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## **Birchcrest B Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction**

April 24, 2014

Dear Resident:

The City Council awarded your neighborhood roadway reconstruction project to Palda & Sons, Inc., as recommended by staff. This means the concrete streets on Clover Ridge, Tingdale Avenue and West 60<sup>th</sup> Street will be removed and replaced with bituminous. We expect construction to begin mid to end of May and be completed by Oct. 15. You will be notified of the exact start date.

Beginning the week of May 5, depending on weather, CenterPoint Energy plans to begin upgrading gas main and gas service lines at various locations throughout the neighborhood. These upgrades are not directly associated with the neighborhood reconstruction project. CenterPoint will have its own project superintendent on site coordinating these upgrades.

Initial reconstruction activities include installing sump drains, replacing fire hydrants, rehabilitating the sanitary sewer, upgrading the storm sewers, and eventually reclaiming the existing bituminous pavement. During fire hydrant replacements, water service will be temporarily unavailable in parts of the neighborhood. Crews will notify you at least a day in advance with a paper flyer on your front door detailing when the shutdowns will occur. Please monitor your front door daily for these notices. This is how the contractor will communicate with you if they do not see you in person.

The streetlight that was requested for the corner of Birchcrest Drive was not approved by City Council. Xcel Energy also denied the request because of the proximity to two existing streetlights.

If you've decided to upgrade your sewer and water services to your home, this work must be completed within the right-of-way no later than May 19. Around this time, crews will begin grading the streets, and it will be a lot harder to properly repair holes that are dug for private sewer and water upgrades. Please share this information with your contractor.

Some residents have voiced concerns about construction operations causing damage to their properties. This is not typical; however, if you have concerns, you can hire a firm to do a pre-construction survey of your property. The survey would document existing conditions prior to construction in the event a claim was filed. A survey typically costs about \$500 and would be at your cost. Jeff Carlson with Project Works, 763-753-4129, and Jay Houser with Loss Protection Associates, 651-688-0151, does this type of work.

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Please contact us if you have special events planned that may require special access to your home during reconstruction. Such events could be graduation parties, garage sales, weddings, medical deliveries, home remodeling projects, etc. The contractor will work with you as best they can to accommodate your event.

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials as they can be dangerous. Job site safety is a top concern for everyone.

We do not anticipate school bus stop locations being affected by construction. If reconstruction does temporarily affect the location, you will be notified.

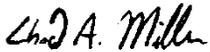
During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. You may also call the Edina Police's non-emergency line at 952-826-1600 for assistance. Dispatchers have a contact list for the project.

Remember, the best way to keep up with project information is "City Extra" emails. If you haven't done so already, visit the City of Edina's website at [www.EdinaMN.gov](http://www.EdinaMN.gov) and sign up for these free notifications.

Jeff Frahm will be the City representative for the project, managing day-to-day construction operations. He can be reached at 952-826-0448 or [jfrahm@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:jfrahm@EdinaMN.gov). If you have any other questions, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or [cmillner@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:cmillner@EdinaMN.gov). Thank you!

The City of Edina and Palda & Sons, Inc. thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout the project!

Sincerely,



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