

August 26, 2011

Minnehaha Woods Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

Dear Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections:

- **Overall Updates** contains important information pertaining to all residents.
- **Stage Updates** contains specific information pertaining to particular residents.

Overall Updates

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Carter Schulze, 612.598.4254 or cschulze@sehinc.com

56th Street Bridge Closure

Palda has closed the bridge for repairs. Please use alternate routes. The anticipated schedule for the bridge to open to vehicle traffic is the week of September 5.

Safety

Please remind children to stay away from the construction sites. Safety is our number one concern.

Special Events or Access Needs

Please call me if you have special events or access needs. Palda will work with you as much as possible to accommodate your needs.

Temporary Street Closures

Palda will begin short-term closures of particular segments of Stage 2 streets to complete their utility work. The best way to receive updates in real time about these short-term closures is to follow us on Twitter@EdinaMinnWoods.

Palda will ensure you have access to your driveway; however, these short-term closures will affect the typical route you take to get to/from your home. We appreciate your patience during construction.

Stage 1 Updates

Palda's Reconstruction Schedule

Sod and Restoration

During the week of August 29, Palda will continue backfilling the area behind the concrete curb and gutter with topsoil in anticipation of the placement of new sod. In conjunction with topsoil placement, Palda will fix any irrigation systems and pet containment fence that were damaged as part of the project. If your irrigation system is damaged, please contact me so it can be repaired.

Once Palda has installed new sod in front of your home you will receive a door hanger which will include sod care instructions for you to follow. Please look for this door hanger.

Stage 2 Updates

Palda's Reconstruction Schedule

Temporary Water Main

Please be careful when cutting your grass near the temporary water service pipe.

It is possible to cut the pipe with a lawn mower blade and cause a leak. We have had several instances where this has occurred. Also, do not shut off the hose bib that connects the temporary water service pipe to the house (the water will be shut-off to the house). If applicable, please pass these warnings along to your lawn service company.

You may notice your tap water is warmer than usual. This is normal and happens because the water pipe is above ground rather than below. Additionally, water main reconstruction may cause rust colored water. This too is normal. Flush your faucets by running all of them at the same time for several minutes and this will remove the rust color. You may need to clean off the aerator in each of your faucet heads after flushing.

Because water is flowing backwards through the pipes in your home while it is connected to the temporary trunk water main pipe, your water softener will probably not work. If it is not working, it will return to normal operation when your home is removed from the temporary system and put back on the reconstructed trunk water main pipe.

Open Cut Water and Sanitary Services & Wyes

Beginning August 26 and 27 and continuing the week of August 29 along Kellogg Place, Oaklawn Avenue and Kellogg Avenue, Palda will connect your sanitary sewer service pipe that you reconstructed using your own contractor to the reconstructed trunk sanitary sewer pipe. If you chose not to reconstruct your own sanitary sewer service pipe using your own contractor, Palda will now reconstruct your sanitary sewer service pipe between the trunk sanitary sewer pipe and the right-of-way line.

Because your sanitary sewer service pipe and the City's water service pipe are near each other, Palda will reconstruct the City's water service pipe between the reconstructed trunk water main pipe and curb stop box while they have the trench open to work on your sanitary sewer service pipe. During this work, Palda will replace the City's existing curb stop box with a new one.

All dates listed are approximate and is subject to delays caused by inclement weather.

Sincerely,

Carter Schulze, RPR
SEH Resident Project Representative