

2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project Montgomery, Minnesota

Project Update



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

The work still remaining this season:

- 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 year's 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. By now the seed placed last fall should have germinated. The latest review of the last areas to be seeded is not quite what we would have expected. Growth is thin. The contractor and subcontractor are scheduled to review and determine a strategy for these areas. The strategy may include some weed control in some areas, as well as overseeding or reseeding if necessary. While the contractor is responsible for turf establishment, you are certainly welcome to supplement the seeded or thin areas with your own grass seed and water. **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.

Work this Week of June 13th:

Base paving and final grading boulevards, sidewalk, and trail areas. Crew began seeding the newly graded areas and has fertilized and will overseed areas by the end of the day. ***Note:** Final wear paving on all streets and the mill and overlay on Rogers Drive are scheduled to be completed in August after the recent roadway and utility work has had time to sit for a few months.

Contractor has substantially complete all Phases of work this week with the exception of punch list items, final turf establishment acceptance, and final wear paving left to be done.

This is the last weekly Project Update you will receive until just before the final wear paving. Communication on the status of major work items on the project will continue to all project stakeholders, but no weekly newsletters will be sent. If you have any outstanding issues or concerns that have not been addressed or taken care of to your liking, please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can relay the information to the contractor.

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

Final wear paving and overlay of Rogers Drive is scheduled for early-August, allowing the most recent underground work to sit for a few months and allow all areas to be paved at one time. Stay tuned for when the work will be scheduled.

Note: 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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(June Notice)

Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

Please help us establish your new lawn!

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 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, 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.