



June 5, 2015

Countryside H Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

Dear Resident:

Private Utility Reconstruction Schedule:

- CenterPoint Energy:
 - CenterPoint Energy's subcontractor has finished gas line work in the neighborhood. Restoration efforts in areas that are not affected by the City's reconstruction project will be completed soon. Restoration of the remaining disturbed lawn areas within the right-of-way will be completed later this year as part of the neighborhood reconstruction project.
- Xcel Energy:
 - Xcel Energy's subcontractor, Q3, has mobilized onto the project this week. They are installing new wiring to street light locations. Street lights on phase I are planned to be replaced in the same approximate locations.
- Phone/Cable/Internet private utilities:
 - We are aware of issues with both Comcast and CenturyLink private utility services. We have informed their engineers of all conflicts we have encountered with their service lines. However, they, as private utilities, respond much more promptly to their customers' complaints. If you are having any service issues, I recommend you contact your service provider.

Project Schedule:

Phase I includes Olinger Circle, Sun Road and Amy Drive. Phase 2 includes Arbour, Benton and Stuart avenues and Grove Street east of Arbour Avenue. Phase 3 includes Merold Drive, Wycliffe Road and Grove Street west of Arbour Avenue.

Phase I's schedule has been setback slightly this week due to the weather. Concrete work was anticipated to be completed this week, but because of the heavy rains we received, the work remaining on Sun Road is being pushed back to Monday and Tuesday next week. Another notice will be left on your front door if you are affected by the work that will occur the beginning of next week.

Nearly all the curbs should be in place by now and crews will return for sidewalk and concrete driveway apron replacements. If you do not have access to your driveway, you are more than welcome to park along the side of the street over the weekend and we will get you into your driveway as soon as the concrete has cured.

Crews completed the grading work for the sidewalk along Sun Road. The sidewalk will be installed with the concrete work early next week. The sidewalk will be 5 feet wide and will have a 5 foot boulevard between it and the curb. Additional grading was done in some yards to ensure a safe slope. Yards, along with irrigation systems and pet fences, will be repaired during the restoration phase of the stage which will take place as the project nears completion in a few weeks.

After this work is complete, the concrete will be given time to cure. During this time, crews will focus on maintenance of the job site. Once the crews can reopen driveway access to all residents around Thursday next week, they will begin the fine grading process on the streets in preparation for paving.

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The contractor expects to begin paving the roadway on phase I early in the week of June 15. A better update will be given on an anticipated paving day in next week's City Extra.

Residents trying to access their driveways may be required to enter the street from the opposite side that you normally would, at times. We appreciate the understanding and cautious driving.

Phase 2 has begun and the entire roadway has been reclaimed. This is the process of grinding the pavement to produce a gravel product that will be used as a recycled gravel base in the new road. Crews followed the grinding machine to better shape the road and compact the gravel in place.

Utility work is expected to begin next week on Phase 2, including the replacement of water valves and hydrants as well as work on the storm sewer systems. The contractor may also decide to move forward and begin work on the sidewalks directly adjacent to Countryside Elementary School.

Phase 3 is still expected to start near the end of June or in early July.

Remember to routinely check your front door for time sensitive notices. All schedules are weather-dependent and are subject to change.

Communications:

As those of you who attended the neighborhood kick-off meeting may remember, I am a consultant for the City of Edina from Bolton & Menk, and am aiding in the City's transition of Engineering Technician personnel. A new Engineering Technician will be starting on Monday. We will overlap responsibilities on this project as I get them up to speed. Eventually, the new Engineering Technician will be taking over the day to day responsibilities of managing the project. More information will be provided when this turnover takes place.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this project. You can reach me at 952-826-0444 or bfisher@EdinaMN.gov. For more information about emergencies, non-emergencies and site safety, or what to do when you have special events or home improvement projects planned, visit www.EdinaMN.gov/countryside_h.

Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for City Extra, as this will be our primary means of communication throughout the project. Visit www.EdinaMN.gov/CityExtra for more information.

The City of Edina and Northwest Asphalt thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout the project.

Regards,

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