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2025 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE #24

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKLY UPDATE OF THE SEASON

Week of October 27:

- General – The concrete contractor completed miscellaneous patches.
- General – The paving (blacktop) contractor completed driveway patches.
- General – The Contractor finished seeding the boulevards.

Project Notes:

- Construction will resume in the spring. The City intends to add the reconstruction (street and utilities) of Oak Street between CSAH 1 and 3rd Avenue to the project list. This work will be done next year.
- We will be watching for cracks in the concrete, grass not growing, settlements, etc. early next year. If you notice any deficiencies on your property next spring, please call Russ Morsching and give him your name, address, and explain what you see so he can make a list for the Contractor.
- Paving – The contractor did NOT pave the full blacktop thickness on the roadways. The balance of the blacktop (1.5") will be paved next year. This is intentional to allow for some settlement in the ground over the winter. Settlements will be fixed next year before the rest of the blacktop is paved. A protective "lip" of blacktop will be placed in front of new concrete driveways to help protect against snow plow damage.

Note – The reported schedule will always be flexible due to weather and other reasons. This update is meant to provide information as we know it at the time of the update preparation. Real time schedule updates can be obtained by calling Russ Morsching.

Contact

Please reach out to Russ Morsching, the Resident Project Representative, at 507-323-5192 or russell.morsching@bolton-menk.com with any questions.

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Guidance for New Concrete over the First Winter:

Using deicers on your concrete driveway in the winter can cause surface damage - primarily scaling and spalling - by forcing the thawing and refreezing of moisture. Products containing ammonium nitrates and ammonium sulphates are especially harmful because they will actually attack the concrete chemically. Magnesium chloride is hard on concrete and Rock salt (sodium chloride) or calcium chloride will do less damage, but they can harm vegetation and corrode metal.

Avoid the use of any deicers during the first winter after new concrete driveway construction. The new concrete is more susceptible to the harmful effects of salt.

As an alternative to a deicer during the first winter, we recommend using sand or a product called cherry grit (sold at Fleet Farm).

Guidance for New Seed:

The Contractor will spray the seed with fertilizer onto the ground. The spray will include a protective top coating with a tactifier so it sticks to the ground. The Contractor will water the newly seeded areas for 30-days. Please do not attempt to mow the newly seeded areas this fall while the root system is establishing. **Do not fertilize the newly seeded areas this fall.** When it's time to mow, the mower deck should be at the highest setting until the root system is fully established. The City is asking that each property owner supplement watering as needed. Note that seed does not need the same amount of water that sod requires.

Below are some bullets highlighting key information about maintaining your new seed areas:

- After the contractor 30-day watering period is complete, the newly seeded areas will be turned over to the property owners for long-term maintenance,
- It is important to provide supplemental watering of your newly seeded areas into next year, and
- It is very important to fertilize your new seed for the next two to three years (at a minimum).