

North Sailor Street Improvements - 2019 Construction Newsletter

October 14, 2019

Construction:

- Bituminous Streets
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Water & Sewer Services
- Storm Sewer

Construction schedule:

Start: June 26, 2019

Finish: October 31, 2019

Final Lift: June 30, 2020

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Project Status

Holtmeier Construction has now completed the installation of all underground utilities throughout the project. Holtmeier's grading crew has continued to work on restoring 3rd Street and Sailor Street but the weather has made this task difficult. As of now, it appears that we will get a week of dry weather. Holtmeier will take advantage of this dry weather and plans to finish installing gravel on 3rd Street and Sailor Street. In addition, the crew will work on getting 2nd Street restored by the end of the week.

Concrete curb and driveway improvements are tentatively planned to begin the week of October 21st and will last a few weeks. Once curb and gutter is complete and has cured for a few days, the crew will finish tolerancing the street in preparation for paving. Paving will follow as soon as conditions allow and the paving crew is available. In addition to paving, Holtmeier's crew will grade boulevards to prepare for sod placement. Sod and tree installation will be completed towards the end. Due to the time of year, sod will be installed in a dormant state. It should be noted that ongoing watering of the dormant sod in late fall is typically not necessary.

Concrete Construction

With concrete curb and driveway work forthcoming, please note that you should not park or drive on any newly placed concrete before it is opened to traffic. This can cause undue stress and permanent damage to the concrete. Concrete curb and driveways should be allowed at least 7 days to cure.

Access

Once the street in front of your home has gravel, you will be able to park in your driveway or on the street. When construction is being conducted during the day, we ask that you park far enough away from your driveway that the workers have enough room to pour the curb and driveways. Once concrete curb and driveways are poured, residents will not be able to use their driveways for 7 days after the concrete is poured. You can still park in front of your house and after a day of the concrete being poured you can walk on it. You may contact Ben Rosol to discuss your needs and concerns.



CARING FOR YOUR NEW SOD

Once the new sod is in place, we ask for your help to ensure successful establishment. Please avoid excessive walking or any driving on your new sod this Fall and for the first few weeks following the Spring thaw. Please also note the following care instructions:

- **MOWING** - To ensure successful turf establishment it is important not to mow the sod too short, particularly the first few times.

The first few times you mow the sod next spring set the mower deck at least three (3) inches high or at the highest setting. Do not cut more than half the plant off at a time. The leaf blades are all that remains for the plant to live until the root system has had time to fully establish itself. It is important to use caution when mowing the sod for the first growing season after placement and remember it is better to have long green grass than short brown grass and dirt.

- **WATERING** - The Contractor will water the sod as needed for thirty (30) days after installation. Considering current weather conditions and time of the year, it is likely that watering needs will be minimal this Fall.

You will be responsible for watering and maintenance of your sod beginning next Spring. New sod roots take up to a year to reach full length, and require at least two (2) inches of water per week in three or four applications. This can be reduced of course when it rains. To check if you are watering enough, place a shallow, flat-bottomed container under the sprinkler. Then just measure the water depth in the container.

Contact City Hall to find out how you can save money on your sewer bill by signing up for the City's lawn watering program!

- **FERTILIZING** - Your sod was fertilized where it was grown and again during installation; therefore, it will not need fertilizer until next spring. If you fertilize sooner, you risk killing the sod.

If you notice problems with the placement and/or condition of your new sod, please contact Ben Rosol before the end of the 30-day maintenance period at (507) 236-6357.

Following these steps will restore your lawn to its prior condition as quickly as possible. This will take a little time and patience, and we thank you for both.