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2022 Street & Utility Improvements Newsletter

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Project Scope:

- Street Reconstruction
- Sidewalk Replacement
- Storm Sewer
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain

Construction Schedule:

Start:

September 2022

Substantial Completion:

June 2024

Final Completion:

July 2024

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Project Overview

As you know, the City of Grand Meadow is undertaking a construction project to improve the various city streets. For the project location please see the attached map. Ulland Brothers, Inc., from Albert Lea, MN, was awarded the contract on June 1, 2022.



Project Timeline

Work is currently scheduled to begin the week of September 5th, but is subject to change. During the first week the contractor will remove trees. Any trees planned for removal will be wrapped with colored ribbon or spray-painted with an "X"

Immediately following tree removal, the contractor will be removing pavement along Main Street South. While this work is occurring, there may be times when you will not be able to access driveways. If this is the case, please use nearby streets for parking until your driveway is accessible again.

While street surfaces are being removed the contractor will be connecting homes on Main Street South to temporary water lines. **This will require that the contractor enter your home.** Additional details are included on the following page.



Contacts

Lane Welch will be on site throughout the summer and will serve as the primary contract during construction. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Lane at 507-226-3469 or lane.welch@bolton-menk.com.



Additional Work

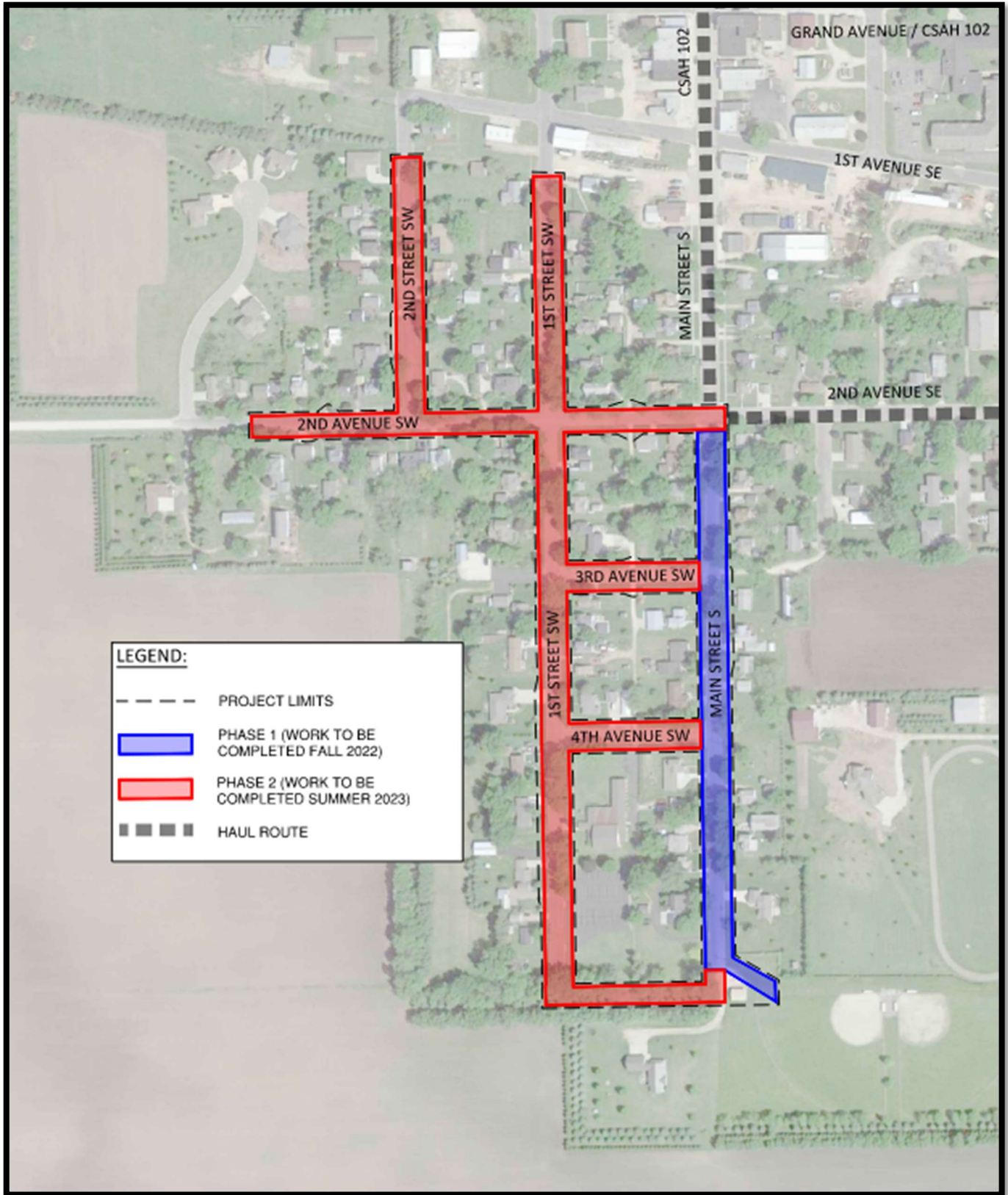
Some property owners have requested additional concrete work and service replacement at the property owner's expense. If you are interested in having additional work done, please contact Lane at the number or email listed above.



Project Website

A project website has been created to access project information and updates. To access this site, use the following address:

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/grandmeadow2022/>





Property Access

During construction, access through the construction zone will be difficult and/or limited depending on the construction activity taking place. Local traffic should obey road closed signs and find alternate routes around the active construction zone.

When possible, the contractor will provide temporary gravel for driveway access within the construction site. Direct driveway access may be limited during the day when excavation and other construction activity is occurring adjacent to driveways. In addition, when concrete curb, walk, and driveways are being constructed, access to driveways will be restricted for extended periods.

Wet weather will also make access difficult for periods of time. Please monitor the weather throughout the summer and plan accordingly. If rain is forecasted, residents are advised to park on adjacent streets so vehicles are not trapped in driveways or stuck in mud.

Please also be advised that if you choose to drive on the closed road, there can sometimes be construction debris or other items that can damage vehicles. Driving through the construction site is at your own risk. **If you are concerned about access during construction, or have questions, please contact Lane at 507-226-3469.**

Garbage and Mail

Garbage and recycling collection will continue its regular schedule during construction. You should set your garbage and recycling containers out as you normally would. During times when the garbage truck is unable to access the front of your property, the contractor will label and move them to an accessible location for pickup and return them to you after collection.

Mail delivery will continue during the project. The contractor will set up temporary mailboxes in a centralized location that will be accessible to the postman. You will be notified if your mailbox location will be affected.

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. This may result in a decrease in water pressure.

When utility work begins, the contractor will need to access your home to turn off your water supply to the old main and connect to the temporary system. Residents will be able to set up appointments that fit their schedule to do this. Future instructions will be sent out when the temporary water system will be turned on.

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. 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 and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

Work Area

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 well 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 recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. The contractor will be required to water and maintain the new sod until it has been established.

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".

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.

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.