



City of Edina

Construction Update No. 6

St. John's Park Neighborhood Improvement Project

City of Edina Contract No. ENG 09-11

April 22, 2010

OVERALL UPDATES

Substantial completion of your neighborhood project was completed last fall. During the first winter season that the new pavement, concrete driveway aprons, concrete curb and gutter, etc. are in place, some minor distresses are expected to occur. A few project area residents have already notified us of some distressed areas. We encourage anyone who has **not** notified us, but knows of other distressed areas to let us know now so that we can add them to our list of repairs.

During the week of April 19, we will be starting our own inspection of the project area in order to give the contractor a final list of repairs to be completed before the project reaches final completion. We anticipate this work to take one to two months.

Below are the contacts for any questions or concerns you might have as the project comes to an end. Thank you for your patience during this process.

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 the Contractor.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Please call me, Carter Schulze, SEH's Resident Project Representative, with your questions and concerns. My telephone number and email address are 952.912.2610 and cschulze@sehinc.com. If you get my voice mail when you call, please leave a message. I check my voice mail regularly throughout the day, and even on the weekends.

If I do not have an answer for you, I will route your question or concern to the City, Midwest Asphalt (Contractor), or other SEH staff members. Once I have your answer or information, I will contact you at my earliest convenience.

You may also contact your City Utility Engineer, Jesse Struve, at 952.903.5713 or jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us.

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Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction operations and construction machinery. These operations and machines can be dangerous. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Sod Care

The sod placed in front of your homes last fall is still relatively new and **needs** your attention so its roots can grow deep and become mature established turf. Now that the frost has thawed from the ground, you should 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. More frequent, lighter waterings are not desirable, as they encourage shallow roots instead of deep roots.

Due to the short watering period for Phase 3 last fall, the contractor will be watering for an additional 2 weeks in that phase as needed. No other contractor watering will occur this spring. In Phases 1 and 2 and in Phase 3, after the contractor has stopped watering, it will be **entirely up to you** to water the new sod! **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 the type of person who enjoys lawn maintenance and typically fertilizes your own yard in the spring and fall, keep in mind, your sod was fertilized when the contractor placed it last fall, but the contractor will **not** fertilize again this spring. If you choose to fertilize this spring, please follow the manufacturer's instructions and application rates of the fertilizer you chose to purchase.

Some of the residents last fall cut their sod too early and shorter than recommended by our sod care instructions. We would again encourage you to adhere to the following recommendations. **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 lift the sod easily from the soil. Then set the mower deck at the **highest setting** and cut the new sod at this setting for the remainder of the year.

If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Sincerely



Carter Schulze, PE
SEH Resident Project Representative