

2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project Weekly Update



Current Events – Week of October 17, 2016 through October 21, 2016

- The contractor in **Phase 1** continued restoration and clean-up.
- In **Phase 2**, new mailboxes were installed and temporary mailboxes were removed. Mail service has been switched over to the new mailboxes.
- Sod installation was substantially completed in **Phase 2**.

Future Events – Week of October 24, 2016 through October 28, 2016

- The trail on the south end of East Golden Lake Lane and the trail from the city hall parking lot to East Golden Lake Road will be closed for restoration. Concrete pedestrian ramps leading to the trails will be restored. **Vehicle traffic will not be allowed on the trails.**
- The contractor in **Phase 2** will complete the milling of the existing surface on East Golden Lake Circle.
- In **Phase 2**, the final lift of the bituminous paving will be done on both East Golden Lake Road and East Golden Lake Circle.
- **Sod Notes Phase 1:** The maintenance period will end this week. Please follow the instructions in the sod tips about mowing and watering to ensure your sod stays healthy. (See the reverse side of this Weekly Update for “Caring for your new sod.”)
- **Sod Notes Phase 2:** The sod maintenance period has begun. Because the fall and winter season is near, the maintenance time will overlap into next season for a short time. Please follow the instructions in “Caring for your new sod” located on the reverse side of this Weekly Update.

Please note: The tentative schedule provided is subject to change due to inclement weather or subcontractor availability.

Tips of the Week

- Please follow the signs and instructions on any notices that are distributed.
- Please use caution, watch for pedestrians and drive slowly on the temporary access road.
- Please use caution around construction equipment and materials. Follow the traffic control signs that are in place on the project.
- Please place your garbage can(s) at the curb line prior to 7:00 a.m. on Friday mornings in order to ensure pick-up.

Project Contacts

Project Construction Observer: Jim Klein, 612-518-8327

Project Manager: Eric Eckman, 763-512-5257

After Hours Emergency Number: 763-427-1212 - Ask for the Centennial Utilities on-call person.

CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD

WATERING

- **Beginning mid-June 2017, sod should be watered at a rate of 2 inches per week in three to four applications. Continue this schedule throughout the summer.**
- Water early in the morning to maximize water being absorbed in your lawn. If watering is done in the evening, grass stays wet all night which increases the risk of disease. Watering during the day can cause scalding and burning of the sod.
- Additional watering is required on steep slopes to promote absorption of the water as it can run off more quickly on steep slopes.
- To prevent water loss, don't water your lawn when it is windy.
- **The City will waive sprinkling restrictions for the year 2017 on new sod.**

MOWING

- **Mow grass no shorter than 3 inches** to promote deep roots and lawns that tolerate dry conditions. Taller grass shades the soil, reducing evaporation.
- **Set the mower deck at least 3 inches high or at the highest setting.** Do not cut more than half the plant off at a time. The longer blades are needed until the roots are able to grow and get deeper into the soil. Cut your new sod at this height for the remainder of the year.
- **Don't mow during the heat of the day**, especially when conditions are dry. Newly cut grass loses water quickly.

FERTILIZING

- **Your sod was fertilized in the fall of 2016: therefore, it will not need fertilizer until the fall of 2017, prior to the onset of winter.**
- If you fertilize during the heat of the summer, you risk killing the sod. Proper fertilizing promotes deep roots and drought tolerance. Improper fertilizing can have the opposite effect. Don't fertilize dry lawns — high concentrations of nutrients draw moisture out of the soil.

OTHER TIPS

- **Control weeds** to reduce competition for soil moisture. This can be done by hand or with careful use of herbicides.
- **Do not aerate your lawn in 2017** since the roots are still fragile. Aeration can begin in 2018.
- Keep children, foot traffic and equipment off of the new sod.

Following these steps will restore your lawn to its prior beauty as quickly as possible. It will take a little time and patience, and we thank you for both.