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Street & Utility Improvements Newsletter

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Project Scope:

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

Construction Schedule:

Start:

September 2022

Main St Paved Remainder Paved

May 2023

October 2023

Final Completion:

July 2024

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Project Update

Work on the project will begin next week. This spring, access routes will change frequently. Please watch for notices and use other streets and alleys as they are available.

Main Street (Phase 2)

The contractor plans to begin some minor work grading the road and installing drains in front yards on Monday 4/24.

On Tuesday 4/25, they will begin installing concrete curbs on Main St. Once started, access to driveways will be restricted. You should also move out any vehicles you'll need during this time and use side streets for parking. Paving is expected for the 2nd week of May.

1st/2nd St and 2nd/3rd/4th Ave (Phase 2)

Utilities on the south end of Main St and 1st St will begin in early May. Phase 2 Street work will begin mid-May. Additional details will be provided in a future newsletter.

Concrete Work

The first step in placing new curb is the installation of stringline. These strings will be along the side of the road and it is very important that you do not touch stringlines once installed.

It takes time for concrete to harden after initial placement. As a general rule, wait 1 full day to walk on concrete you are seeing for the first time. Wait 1 full week for driving.



Contacts

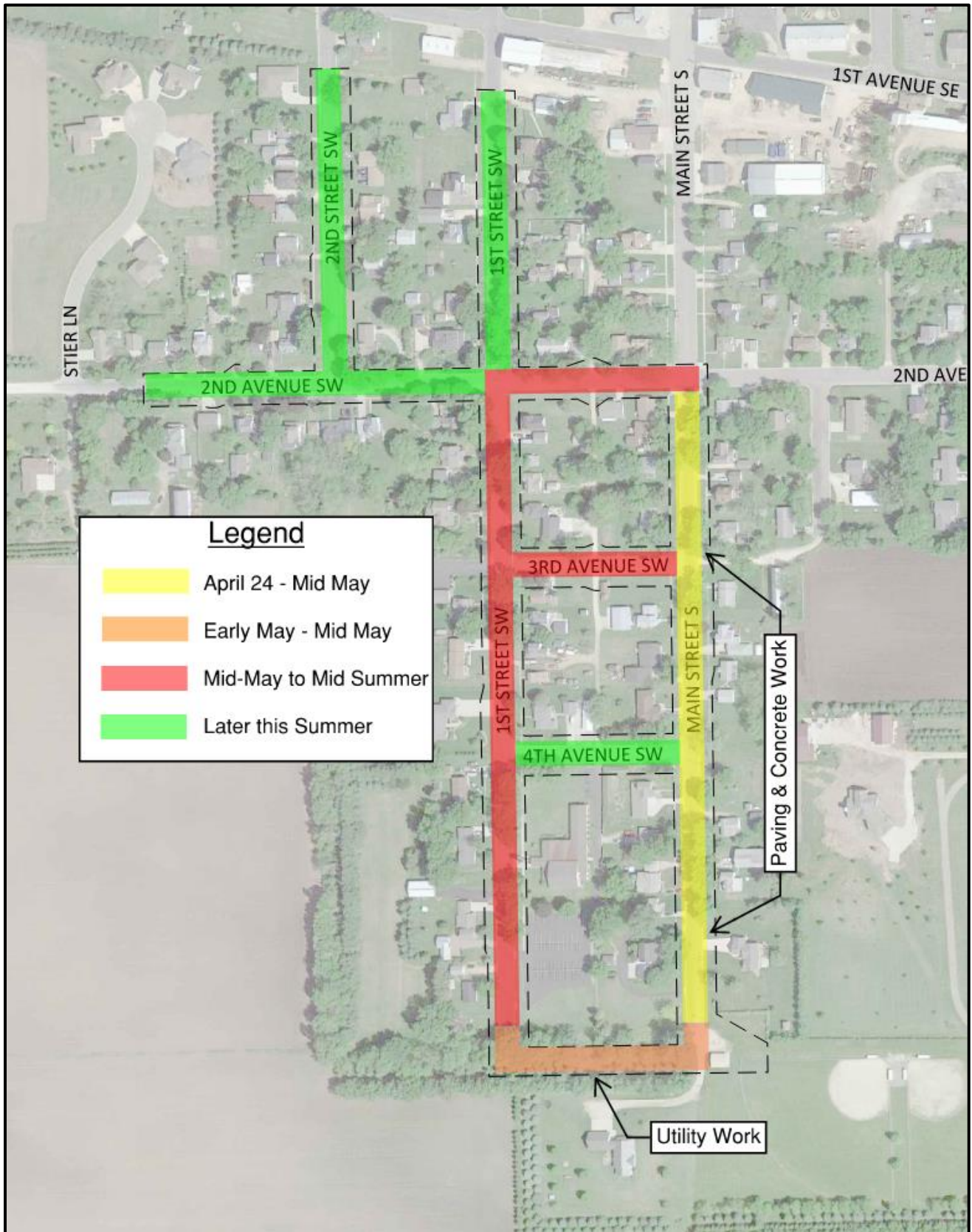
If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Russ at 507-323-5192 or russell.morsching@bolton-menk.com.



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.

Garbage Service

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 Service

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.

