

# Park Street Construction Update

May 27, 2025

## Construction:

- Bituminous Streets
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Storm Sewer
- Concrete Curb & Gutter

## Construction schedule:

Start: July 16, 2024

Fall Completion: November 1, 2024

Final Completion: June 20, 2025

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## Project Status

Construction is nearing its end on Park Street to wrap up the reconstruction project. The contractor completed the concrete work onsite and is preparing topsoil for sod placement at this time. The final lift of pavement is planned to be completed in the coming weeks, and additional updates will be given once they are scheduled.

While topsoil is being prepared and sod installed, there will be active equipment hauling and moving material onsite. The road will not be closed at this time but we ask everyone to exercise caution around active construction equipment.

**Homeowners will need to assist with sod maintenance to ensure proper establishment. See back side for sod care information.**

The contractor will also be raising castings and gate valves in the street prior to paving. This process consists of cutting and removing the bituminous pavement, installing rings, castings, and patching the pavement prior to the final surfacing.

Lastly, final surfacing will entail closing the reconstruction site on Park St and the Albion Ave intersection. This has not been scheduled to date, but is expected in the coming weeks. Notification will be given prior to the street be closed.

## Project Website

Please visit and check the project website periodically for information regarding the construction progress and updates! You can access the website by use of the link below.

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/fairmontparkst2024/>

Or on the City of Fairmont's website under popular links.

<https://fairmont.org>

## Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be distributed periodically throughout the project. The city also has a website for this project. You can go to the website to sign up for notifications and look at project maps. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Derek Behrens at the phone number or email address listed.

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## Sod Care Instructions



### Sod Care

Once the sod is in place, we ask for your help to ensure successful establishment. **Please avoid walking or driving on your new sod for the first three weeks and follow the care instructions below.**

The Contractor will be responsible for maintaining the sod for the first 30 days after installation. During this time, they will monitor the sod and water as needed. If you notice the sod is drying out during the 30-day maintenance period, please let Derek Behrens know. Derek's contact information is located on the left side of the first page.

**You will be responsible for watering and maintenance of your sod after the 30-day maintenance period expires.** After the 30 days are up, sod conditions will be reviewed, and any deficiencies will be addressed before final acceptance. If you notice problems with the placement and/or condition of your new sod, please contact Derek Behrens immediately. After the sod has been accepted, sod care becomes the property owner's responsibility. If the sod dies later, it is a result of improper maintenance and will not be replaced by the contractor or city. Sod maintenance will be needed for the next couple of years to ensure a healthy lawn.

**Note: It can take multiple years before the sod root system is fully established and tolerant of summer conditions.**

**MOWING** - Sod placed this Spring should not be mowed until Fall. To ensure successful turf establishment, it is very important not to mow the sod too short for the first couple of years. While mowing, set the mower deck at least 3-inches high or at the highest setting. Do not cut more than a third of 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 in your yard. It is important to use caution when mowing the sod for the first couple of years. Remember it is better to have long green grass than short brown grass and dirt.

**WATERING** - You will be responsible for watering and maintenance of your sod after the 30-day maintenance period expires. New sod roots take **multiple** years to reach full length. During this time frame, it is recommended to water your lawn two or three times a week for a total of 1-inch. 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 measure the water depth in the container. Multiply the amount of water in inches by the number of times you water each week to total 1-inch per week.

**FERTILIZING / WEED CONTROL** - It is recommended to apply a balanced turf fertilizer next Spring. In doing so, you should use a rotary spreader. Do not over fertilize as it could damage the sod.

Herbicides should not be applied until late spring / early summer next year while temperatures are cooler. Avoid applying herbicides during hot and dry conditions. As with all lawns, herbicides are recommended to control unwanted weeds. Consult with your local specialist regarding the recommended lawn maintenance schedule for fertilizer placement, herbicide treatment, aeration, and dethatching.

**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.**