

2017 Street & Utility Improvements Construction Newsletter

Construction includes:

- Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Service Lines
- New Water Mains and Service Lines
- Storm Sewer
- Bituminous Street & Concrete Sidewalk
- Street Lights

Construction schedule:

Phase I: W Alden Street

- Start: June 5, 2017
- Finish: July 31, 2017

Phase II: Brooks, 3rd & 4th

- Start: June 26, 2017
- Finish: Sept. 1, 2017



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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Competitive bids for the work were received and the project was awarded to Chard Tiling & Excavating from Belle Plaine, MN.

This project will include the complete reconstruction of W Alden St between 2nd Ave NW and 5th Ave NW, W Brooks St between 3rd Ave NW and 5th Ave NW, 3rd Ave NW between W Alden and W Brooks Streets, and 4th Ave NW between W Alden and Chandler St.

TREE REMOVAL

Tree removal will occur on Tuesday, May 23rd. If a tree(s) along the boulevard in front of your house is marked for removal, please try to avoid parking in front of it to allow for the equipment and safe removal of the trees. The city is planning to plant trees this fall. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Other work is anticipated to begin on Tuesday, May 30th. During this first week, traffic control signage and erosion control will be installed. Beginning on June 5th, the existing street surface will be removed on W Alden St. Crews will also be connecting **properties within Phase 1 of the project to temporary water service either during the week of 5/29 or 6/5.** I will communicate this via a written notice delivered to your door prior to this happening. After this, underground utility work will begin from the west end of town, working east.

Please note **that there will be times over the course of the project, where vehicle access to driveways will not be possible**, in particular, after rain events. During these times, please plan accordingly & park on nearby streets.

MAIL DELIVERY

If there are any changes to mail delivery during construction, this will be communicated once it is known.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

No changes to the garbage and recycling schedule are anticipated at this time. Please place your containers at the end of your driveway for regular pick-up. During some times the contractor will be collecting waste containers for pick-up in a central location. It is highly recommended that your address is indicated on the lid and side of your containers.

PROJECT DELAYS

Scheduling for the project can and will change on short notice. Weather delays or complications, delays by subcontractors or by private utilities providing other services can sometimes cause unforeseen delays to change a schedule.

UPDATES

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. You can also **sign up for text updates by texting @arlconst to 81010.** Please use your street address when creating your username for these updates. Please note that you will not be able to reply to these messages. Refer to the information below for any questions regarding text announcements.

CONTACTS

If you have questions or concerns related to the project at any time, please contact Rob Pietz at the phone number or email address listed in the left margin.

See Other Side

Important Information

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will be provided at most times; however, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. With complications requiring a longer shutoff period, residents will be notified by a notice delivered to your front door and/or text update. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until new piping is installed and tested. This may result in a decrease in water pressure during construction.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them (unless a *signed* temporary construction easement has been secured for your property). The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them if necessary to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any **underground improvements such as irrigation lines, dog fences and foundation drains should be located and marked** so they are readily visible. Please contact the RPR, Rob (507-766-2050), if you have concerns about your property and the potential construction impact.

Construction

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and **stay clear of construction zones**. Many hazards and

dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often times are not realized by the general public.

The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety during the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise if you observe an unsafe condition, please report it to the RPR immediately.

Punchlist

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be given a "punchlist" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even be completed the following spring. This punchlist work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the RPR, Rob (507-766-2050) for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.



Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. A method called "hydro-seeding" will be used. The seed will be maintained by the contractor for a period of 90 days following placement, or until acceptance. "Maintain" as defined in the contract includes mowing, weed control and watering.

After that period, it becomes the property owner's responsibility to maintain the new turf as part of their lawn – providing water, mowing and other necessary care.

Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new turf. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new turf shorter than 3".

Avoid the use of new asphalt driveways for up to a week to ensure a satisfactory non-scuff surface. If you must use it, do so on the coolest part of the day and with minimum turning movements. Parking on a new asphalt driveway will tend to develop depressions and/or marks in the pavement, especially if the temperature is above 60 degrees.

New concrete driveways are sprayed with a white curing compound. This keeps the moisture content high in the concrete to provide for better curing and strength. Do not seal a new concrete driveway for at least 3 months.

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