

Silver Lake Infrastructure Improvement Project

Silver Lake, Minnesota

Project Update



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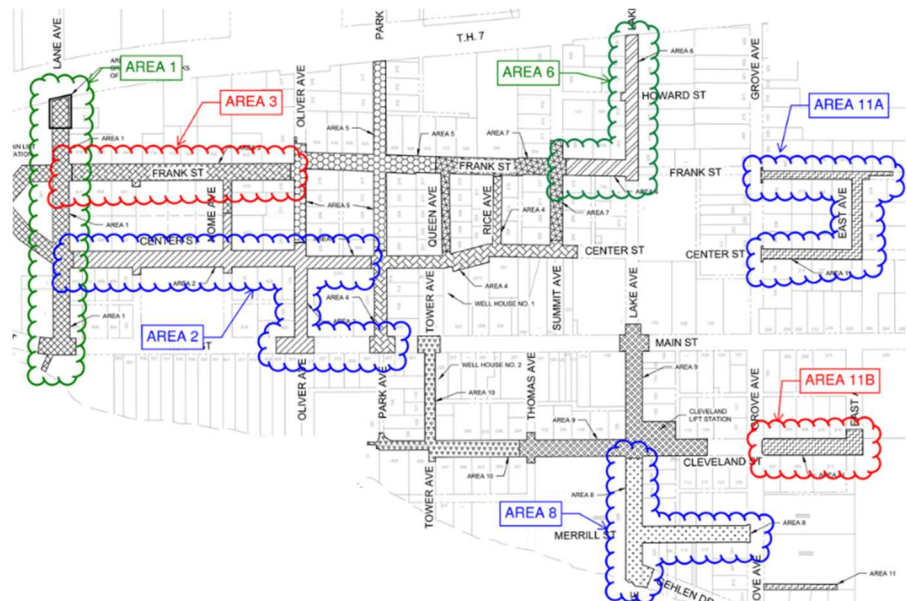
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Current and upcoming work includes the following:

- **Lane Avenue from TH7 to Main Street (Area 1)**
 - Pedestrian ramps being installed.
 - Seeding and topsoiling late this week or early next week.
- **Center Street from Lane Avenue to Park Avenue (Area 2)**
 - Concrete curb and gutter poured from Lane Avenue to Oliver Avenue.
 - Installation of edge drains from Oliver Avenue to Park Avenue.
 - Fabric and sand placement from Oliver Avenue to Park Avenue.
- **Oliver Avenue from Main Street to Center Street (Area 2)**
 - Installation of edge drains.
 - Fabric and sand placement.
- **Main Street/Park Avenue Intersection (Area 2)**
 - Installation of edge drains.
 - Fabric and sand placement.
- **Frank Street from Lane Avenue to Oliver Avenue (Area 3)**
 - Subcutting for street construction to begin this week.
- **Lake Avenue S and Merrill Street (Area 8)**
 - Seeding and topsoiling by end of the week.
- **Frank Street-Center Street-East Avenue Loop (Area 11A)**
 - Seeding and topsoiling late this week or early next week.
- **Cleveland Street East (Area 11B)**
 - Aggregate base sitting to allow water to dissipate. Certain areas will need to be reworked prior to curb and gutter placement.



Seeding

The contractor will be doing topsoil restoration followed by hydroseeding in all areas disturbed by construction activities in Areas 1 and 8. A flier entitled *Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area* is included with this Project Update. Once seeded, we need your help to ensure the lawn receives adequate water and maintenance. Your actions will be especially important if there is little rainfall and warm temperatures. Some tips for caring for your new lawn include:

- **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the establishment period.**
- Water your new lawn 2 inches per week done in 3 or 4 applications.
- Mowing can begin when the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. Mow your new grass as high as possible, approximately 3 inches, and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year.

Street Construction

Street construction involves several steps. First, the street is subcut. This involves excavation and removal of the top layer of soil. After subcutting, drain tile will be placed in the street and a geotextile fabric will be placed over the entire width of the street. A layer of gravel will then be placed in the street. The final steps of street construction involve placement of concrete curb and gutter and the bituminous surfacing. **Please expect no access to driveways during most of the work prior to the gravel being placed.**

Concrete

Concrete that has just been poured needs time to cure. Even though it may look passable, even walking on it may damage the surface. Once the concrete has been poured, a curing compound is placed on the surface to help cure it evenly. This white compound may look like the concrete is dry, but again it is still wet. It takes 7 to 10 days for the concrete to be able to walk on and not do any harm. **Please refrain from walking or riding bikes on the new concrete because those activities may damage it.**

Please use caution when traveling streets that are under construction. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris. For your safety and the safety of the construction workers, we ask that if possible you avoid travel in areas of the project where construction crews and equipment are actively working. As the street construction work continues, there is increased construction traffic as crews haul in gravel, concrete, and other materials to the job site. This increased truck traffic will be noticed in the project area and the streets/highways directly adjacent to the project.

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We encourage all residents to sign up to receive the weekly Project Update letters by email. If you are interested in receiving future Project Updates by e-mail, please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com. (Any mailings will be sent blind copy so that your email address will be kept confidential.) You may also sign up for the City's email or text messaging service to stay up to date on City announcements and updates. Additionally, the City is striving to keep their Facebook page and website updated with pertinent project information.

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dillon, Sam, or Brody.

Caring for Your Newly Seeded Area

Please help us establish your new lawn!

Once the turf area has been seeded, care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. We ask for your assistance to help ensure that the seed area receives adequate water and proper maintenance. **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the germination and establishment period.**

WATERING

Grass seed needs moisture to germinate. After germination, the new grass seedlings are very tender and will die if they dry out. It is very important to water any seeded area until the grass is well established. Lightly water the grass seed during germination to avoid washing away the seed. Once the seed has sprouted, it needs about one inch of water per week. This should be applied in three or four applications.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Once the turf begins to thicken and is being mowed, watering can continue at about one inch per week. Be sure to water deeply and infrequently. Frequent light watering causes the grass to grow shallow roots and sets your lawn up for trouble in hot weather. Avoid watering between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the hottest part of the day. It is best to water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; there's less wind, less hot sun, and your lawn has a full day to dry. Watering at night invites mildew and fungus, but if you can't water in the morning and must water in the evening, aim for around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

During dry periods you must remember to give the young lawn a little extra water than you would your established lawn and let it grow a little longer before mowing. Fertilize as described below if the grass begins to yellow.

MOWING

Your new seed should not be mowed until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. It may take longer than 30 days for these conditions to occur. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the highest setting and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year. ***Your new lawn will die if you cut it too short or during hot weather.***

FERTILIZING

Fertilizer may be needed if the grass begins to yellow. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is required on mature lawns. We recommend a slow-release fertilizer such as 10-0-10 or 22-0-10. Phosphorous type fertilizers such as 10-10-10 may be used on new lawns but should be avoided if the area drains to the storm sewer, ponds, lakes or wetlands.

WEEDS

It happens. Weeds pop among newly planted grass. That's because dormant weed seeds are always present in the soil, and they're waiting to sprout when they get a chance. A good rule of thumb is to wait until you've mowed your new grass at least four times before you treat the weeds with a weed-control product. As always, remember to read the product label for specific information related to the weed-control product you are using.

If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, please call Resident Project Representative Dillon Boggess (320.333.7545).

Your efforts should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn. We appreciate your assistance.