

2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project Montgomery, Minnesota

Project Update



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This is the first update for this season and is being provided to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

The contractor proposes to remobilize and resume work for the season beginning Friday, April 22nd with reclaiming the Hickory Street surface on Friday and beginning utility work on Monday.

The work remaining this season consists of:

- Utility work and street reconstruction on the last 1 1/2 blocks of Hickory Avenue between East Circle Drive and 4th Street.
- The mill and overlay on Rogers Drive and the east block of Hickory Avenue between 4th Street and 5th Street.
- Final wear course paving on all of the streets.
- Final warranty review of last years' work done to address anything that needs to be done before project closeout.

NOTE: The areas that were substantially completed last fall still are still waiting on final turf establishment and final wear paving:

Comment on Turf Establishment: None of the turf areas from 2021 have been fully accepted. Also note that all the areas that were substantially completed last fall were dormant seeded. Please be patient as seed germination will not occur until soil temperatures have warmed up. Once germination occurs, please avoid tracking or walking in the seeded area. While the contractor will be monitoring germination and growth and will be doing some over-seeding, you are certainly welcome to supplement the seeded areas with your own grass seed. **Any assistance you can provide will only help ensure an established lawn sooner.** Please refer to the information sheet "Caring for your newly seeded area", distributed last fall and available with the online update on the City's project webpage.

Friday April 22nd:

The Contractor plans to mobilize and begin with reclaiming (pulverizing) pavement on Hickory Avenue, between East Circle Dr. and Rogers Dr.

Work planned Week of April 26th:

Contractor will begin removals of reclaimed aggregate and curb and drives on Hickory Avenue. After removals are complete, the Contractor will immediately begin work constructing the underground utilities on Hickory Avenue; (storm sewer and watermain and a small amount of sanitary sewer).

Work planned Week of May 2nd:

The contractor will be continuing with utility construction in Hickory Avenue.

For those on Hickory Avenue: As a reminder, please note that anything within the public right-of-way (typically 30 feet from road centerline) could be in jeopardy of being damaged and/or removed. 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-

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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 because of failure to locate and mark them will be the property owner's responsibility.**

Note: this may be the only update mailed out this season. To stay informed, please sign up for updates via e-mail or text messages:

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**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Project Manager Doug Scott.

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(Early Spring Notice)

Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

Please help us establish your new lawn!

Spring is the best time for establishing newly seed lawns. Many of the areas were dormant seeded last fall. Care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. Once the seed has germinated and begins to fill in 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 warmer soils and 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 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.