514.7312.

Your efforts should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn. We appreciate your assistance.