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Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

Dear Resident:

Turf establishment for the project was completed in stages last year, with the most recent seeding taking place just a week ago. Turf establishment is in varying degrees of development depending on when the seeding took place, weather and other conditional factors. Most of the area is in good to great shape, and with the recent rains and continual mowing, they will be blending into the existing lawn very soon.

- Areas that have limited blue grass establishment are looking better within the last week. The blue grass is noticeable in these areas by the darker, finer texture. Blue grass is very aggressive and will spread rapidly once we get warmer days and nights. The contractor will be using a liquid fertilizer with additional grass seed on these areas to help the blue grass along. *If you haven't mowed the seeded areas that has grass 6" or taller, please do so!* This will promote blue grass growth and discourage the perennial rye grass.
- Areas that were seeded late last year, the contractor will hand broadcast additional seed to help fill in some bare areas. These areas will also be watered with a small dose of weed killer. The weed killer could not be added late last year due to the freezing temperatures.
- Areas that were just seeded need warmer days and nights for all the seed to germinate. Blue grass is the slowest, or last, to germinate.
- Other areas that have been damaged over the winter, or due to some irrigation repairs, will also be re-seeded and topsoil added if needed.

Seeding Facts:

- The contractor has used the same seed mix, as specified, for the entire project, with additional seed mix added to the hydro-mulch for extra measure.
- The perennial rye grass is the first to germinate and is a lighter green color and rougher texture than the blue grass.
- The perennial rye is used as a cover crop to give shade protection to the more delicate emerging blue grass.
- As blue grass becomes more established, and mowing becomes more frequent, it will out compete the perennial rye and the perennial rye will all but disappear.

Communications

Please contact me at 612-255-4030 or mhorn@sehinc.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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