



Construction Notes

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Project Update: As many may have noticed, the contractor for the 2014 Street Improvements project has been back onsite over the last few weeks addressing items that they were not able to finish last year before the snow flew. We anticipate minor grading work, isolated concrete curb repair, bituminous patching and restoration to continue intermittently over the next several weeks.

Boulevard Restoration: Last fall, the contractor seeded the disturbed boulevard areas with a blown compost-seed mixture that promoted rapid germination. The grass vegetation in many of the project areas have germinated and established very well. Other areas of the project, unfortunately, are sparsely covered or inundated with board leaf weeds. The contractor is aware of these issues and is working to correct them. The City will not accept the restoration until these issues have been corrected to our satisfaction.

The weeds that are showing up are annual weeds and need to be mowed down to allow the underlying grass to grow. After these weeds have been removed; they will not return. **Please continue to mow the newly restored areas with your mower deck at approximately 2-inches as many times as possible to help remove the weeds.** Contractor will be watering throughout the spring but if your lawn is dry, do not hesitate to add additional water.

After the weeds die-out, the contractor will be returning to spread additional blow-compost seeding, as needed. If notice additional topsoil/black dirt in your yard, please stay off of the area for 2-3 weeks to allow the seed to germinate.

Fertilizing: After 3-5 mows and the grass to firmly established, the contractor will be fertilizing the boulevard areas with a spray fertilizer. Watch for yard stakes indicating that your lawn has been fertilized. Keep your kids and pets off of the areas for 24 hours. Please contact our City Engineer, Jon Herdegen, if you have any specific questions regarding the boulevard restoration.

Safety: Even though the major construction activities have slowed down considerable, we urge you to use caution around the equipment in your neighborhood. Your assistance in reminding area children to stay clear of construction operations and especially the equipment is helpful in maintaining a safe environment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction will be appreciated. The Contractor will be using traffic control, vehicle lighting, and other work practices to ensure the safety of everyone affected by this project, but if you feel they are lacking please contact us immediately. If there are any residents with special needs or who require specific accommodations, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Who to Call:

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The City of Newport Police Department can be reached at: (651) 459-9993 (Office) or (651) 439-9381 (Dispatch). If you see any dangerous or suspicious behavior around the construction sites please call.

We are on the Web:

For additional project information and past newsletters, please check out the project website at <http://www.ci.newport.mn.us/StreetImprovementProjects.php>

