

June 3, 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**

#### 56<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Minnehaha Creek

Palda and Sons, Inc. (Palda), will close 56<sup>th</sup> Street at the bridge over Minnehaha Creek starting June 6 for about 8 weeks. The closure is necessary to reconstruct the bridge. Please use alternate routes.

#### Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Carter Schulze, 612.598.4254 or cschulze@sehinc.com

#### Safety

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

#### Communications

To receive construction updates in real time such as temporary water service interruptions, temporary street closures, etc., follow us on Twitter@EdinaMinnWoods.

This continues to be a useful tool for finding out about the latest road closures caused by construction. We encourage you to use it.

### **Stage 1 Updates**

#### Temporary Street Closures

As construction progresses, there will be temporary closures of segments of streets in order for Palda to complete their work. Palda will ensure you have access to your driveway; however, these temporary closures will affect the typical route you take to get to/from your home. We appreciate your patience during construction.

#### Palda's Reconstruction Schedule

##### *Temporary Water Main*

During the week of June 6, Palda will complete installing the pipe across front lawns on Brookview Avneue near the edge of the street along both sides of the street. They will

also finish connecting homes to the temporary trunk water pipe (pipe) along both Brookview Avenue and Park Place using a temporary water service pipe.

The temporary water service pipe will supply water to the house by back feeding water to a hose bib on the outside of your home bib. It is the same water that you are using today. The temporary water service pipe is similar to a garden hose and will lie on your front lawn between your home and the temporary trunk water main pipe near the edge of the street. On the day your home is connected to the pipe, you will not have water service for approximately 1-3 hours. Palda may need to enter your house that day to operate your water shut off valve in your basement. You will be notified using a doorknob hanger to schedule this work on a case-by-case basis.

Please be careful when cutting grass near the temporary water service pipe. It is possible to cut the pipe with a lawn mower blade and cause a leak. 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. Also, your water softener will probably not work.

#### *Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Sanitary Sewer Trunk Pipe Reconstruction*

During the week of June 6, Palda will resume this work on Woodcrest Drive, Park Place and Brookview Avenue. If you live on these streets where lining will occur, you will be without sewer service for up to 12 hours. We prefer that you do not use the shower, wash clothes, do dishes and limit flushing your toilet. You will be notified using a doorknob hanger of the exact date and time.

When you are notified, please pour 1 gallon of water down every drain in your home to fill your plumbing traps with water. This will prevent odors associated with CIPP work from entering your home through your private sewer service pipe. You will notice a cloud of steam from the work area and you may smell an odor similar to that in a hair salon or auto body shop. This is normal.

#### *Street and Driveway Removals*

During the week of June 6, Palda will continue to remove existing concrete curb. Palda will pile the removed curb in localized areas. You will be able to drive around the piles. Periodically, Palda will load the piles into dump trucks to be hauled off site. The loading work requires temporary closure of the entire roadway and typically takes less than 5 minutes. Please be patient if you are delayed by this hauling operation.

#### *Water Main Reconstruction – Open Cut*

Palda will install new fire hydrants by digging a hole following the pipe bursting work on Woodcrest Drive and Park Place.

#### *Water Main Reconstruction – Pipe Bursting*

During the week of June 6, Palda will begin reconstructing the trunk water main pipe using the pipe bursting method on Woodcrest Drive and Park Place. Palda will dig holes wherever a private sanitary sewer service pipe crosses the trunk water main pipe that is being burst. Exposing the intersection of these 2 pipes allows Palda to visually verify that your private sanitary sewer service pipe is not damaged by the pipe bursting operation. This is a precautionary measure, as Palda does not anticipate damages occurring.

When Palda reconstructs the trunk water main pipe in Stage 1, they will lay out long strings of new trunk water main pipe along the edges of the street.

Palda needs to lay out the pipe along the edge of the road before pulling it into the ground to replace the existing water main trunk pipe that was burst. Please do not drive over these pipes. Your car may damage the pipe. Palda will coordinate laying out the pipe with you on an as-needed basis so the pipes do not block your access to your driveway.

### **Stage 2 Updates**

#### Private Utility Reconstruction Schedule

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

The deadline to complete work, **including** a passing visual inspection by the City's Building Department, is **July 15, 2011**. Please make sure your private contractor coordinates completion of inspections with the City's Building Department before this date.

##### *CenterPoint Energy (CPE)*

Expected completion date for gas service pipe upgrades is June 10. If your gas service upgrade has not been completed, CPE will contact you to arrange an appointment for access to your house.

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

Sincerely,

Carter Schulze, RPR  
SEH Resident Project Representative