

July 15, 2011

W. 44th Street (Brookside Terrace to France Avenue) Improvement Project

Dear Residents:

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

Phase 1 (Between Wooddale Avenue and France Avenue)

Gas Main

Center Point Energy (CPE) continues to install new gas service lines west of Wooddale Avenue and plans to be complete within two weeks. They will contact you typically the day before they plan to connect the new service to your home. If you have concerns regarding this process or have encountered property damage resulting from their work, please contact me and I will forward the information to CPE.

Utility Work

Utility work continues between Wooddale Avenue and just east of Eton Place. New water services will be installed to properties between Wooddale Avenue and Grimes Avenue the week of July 18.

Later next week, the contractor may start removing the temporary water system for properties between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue. The contractor will be visiting each home and business to coordinate the reconnection of your water service to the rehabilitated watermain in the street. If you are not home, the Contractor will leave a notification letter at your door to schedule an appointment with you.

Access

You will still be able to access your property from W. 44th Street; however, utility work may be occurring in front of your property and there may be times during the day when you may not have access. The contractor will place a bright green doorknob hanger to notify you in advance of driveway access restrictions.

Given the recent and anticipated rain in the forecast, the contractor will be monitoring accessibility in the area over the week-end and will make sure the street and driveways are passable. If you have any concerns regarding accessibility, please contact the on-site project inspector, George Bender, at 612-360-1321.

Irrigation Systems

If you haven't done so, please mark the location of your irrigation system along the roadway and your driveway. Please contact the project inspector if you have any questions about how best to locate and mark your irrigation system.

Construction Staking

During construction, the project surveyor will place wooden stakes in the road right of way for the contractor's use in constructing the streets and utilities. It is important to leave the stakes in the ground until after construction has been completed. The contractor will promptly remove the stakes when they are no longer needed.

Overall Updates

Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street Intersection Closure

The intersection of Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street is currently partially open for the week-end for residents along W. 44th Street to access their properties. Thru traffic should refrain from crossing the intersection during this time. The intersection will be completely closed again from July 18 thru July 20 for utility and street work. Thru traffic along Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street will not be able to cross the intersection during this period. Please do not attempt to cross the intersection during this time.

Pre-Construction Survey:

The contractor is required to hire an independent testing laboratory (ITL) to provide you the opportunity to have an interior and exterior pre-construction survey of your property completed in order to establish a baseline record relevant to the pre-existing conditions of your home or structure prior to commencement of construction.

The ITL, Jay Houser of Loss Prevention (612-386-0622), may have already contacted you or will be contacting you to schedule an appointment to perform the surveys. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

On-street Parking

On-street parking will not be allowed at any time during the project. Please inform guests, customers, and private contractors of this.

Boulevard Plantings

You should have already contacted the onsite project inspector if you have any plantings or other landscape items in the boulevard. The contractor will try to minimize impacts to the boulevard areas as much as possible; however your plantings or landscaping could be damaged if they are not removed.

Special Events or Deliveries

Please contact the project inspector if you have any special events planned during construction that may require special access to your home. The contractor will work with you as much as possible to accommodate your needs.

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.

Speeding

Please exercise caution and slow down when driving in and around the construction zone. Be aware that vehicles ahead of you may stop unexpectedly and large construction equipment may have limited visibility. The City of Edina police department will be patrolling the neighborhood to monitor that all traffic through the construction zone is obeying the law.

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 will have a list of the contractor's emergency contacts.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Shibani Bisson, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7162, sbisson@wsbeng.com, or our on-site project inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,

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