



City of Rushford

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2016 Street & Utility Improvement City of Rushford

- **Construction Includes:**

- Pavement
- Curb & Gutter
- Sanitary Sewer Main and Services
- Water Main and Services
- Storm Sewer

- **Construction Schedule:**

- Begin-July 2016
- All Work Except Final Asphalt Layer-October 2016
- Final Asphalt Layer – June 2017



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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The City of Rushford has authorized a street and utility improvement project along Hillcrest Drive and South Burr Oak Street. A construction contract has been awarded to Generation X Construction of Rushford, MN. The project includes sanitary sewer, water system, storm sewer and street reconstruction.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Generation X is currently scheduled to begin work on or after July 27th. The project is scheduled for completion in October, 2016, with the exception of the final asphalt layer, which is scheduled to be completed in June, 2017.

OTHER UTILITIES

Minnesota Energy Resources will be replacing natural gas lines along both Hillcrest Drive and South Burr Oak Street concurrent with the project. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City. If you have questions about the gas line replacement, please contact Minnesota Energy Resources directly at 1-800-889-9508.

The City of Rushford is also planning to convert existing overhead electric lines along Hillcrest Drive to underground. This will affect residents along the south side of Hillcrest Drive, who are currently served by overhead electric lines running along the back lot lines. The new electric lines will run along the south side of the street in the boulevard. More information about this project will come later.

SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS

Sewer and water services will be reconstructed to the property line as a part of the project. The remainder of the service line to the home will be inspected during construction, and the property owner will be made aware if replacement is recommended. Replacement of this portion of the service lines is the responsibility of the homeowner. Homeowners may wish to hire Generation X to complete this replacement. They can be contacted by calling Ryan Oian at 507-429-3755.

CONTACTS

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. A project website has also been set up and can be accessed here: www.bolton-menk.com, click on "Client Zone", then on "City of Rushford 2016 Street & Utility Improvement Project." You can sign up for e-mail updates on the website as well.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the City Engineer, Brian Malm at 507-381-7511, or brianma@bolton-menk.com.

Important Information

Garbage and Recycling

No changes to the garbage and recycling schedule are anticipated. Please place your containers at their normal location unless otherwise directed. The contractor will mark the receptacles with your address, move them to a location for pick-up, and return them.

Mail Delivery

Mail will be delivered as usual, however, mailboxes will be relocated to a central location for access by the postman, if they aren't already. Mailboxes will be returned to their original location once the project is completed.

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 phone, gas, electric and cable, can sometimes cause unforeseen delays to change a schedule.

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Disruptions to water and sewer service will occur during the project. A temporary water system will be installed to minimize such disruptions. Residents will be notified of planned shut-downs by a notice delivered to your front door. However, emergency situations may require un-planned shut-downs. All attempts will be made to minimize disruptions.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping or irrigation systems in the right-of-way, please contact the RPR as soon as possible to discuss possible impacts to them.

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 in the following spring prior to the final layer of asphalt being placed. This punchlist work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the RPR for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.



Sod

New boulevard sod will be maintained by the contractor for 30 days following placement. After that, the property owner is to maintain it as part of their lawn – providing water, mowing and other necessary care. Efficient watering practices are important to conserve water, maintain a healthy turf and reduce other maintenance costs. New sod requires about 2" of water per week until roots are established. If the sod edge can be pulled up with little or no effort, continue watering this amount. Once rooted, watering can be reduced to a minimum of 1" per week. The goal is to water heavily and less frequently to encourage root growth.

Mowing too soon or too short will kill new sod. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new sod shorter than 3".

Your new sod will be fertilized. Do not fertilize again until the following spring at risk of killing the new sod. Current regulations require the use of phosphorus-free fertilizer to protect downstream water quality.

Asphalt Driveways

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.

Concrete Driveways

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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