

September 30, 2011

## **W. 44<sup>th</sup> 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)**

##### **Irrigation Repairs**

Premiere Lawn and Snow, LLC is complete with the irrigation system repairs. Sprinkler heads will be adjusted after the restoration is complete on your property. If you have any questions regarding the irrigation work please contact Joe Bartusek at premierelawn@gmail.com.

##### **Restoration**

A majority of the restoration is complete. The contractor is responsible for watering the areas for a period of 6 weeks from when the restoration was completed. If you chose to water the area, please limit it to not more than once a day to allow for proper germination of the seed

##### **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Work**

Certain segment of the sanitary sewer mains will be cleaned and lined on October 3 and 4. Veit & Companies will be completing this work and will be accessing the sewer manholes in the street to perform the work. Certain property owners between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue will be without sewer service for a certain period of time as your sewer service connection to the sewer main will be sealed off to perform this work. You should have received a notice at your door with instructions on the timeframe that this will occur, what you need to do and who to contact if you notice any problems when this work is occurring. In order to avoid backups into your residence or business, please do not use the shower or bath, wash clothes, do dishes, flush your toilet and operate your sump pump during this work. On the morning that the work will take place, 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 this 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 a normal occurrence for this type of work.

#### **Phase 2 and 3 (Between Brookside Terrace and Wooddale Avenue)**

## **Concrete Replacement**

Sidewalk panel and curb and gutter replacements are anticipated to take place between October 3-5 at locations adjacent to the driveways on the north side of W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street between Browndale Avenue and Mackey Avenue. You will be contacted regarding the work. The repairs are needed to address maintenance of the sidewalk at these locations.

## **Thielen Avenue Valley Gutter**

The remaining concrete valley gutter at Thielen Avenue is anticipated to be installed on October 3. It is anticipated that the full intersection will be open to drivers by October 10, if not earlier.

## **Sidewalk**

Sidewalk installation will take place between October 3-5.

## **Retaining Walls**

Retaining walls are anticipated to be installed in a few areas along the roadway starting next week. Sidewalk in these areas, if applicable, will be placed after the retaining walls are installed.

## **Irrigation Repairs**

If you have an irrigation system, you should have received a notice at your door describing the process to have your irrigation system repaired. This work has already begun and will continue into next week. The contact person who is coordinating this work is Joe Bartusek with Premiere Lawn and Snow, LLC. He can be contacted at [premierelawn@gmail.com](mailto:premierelawn@gmail.com).

## **Restoration**

Restoration of the boulevard areas is anticipated to begin the week of October 10 after the sidewalk and irrigation repair work is complete and the boulevards are graded.

## **On-street Parking**

On-street parking will not be allowed during the day while the contractor is working. Please inform guests, customers, and private contractors of this.

## **Saturday Work**

The contractor may be working on Saturday, October 1, completing minor work in the area between Wooddale Avenue and Thielen Avenue.

## **Overall Updates**

### **Safety**

If you must travel through the site, please watch your speed as there will be equipment moving around and construction workers doing their job to ensure a quality product, it is important that they feel safe. And as always, please remind your children to stay away from construction sites. Job site safety is our number one concern.

### **Who to Contact in an Emergency**

During a life- or property-threatening emergency, call 911.

**Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns**

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

Sincerely,

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