

August 23, 2011

McCauley Heights Neighborhood Reconstruction

Dear Resident,

Crews are nearing completion of the restoration phase of the project.

The new sod has been placed and is currently under warranty. Please refer to the "Caring for your new sod fact sheet – 2011" (emailed in the two previous City Extras). If you live where new sod was recently installed in front of your home, please begin watering it immediately! The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week done in three or four applications.

Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand the hot weather and periods of little or no rain. The contractor will water the sod on an as needed basis using a water truck for a period of 6 weeks. Your efforts, when combined with the contractor's, will help the sod look its best. After 6 weeks, it will be entirely up to you to water the new sod!

Do not mow the new sod until either the grass lies over and mats down when wetted or it "roots down" and you are unable to easily lift the sod from the soil. Then set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new sod at this setting for the remainder of the year. **If you have a lawn service, please pass this information on to them.**

Do not fertilize your new sod until next spring. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod. It was fertilized at the farm where it was grown. The sod will brown for the winter and green again in the spring when it receives moisture from the snowmelt.

Because it takes about three years for new sod to mature, you must continue to water your sod as described in this update for the next several growing seasons! If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Comcast Cable has hired MP Nexlevel to complete their restoration. They should be in this week to restore any areas in the neighborhood that they are responsible for. Remember this sod does not have a warranty period it is your responsibility as a homeowner to maintain this sod.

Once all work has been completed in the restoration/clean up phase, the contractor will place the final layer of blacktop on you street.

Important: At this time, the final layer of blacktop is scheduled to be placed Wednesday, August 24. On street parking in the neighborhood will not be allowed until the paving crew has fully placed and rolled the new street section in place. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a crew member on site. Once the crews have rolled the final layer of blacktop, you may use the street as normal.

Important: The irrigation company will be back on site Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and Joe will be contacting you to set up a time to re-adjust your sprinkler heads.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials. These sites, machines, and materials can be dangerous. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 has a list of the contractor's emergency contacts. If it is not an emergency, you can also get a hold of the Edina Police Dept. on their non-emergency phone number at 952-826-1600.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached in the office at 952-826-0448 or jfrahm@ci.edina.mn.us

The City of Edina and Northwest Asphalt, Inc. would like to thank you for your cooperation during this project.

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