

# 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, Moore & Galbraith Street Improvements Construction Newsletter

September 25, 2018

## Construction:

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

## Construction schedule:

### Area 2 – (South of 14<sup>th</sup> Street)

Start: May 23, 2018

Finish: August 31, 2018

### Area 1 – (North of 14<sup>th</sup> Street)

Start: May 7/July 23, 2018

Finish: October 31, 2018

Final Lift: June 30, 2019

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## Project Timeline

Holtmeier Construction has now completed the sanitary and water service installations in Area 1. With the underground utilities complete, crews will now move on to grading and base for street construction. Pending any additional rain delays, curb and gutter is scheduled for the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>. Utility work in the 14<sup>th</sup> Street intersection is still scheduled to be completed last, as this will require another temporary roadway closure and traffic detour.

In Area 2, the *Visu-Sewer* lining crews have arrived to install the Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) sanitary liner. This process is rather non-invasive with crews generally working at manhole locations. The process will involve temporary closure of your sanitary sewer service, thus reducing water use for a few hours will be necessary. Crews will provide notice for when water use should be reduced and may at times need to work later into the evening to allow time for the liner material to properly cure. As always, please use caution when near construction activities and equipment.

Sod installation was completed in Area 2 and the east block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street on August 31. Please note that the 30-day watering period provided by the Contractor is soon to end. Installation of replacement trees for those properties that had trees removed and want a replacement will follow. Justin Olson will be contacting you to coordinate a desired location for your new tree(s).



## 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, driveways and sidewalks should be allowed at least 7 days to cure or until the barricades have been removed.



## Parking

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted in your block you will have to park at a neighbor's house or on a side street, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Efforts will be made to restore access to your property as soon as it is reasonable. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you in advance for your patience.



## 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 Justin Olson **before the end of the 30-day maintenance period** at (507) 848-6927.

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.