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## **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](mailto:cschulze@sehinc.com)

#### Overall Project Schedule Update

In Stage 2 the deadline to repair private sanitary sewer service pipes has passed. This deadline was necessary to provide Palda a firm date to begin Stage 2 reconstruction work.

Due to the amount of rain that fell on the project area during June, Palda is a few weeks behind schedule and is working weekends to catch up. Palda has asked to begin Stage 2 but the City denied the request in order to limit how much of the neighborhood is under reconstruction at the same time. The City directed Palda to delay starting Stage 2 until they've completed more of their Stage 1 work. Stay tuned for a future announcement about when Palda will begin their reconstruction work in Stage 2.

#### 56<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Closure

Palda has closed the bridge for repairs. Please use alternate routes. The anticipated schedule for the bridge repairs is July 11 through August 19 (6 weeks).

#### Temporary Street Closures

Palda will continue their short-term closures of particular segments of Stage 1 streets to complete their 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 continued patience with these closures during construction.

### **Stage 1 Updates**

#### Irrigation Systems

During the week of July 18, Palda may remove portions of your irrigation system. If you are impacted by this work Palda will notify you of the actual day of the work using a door hanger. Removed irrigation equipment will be marked with your address, and stored (approximately 4 weeks) until it can be reinstalled behind the new curb and gutter just before sod installation. Your irrigation system will be capped so you can continue to operate the parts of your irrigation system that remain in place.

### Palda's Reconstruction Schedule

#### *Temporary Water Main*

During the week of July 18 Palda will continue to remove the temporary trunk water main and service pipes from boulevards and front yards along Brookview Avenue. Palda will visit each home on Brookview Avenue to connect the reconstructed trunk water main and service pipes. You will be contacted by them shortly to arrange the visit.

If your water softener has not been working while your home has been connected to the temporary trunk water main and service pipes, it will return to normal operation when your home is connected to the reconstructed trunk water main and service pipes.

**If you are still connected to the temporary water service system, 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.

#### *Storm Sewer*

During the week of July 18, Palda will install storm sewer structures and pipe along Brookview Avenue from 56<sup>th</sup> Street to 55<sup>th</sup> Street and along 55<sup>th</sup> Street from Brookview Avenue to Oaklawn Avenue.

#### *Sump Pump Drain Trunk and Service Pipe Installation*

During the week of July 18, Palda will continue installing the sump pump drain trunk and service pipes in front of homes along Brookview Avenue. They will install the service pipe towards the right-of-way (ROW) line in front of each home.

If you live along Brookview Avenue and have a particular location where you want Palda to install the service pipe, please now contact me to discuss that location. If I do not hear from you, Palda will automatically install the service pipe to the ROW line towards one of the following two locations:

1. If you have a sump pump discharge hose that Palda can see from the street, they will install the service pipe towards the end of that hose.
2. If Palda does not see a sump pump discharge hose, they will install the service pipe towards the side of your house furthest from your driveway. They do this because most homes do not have basements under their garage.

### *Open Cut Water and Sanitary Services & Wyes*

During the week of July 18 along Brookview Avenue, Palda will connect the sanitary sewer service pipe that property owners reconstructed (using their own contractor) to the reconstructed trunk sanitary sewer pipe. If you did not reconstruct your 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 ROW line.

Because the 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 the sanitary sewer service pipe. During this work, Palda will replace the City's existing curb stop box with a new one.

### *Excavation, Grading and Aggregate Base Placement*

During the week of July 18 along Park Place and Dever Drive, Palda will begin removing materials unsuitable for roadway construction and then begin placing the reclaimed gravel and new gravel that will exist under the new curb and gutter and blacktop pavement. To do this work, the contractor will move the reclaimed gravel from one side of the street to the other and back again to expose the street's foundation soils. You will have overnight access to your driveways. During the day, there may be short periods of time during which you cannot access your driveway.

## **Stage 2 Updates**

### Private Utility Reconstruction Schedule

#### *Private Sanitary Sewer Service Pipe Reconstruction*

The deadline to obtain a permit from the City has passed. Do not begin any new work. The deadline to receive a passing visual inspection by the City's Building Department, is **TODAY**. If you have hired a contractor to repair your sanitary sewer service pipe, please make sure they coordinate completion of inspections with the City's Building Department.

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

Sincerely,

Carter Schulze, RPR  
SEH Resident Project Representative