

2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project Elysian, Minnesota



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Project Update

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This letter is being sent to inform you of current and upcoming construction activity on the above-referenced project.

You may have noticed large parts of your neighborhood beginning to resemble a finished street last week with the installation of curb, gutter, and driveways. The contractor has also begun grading yards to blend in to the new curb in preparation of paving. The contractor has moved operations to the east side of the City with the completed installation of water main and storm sewer on 2nd Street NE near the library and public works building.

In the next few days James Bros. will begin street construction on 2nd Street NE. which consists of subcutting the road bed, placement of geotextile fabric, drain tile, gravel base, and grading work in preparation of curb placement.

Following the work on 2nd Street NE, the contractor plans to begin installing utilities on 2nd Street SE (south of Highway 60 near the Drag Race gas station). Next week, paving is tentatively planned for the streets that received curb last week. Reminder: It takes 7 to 10 days for the concrete to cure to be able to walk on and not do any harm.

Areas along Frank Avenue have been recently hydroseeded. Please note that while the hydroseeding has been completed in those areas, it is far from being accepted. The warm temperatures are certainly NOT ideal conditions to grow grass. We ask for your patience and cooperation with respect to the turf areas. Since the beginning of the project it was always planned to come back and do additional turf and seeding work in September, if necessary, after the temperatures and conditions improve.

In the meantime, there are certainly additional things that you can do to help with the success in establishing your lawn.

- **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the establishment period.**
- Seeing that your new lawn gets 1 to 2 inches of water (rain or watering) per week done in 3 or 4 applications.
- **Mow your new grass as high as possible**, approximately 3 inches, and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year.
- **WEEDS. Weeds happen.** Weed seed is naturally in the topsoil. Loosening the soil for the grass seed also encourages weed growth. When the grass gets high enough (see above), mowing the tops off the weeds will reduce their spread. Most weeds are annuals and will not be back next year and can be killed later with weed spraying once the turf has become better established.

Please use caution when traveling streets that are under construction. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris.

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Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

We thank you for your patience and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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