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August 22, 2011

Dear Resident,

Beginning towards the end of the week, a contractor working for the City will be starting work on replacing the sidewalk or curb as marked in front or side of your property. This work is part of an annual maintenance program and will be paid under the City's maintenance budget. There will be no direct charge to property owners for this work. A majority of the work will be occurring in the Bronx Park, Birchwood and Sorenson neighborhoods.

The work to be performed includes the removal and replacement of defective curbing and sidewalk segments. This work may cause some problems with existing sprinkler systems if they were installed directly behind the curb or adjacent to the sidewalk. The City would appreciate if you could locate and flag any sprinkler systems on public property (near the curb or walk) that may be impacted by this work. The City is not responsible for damages that may occur to lines, but care will be taken not to damage systems. Other utilities (phone, gas, power and etc.) will be putting flags or markers identifying their utility near the marked work area. More information about what you can expect during construction may be found on the backside of this letter.

The City's contractor performing the curb and sidewalk replacement work is Ron Kassa Construction, Inc. **The City of St. Louis Park's project inspector is Mark Fremder.** He can be reached at 952-924-2556 if you should have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this project.

Sincerely,

Jim Olson P.E.
Engineering Project Manager

c: Mayor and City Council
City Manager
Director of Public Works
City Engineer

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Construction Notes

The City hopes that the inconvenience to you during the construction period will be minor. However, you can expect to encounter the following:

- For some, your driveway will be closed for approximately 7-10 days to allow the contractor to remove and replace the apron or, to install the sidewalk through it. After the concrete is poured, it must cure for a period of 7 days before traffic can drive on it. The area will be marked with construction tape or cones when it is closed off. The Project Inspector or the Contractor will notify you when your driveway will be closed so that you can move vehicles or other items out of your garage.
- Concentration of heavy equipment, noise, and dust will occur during construction. Although the contractor will try to minimize noise and dust, please realize that these are typical of any construction project. The Contractor's working hours are limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.
- Please have your garbage, recycling, and yard waste set out by 7:00 a.m. as close to the usual place of pickup as possible. Waste Management will attempt to arrange their pickups before construction work begins for the day.

The City would appreciate your assistance with the following:

- Remove all shrubs, flowers, paving stones, or sprinkler systems adjacent to the construction area as soon as possible. The Contractor is not responsible for damage to items left in the right-of-way. These may be re-installed after the walk or curb has been installed.
- Do not drive vehicles or bikes over freshly poured sidewalk or driveway aprons.
- Avoid parking near the construction area during the times when workers are present.
- Observe posted warning signs.
- Keep children and pets out of the construction area and away from construction equipment, even when it is parked.
- Assist the contractor by watering the new seed or sod after installation. New seed or sod is only guaranteed for a period of 30 days after installation.

Mark Fremder will be the inspector for the City and can normally be reached at the job site. If you have questions or concerns related to the project, please contact Mark at **952/924-2556**.