

August 20, 2009

Edina Country Club Area Residents:

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

## **OVERALL WEEKLY UPDATES**

### **50th Street Detour**

The water main reconstruction on 50th Street at Arden, Bruce, and Wooddale Avenues that caused 50th Street between Wooddale and Halifax Avenues to close to eastbound traffic during the week of August 17 should be completed on Saturday, August 22.

West 50<sup>th</sup> Street between Wooddale and Halifax Avenues, access from/to Arden and Bruce Avenues to West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, and Wooddale Avenue between Wooddale Lane and West 50<sup>th</sup> Street should reopen to traffic by the afternoon of August 22. In a worst case scenario, these streets will completely reopen to traffic on August 24.

Wooddale Avenue between West 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Country Club Road will remain closed to all traffic until mid-September.

This schedule of street closures and detours is weather dependent.

### **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 emergency contacts for Palda.

### **Palda's Bi-Weekly Progress Map**

The map for the period August 17 - August 30 remains available for your review at the following link:

<http://www.sehinc.com/online/edina/index.htm>

## **STAGE UPDATES**

### **Stage 6B & 7**

#### **Sod Care**

Please continue watering the new sod in front of your home. New sod requires at least 2 inches of water per week done in three or four applications.

Palda's responsibility for watering your new sod stopped on August 10. It is now your responsibility to keep your sod watered!

## **Stage 8**

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work except as modified below.

### Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

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.

## **Stage 9**

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work except as modified below.

### Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

Late during the week of August 24, Palda will begin installing the concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons along Arden Avenue. While this occurs, you will not be able to use your driveway for approximately three consecutive days while the concrete driveway aprons harden. Palda will coordinate the concrete pour with you using a doorknob hanger.

During this period when you cannot access your driveway, you can park in front of your house after working hours, along the west side of Arden Avenue. As soon as the concrete hardens, Palda will notify you that you can access your driveway. A temporary gravel

ramp will be constructed to allow access to your driveway until the rest of the Arden Avenue pavement is installed in early September.

We understand that this is an inconvenience. Please now contact me if you live along Arden Avenue and need assistance traveling from your home to your parked vehicle, or if you have special needs that demand you have continuous access to your driveway. Such needs might be delivery of heavy oxygen bottles for a medical condition. Palda will accommodate such special needs.

## **Stage 10**

Please refer to Palda's bi-weekly progress map for a description of upcoming work except as modified below.

### Temporary Water Main

Homes along Country Club Road are now receiving their water from the temporary trunk water main pipe network.

Do not shut off the hose bib; if it is turned off, the water is shut-off to the home. If necessary, please remind your lawn service not to shut-off this hose bib either.

While being provided water from the temporary water main, the tap water may be warmer than usual. This is normal. It is caused by the fact that water will travel to the home above ground rather than below. Water main reconstruction may cause rust colored water to come out of faucets. This too is normal. The faucets can be flushed to remove the reddish color. Flush the faucets by running all of them at the same time for several minutes. The aerator of each faucet head may need to be cleaned off after the flushing operation.

When you cut your grass, please be careful with lawn mowers near the temporary water service pipe. It is possible to cut open the temporary water service pipe with a lawn mower blade. If applicable, please pass this warning along to your lawn service.

### Sanitary Sewer Trunk Pipe Reconstruction

During the week of August 24, Palda will begin reconstructing the trunk sanitary sewer pipe using the open-cut method.

If your house is served by this particular segment of trunk sanitary sewer pipe, this work will result in short-term blockage of your private sanitary sewer service pipe. It will also result in short-term blockage of access to your driveway. Palda will coordinate the date, time, and duration of these blockages with you using a door knob hanger.

### Private Sanitary Sewer Service Pipes

During the week of August 24, Palda will begin reconstructing the actual connection point between your private sanitary sewer service pipe and the trunk sanitary sewer service pipe by digging a hole in the street in front of each home.

This work will result in short-term blockage of your private sanitary sewer service pipe. Palda will coordinate the date, time, and duration of this blockage with you using a door knob hanger.

#### Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

During the week of August 24, to speed up Palda's reconstruction operation, Palda will mill off the blacktop pavement along Wooddale Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and Country Club Road and Country Club Road between Wooddale and Casco Avenues. Palda will leave in place the existing concrete curb and gutter. During the milling operation, you will still be able to access your driveway. However, you may have to wait a few minutes for the machine to crawl past your driveway before you can enter or leave.

This milling operation speeds up Palda's reconstruction operations to reconstruct the sanitary sewer and water main pipe networks.

You can view a picture of the machine Palda will use to mill off the blacktop pavement at the following link:

<http://www.sehinc.com/online/edina/index.htm>

Sincerely,

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