

2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project Montgomery, Minnesota

Project Update



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

If you have neighbors not receiving updates, please remind them:

E-mail name, property address, and email address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com **AND / OR**

Receive Notices by Text Message and links to updates posted on the City's project webpage by texting **MONTY2021** to the number **833.709.1208**.

Work this week of September 13th:

Phase 2A & 2B (West Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to intersection of Hickory Avenue and 2nd Street): Crew finished hydro-seeding. **Please see the information sheet "Caring for your seeded area".**

Phase 3A (Hillcrest Drive and Inner Drive from West Circle Drive to Hillcrest Drive): The utility crew finished the storm sewer. Street crew began subcutting the street, placing fabric, drain tile, and placing sand on east block of Inner Drive between Hillcrest Drive and East Circle Drive

Phase 3B (East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive): Temporary water lines (blue plastic pipes) were charged, disinfected, tested, and connected to the homes. Finished removals and began utility work on North end East Circle Drive

Week of September 20th:

Phase 3A (Hillcrest Drive and Inner Drive from West Circle Drive to Hillcrest Drive): Contractor anticipates finishing subcutting the street, placing fabric, drain tile, sand, and gravel for all of Phase 3A to be ready for curb placement. (Tentatively scheduled for late in the week.)

Phase 3B (East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive): Utility crew continuing utility mainline work up on the north end of East Circle Drive.

Week of September 27th:

Phase 3A (Inner Drive from Hillcrest Drive to East Circle Drive): Grading crew anticipates finishing gravel placement and topsoil behind curb and gutter.

Phase 3B (East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive): Utility crew anticipates finishing underground utility work (sewer, water main, services, and storm sewer) then advancing into the southern part of East Circle Drive with utility work (Phase 4).

Substantially Completed Phases:

Phase 1: Substantially Complete / waiting on final turf acceptance*

Phase 2A: Paving complete, waiting on final turf acceptance

Phase 2B: Paving complete, waiting on final turf acceptance

Active Phases:

Phase 3A: Hillcrest Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive and Inner Drive from West Circle Drive to Hillcrest Drive – Curb and topsoil and seeding work remaining

Inner Drive from Hillcrest Drive to East Circle Drive – roadwork nearly completed, curb and seeding work to follow.

Phase 3B: East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive – Finished removals. Utility work in progress.

The Next Phases on the current phasing plan are:

Phase 3C: Rogers Drive overlay to be paved with areas 3A and 3B

Phase 4: East Circle Drive from Inner Drive to Hickory Avenue – Utility Work tentative to begin week of September 27th.

Phase 5: Hickory Avenue from East Circle Drive to 5th Street

*** Phase I Turf acceptance:** Turf acceptance is still pending. There will be a follow up review and some additional overseeding work done in some areas in Phase 1 later this month. If there are weeds that have popped up, it will help to mow the grass and weeds high. Note: the thick bladed grass is an annual rye used to assist in establishing the perennial grass seed. Please refer to the information “Caring for your seeded area”.

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

The limited access in this neighborhood continues to make things challenging for everyone; the residents as well as the contractor, suppliers, delivery drivers, garbage haulers, etc. Rain and wet conditions also add to those challenges. Every storm drain installed and street graveled and then paved gets us all a little closer and will make the access and weather conditions easier to manage. **We appreciate everyone's patience!**

If you have any questions or concerns, 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 establish your new lawn!

During a dry summer 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. The Contractor will be watering the seeded areas during the establishment period, but your assistance and during this period will only help ensure an established lawn sooner. 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 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 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 new seed 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, or wetlands.

WEEDS

It happens. 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, also 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 Doug Maeder, Resident Project Representative, at 320.552.0938.

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