

July 16, 2010

Interlachen Bluff & Interlachen Circle Neighborhood Reconstruction

Dear Resident:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents while the second section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents.

PHASE UPDATES

Interlachen Bluff & Interlachen Circle

Crews are working on site cleanup and restoration and this will continue into next week.

Later in the week, crews will be paving. The roadway will be open while the street is paved; however it is best to stay off the newly placed pavement as much as possible. Crews will gladly assist you as to how to proceed through the neighborhood during the paving process. Feel free to ask anyone on site for assistance. If you wish, you may park on Merilane or Cooper during the day to avoid the construction traffic.

Approximately one week later, another crew will be onsite to saw cut and seal the roadway surface.

Restoration of sod:

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.

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.

Irrigation system and pet fence repairs: If you haven't done so yet, please schedule your repairs now to your irrigation and pet fence systems. Once the systems have been repaired, please have your company mark the locations with a flag. This will help sod crews to locate the heads and not disturb them while installing your new sod.

Please have your irrigation company or pet fence company invoice the City directly @ 4801 W. 50th St., Edina MN, 55343. (Attn: Aaron Kuznia, Engineering Dept.)

Crews plan to begin replacing the sod in your neighborhood the week of July 12. To avoid delay, please turn your irrigation zones off that are near the street. If the black dirt is too wet, crews will not be able to work the soil to sod your lawn.

Please remember, these schedules are weather dependent.

OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES

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.

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 952-826-0444 or akuznia@ci.edina.mn.us

The City of Edina and Omann Brothers would like to thank you for your cooperation and continued patience during this project.

Aaron Kuznia - Project Manager, City of Edina

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