

May 12, 2011

Pamela Park Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

Dear Residents:

During the first winter season that new pavement, concrete driveway aprons, concrete curb and gutter, etc. are in place, some minor distresses are expected to occur. A few residents have notified us of some distressed areas. We encourage anyone who has not notified us, but knows of other distressed areas to let us know now so that we can add them to our list of repairs. During the next few weeks, the contractor will begin to correct these distresses. We anticipate all the items to be completed by June 30.

The project has a 1-year warranty period that will begin after the repairs are completed and expire approximately mid-summer 2012. If you notice certain distresses after the work is completed this year, it can still be corrected next spring before the warranty expires.

Sod Care

The sod planted in front of your homes last fall is still needs your attention so the roots can grow deep and become mature established turf. 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. We discourage more frequent, lighter waterings as they encourage shallow roots instead of deep roots. 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!

Your sod was fertilized when the contractor placed it last fall, but the contractor will not fertilize again this spring. If you choose to fertilize this spring, please follow the manufacturer's instructions and application rates of the fertilizer you chose to purchase.

Even if you have already cut your sod short last fall or this spring, we would encourage you to adhere to the following recommendations. 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 lift the sod easily 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.

If you are using a lawn service, please share this information with them.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns on warranty issues, my telephone number and email address are 952.912.2633 and cmillner@sehinc.com. If you get my voicemail

when you call, please leave a message. I check my voicemail regularly throughout the day.

If I do not have an answer for you, I will route your question or concern to the City, contractor, or other SEH staff members. Once I have your answer or information, I will call you back.

Thanks for your patience during this project.

Sincerely,

Chad Millner, PE
SEH Resident Project Representative