

2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project New Prague, Minnesota

Project Update



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This letter is being sent to inform you of the progress of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

Dust issues have improved recently with continued additional water application, and speeds should also be reduced with temporary detours along County Road 37 as the contractor continues to replace storm sewer structures along the reclaimed road. We thank residents that live near County Road 37 for your continued feedback and patience.

County Road 37 (East of Columbus Avenue): Over the next couple of weeks, the proposed work along County Road 37 is expected to include continued select curb removals, storm sewer repairs, and concrete curb replacement. After that work is complete, the contractor will grade the gravel base to prepare for paving of the first lift of blacktop. Paving of the first lift is tentatively expected around the week of July 1st. At that point the dust challenges should go away. Temporary detours will be in place as the contractor works to replace structures in the middle of the roadway.

Reminder: If the curb is removed from the end of your drive, then you should anticipate that within about a week of the curb removal, the curb will be replaced. At that time you will NOT be able to get in or out of your drive and you should make arrangements to park in the street. NOTE: New concrete needs about 6 days to cure before it can be driven on.

Local Streets: Curb replacement, milling, and undersealing is complete on the local streets. Some areas have even been paved. Final paving will continue through the week, and it is asked that residents refrain from parking on the street until the paving is complete. The contractor has also placed topsoil and planted grass seed with mulch in most areas.

Please review and hang on to the attached information sheet titled: "Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area". Following these guidelines will help in the establishment of your lawn.

Please use caution when traveling streets that are under construction. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris.

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

NOTE: If you are hosting a Graduation Party or other events, please contact us with that information. Where reasonable, we will do our best to accommodate your events.

Weekly Progress Meetings for this project are held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. You are welcome to attend these meetings at any time during the course of the project as your schedule allows. Your attendance is not required but is more than welcome.

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If you haven't already done so, please send your name, street address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com to receive notices by e-mail.

If you have any question or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

Please help us establish your new lawn!

Once the turf area has been seeded, care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. We ask for your assistance to help ensure that the seed area receives adequate water and proper maintenance. **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the germination and establishment period.**

WATERING

Grass seed needs moisture to germinate. After germination, the new grass seedlings are very tender and will die if they dry out. It is very important to water any seeded area until the grass is well established. Lightly water the grass seed during germination to avoid washing away the seed. Once the seed has sprouted, it needs about one inch of water per week. This should be applied in three or four applications.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Once the turf begins to thicken and is being mowed, watering can continue at about one inch per week. Be sure to water deeply and infrequently. Frequent light watering causes the grass to grow shallow roots and sets your lawn up for trouble in hot weather. Avoid watering between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the hottest part of the day. It is best to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; there's less wind, less hot sun, and your lawn has a full day to dry. Watering at night invites mildew and fungus, but if you can't water in the morning and must water in the evening, aim for around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

During dry periods you must remember to give the young lawn a little extra water than you would your established lawn and let it grow a little longer before mowing. Fertilize as described below if the grass begins to yellow.

MOWING

Your new seed should not be mowed until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. It may take longer than 30 days for these conditions to occur. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year. **Your new lawn will die if you cut it too short or during hot weather.**

FERTILIZING

Fertilizer may be needed if the grass begins to yellow. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is required on mature lawns. We recommend a slow-release fertilizer such as 10-0-10 or 22-0-10. Phosphorous type fertilizers such as 10-10-10 may be used on new lawns but should be avoided if the area drains to the storm sewer, ponds, lakes or wetlands.

WEEDS

It happens. Weeds pop among newly planted grass. That's because dormant weed seeds are always present in the soil, and they're waiting to sprout when they get a chance. A good rule of thumb is to wait until you've mowed your new grass at least four times before you treat the weeds with a weed-control product. As always, remember to read the product label for specific information related to the weed-control product you are using.

If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, please call Lee Istvanovich, Resident Project Representative, at 507.676.2202.

Your efforts should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn. We appreciate your assistance.