

2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project Weekly Update



Current Events – Week of October 8 through October 12

- Phase 1, 2 and 3 trees have been planted. **Don't forget to water your trees and follow the sod tips.**
- Phase 4 boulevard grading has been started. Gravel has been placed and graded for the driveways. Driveways have been paved.

Future Events – October 15 through October 19

- Phase 4 sod will start being laid.
- The final lift of bituminous will be placed in a couple of weeks.
- **All Phases – Important note to residents regarding parking on the streets:** Due to the rain delays, the contractor is having a tough time getting a schedule set for the paving crew to come in and pave the final lift of bituminous on all the new streets. They will attempt to notify residents as early as possible upon getting word from the paving contractor. However, **please be ready to move your and your guest's vehicles off the street on short notice when the pavers can fit us into their schedule. This may happen on any day and at any time.**
- **All Phases** – As the final lift gets paved the contractor first sprays some liquid bituminous on top of the base (current street surface). This spray (acts like glue) is very black and very sticky. It adheres to tires and bottoms of shoes. It also tracks on to floors and driveways and is very hard to remove. **Please avoid driving and walking on this spray.** Wait until the final lift is placed to use the street. If you happen to drive through the spray, don't drive into your driveway until later. Drive somewhere else.

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 around construction equipment and materials. Follow the traffic control signs that are in place on the project and **please slow down when driving through the project area.**
- Allow 7 days for concrete curb and driveway to cure before driving on them.
- **Sod tips are on the back.**

Project Contacts

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

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Thank you for your cooperation!

(See back for sod information)

CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD

Watering

- **The contractor will water the sod for 45 days. Once that time is reached, your 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 years 2018 and 2019 on new sod.**

Mowing

- **Sod height for the first months should be between 3 and 4 inches. Mow grass no shorter than 3½ inches** to promote deep roots and lawns that tolerate dry conditions. If the sod height gets much longer than 4 inches, weeds tend to establish a foothold.
- **Set the mower deck at least 3½ inches high or at the highest setting.** In all cases mow in moderation as to the length of the leaf blades cut off during each cutting. A good rule is to not cut more than one-third the height of the grass off each time. The longer leaf blades are needed until the roots are able to grow and get deeper into the soil. As the cutting season continues into late summer, the sod height can be maintained at the 3-inch height goal. If hot and dry weather is encountered, you can adjust both the watering and the cutting height to protect the sod.
- **Don't mow during the heat of the day**, especially when conditions are dry. Newly cut grass loses water quickly.
- **Don't mow new sod with a riding lawn mower.**

Fertilizing

- **Your sod will not need fertilizer until the fall of 2019, 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 2019** since the roots are still fragile. Aeration can begin in 2020.
- Keep children, foot traffic and equipment (including large lawn mowers) 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.