

May 29, 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

Pedestrian Crossing Issue

This week we noticed children crossing West 50th Street at Browndale Avenue. Please discourage your children from using this intersection. Drivers probably cannot see them as they cross West 50th Street due to the barricades in West 50th Street's eastbound left turn lane at Browndale Avenue. Instead encourage them to cross West 50th Street at Wooddale Avenue. Thank you.

Safety

As school ends for the year, please remind your children not to spend any time in Palda's construction operations and/or material stockpiles. They are dangerous places. Job site safety remains our number one concern.

Temporary School Bus Stop Locations for Children in the Entire Project Area

The temporary school bus stop on Bridge Street at Browndale Avenue will reopen on May 31. Your patience in using the temporary bus stops along Bridge Street is greatly appreciated!

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 May 25 - June 7 is available for your review at the following link:

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

STAGE UPDATES

Stages 1 - 5

Brick Paver Crosswalk Construction

As shown in the progress map, between and including June 1 and June 7, Palda will install select brick paver crosswalks along Sunnyside Road. Vehicles will only be able to access Edina Boulevard; Bruce, Casco, Moorland Avenues; and Sunnyside Road between these streets; from Bridge Street

Emergency vehicles can still access these particular street segments that are closed to through traffic because if necessary they will destroy the crosswalk under construction to reach an emergency. Garbage and recycling trucks will only be able to access these particular street segments by backing up in at least one direction because they will not be able to turn around.

Sod Condition

During the week of May 25, Palda finished removing and replacing boulevard sod that died during the winter.

Please now begin watering the replacement sod. New sod requires at least 2 inches of water per week applied in three or four applications.

Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand the hot weather and periods of little or no rain. Palda will water this replacement sod only one time using their water truck. This application of water has already occurred. Now it is entirely up to you to water the replacement sod!

Please do not mow the replacement 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 the replacement new sod until spring 2010. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the replacement sod. It was fertilized at the farm where it was grown. The replacement sod will brown next winter and green again in spring 2010 when it receives moisture from the snowmelt.

Because it takes about three years for replacement sod to mature, you must continue to water both the sod Palda placed in 2008 and the replacement sod for the next several growing seasons!

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

Stage 6B

Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

Beginning June 1 Palda will replace already removed sidewalk panels along Browndale Avenue. Beginning June 3 Palda will install Browndale Avenue's concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons. After Palda installs these driveway aprons, homeowners will not be able to use their driveway for approximately three consecutive days. The concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons need to harden before cars can drive across them.

Palda will coordinate the concrete pour with Browndale Avenue homeowners using a doorknob hanger. They do not want your vehicles trapped in your driveway or garage. During this period when you cannot access your driveway, you can park along the west and south sides of Browndale Avenue and Country Club Road, respectively.

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 Browndale Avenue's pavement is installed in late June.

We understand that this is an inconvenience. Please now contact me if you live along Browndale 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.

Street Lights

Late during the week of June 1, Palda will install the concrete foundations for the new street lights. The underground conduit that will carry the wires from light to light is already installed.

Stage 7

Sanitary Sewer Trunk Pipe Reconstruction

During the week of June 1, Palda will finish reconstructing the trunk sanitary sewer pipe along Edina Boulevard using the open-cut method. The location of this work is shown in the progress map.

If you live on Edina Boulevard, and 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 June 1, Palda will finish 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.

Temporary Water Main

Only homes along Edina Boulevard continue to receive their water from the temporary water main pipe network. This network was removed from Moorland Avenue during the week of May 25.

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

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.

Water Main Trunk Pipe Reconstruction

On about June 5, Palda will reconstruct the trunk water main pipe using the pipe bursting method on Country Club Road between Wooddale Avenue and Edina Boulevard .

Please do not drive over the new watermain trunk pipe along the edge of Country Club Road while it is awaiting installation. Your car may damage the pipe. Palda will coordinate laying out of the pipes with affected Country Club Road homeowners on an as-needed basis so the pipe does not block access to driveways.

Palda will dig holes wherever a private sanitary sewer service pipe crosses the trunk water main pipe that is being burst. Exposing the intersection of these two pipes allows Palda to visually verify that Country Club Road homeowners' private sanitary sewer service pipe is not damaged by the pipe bursting. This is only a precautionary measure, as Palda does not anticipate damages occurring.

Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Boulevards

During the week of June 1, Palda will continue to remove Moorland Avenue's existing street pavement and curb and gutter and install the new layer of gravel that will exist under the new curb and gutter and blacktop pavement. During the middle of the week of June 1, Palda will begin to install the new layer of gravel that will exist under Edina Boulevard's new curb and gutter and blacktop pavement. This work will likely progress from the south to the north on each of these two streets.

During the week of June 8, Palda will first replace Moorland Avenue's already removed sidewalk panels, followed by the installation of concrete curb and gutter and driveway aprons. Late during the week of June 8 or early during the week of June 15, Moorland Avenue residents will not be able to use their driveways for approximately three consecutive days while the concrete driveway aprons harden. Palda will coordinate the concrete pour with Moorland Avenue residents using a doorknob hanger.

Stage 8

Temporary Water Main

During the week of June 1, Palda will finish connecting homes along Wooddale Avenue to the temporary trunk water main pipe laying in the boulevard using a temporary water service pipe that will lay across the front lawns. Palda will also finish constructing the temporary trunk water main pipe between the sidewalks and curb in front of homes along Drexel Avenue and begin connecting homes along Drexel Avenue to this trunk pipe. Palda will also continue constructing the temporary trunk water main pipe between the sidewalks and curb in front of homes along Casco Avenue.

As part of this work, Palda may need to enter homes along Drexel and Wooddale Avenues to operate the water shut off valve in the basement. Palda will coordinate this work with affected homeowners using a doorknob hanger on a case-by-case basis.

The temporary pipe will supply water to the home by back feeding water into the home at the outside hose bib. It is the same water being used today. While the home is connected to the temporary pipe, the water softener probably will not work.

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.

Common Excavation and Grading

During the week of June 1, Palda will continue to mill off the upper one-half of the blacktop pavement along Stage 8 streets. Palda will leave the bottom one-half of the blacktop pavement in place for you to drive on. Palda will also 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 operation by allowing them to handle thinner and lighter blacktop pavement chunks with their tractors when they excavate their small trenches 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 upper one-half of the blacktop pavement at the following link.

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

Sincerely,

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