Welcome to the first edition of the Construction Review for the upcoming street and utility replacement project in your neighborhood area.

This first newsletter is aimed at answering some of the general questions and concerns relating to the upcoming construction project. Please note that this newsletter and any future newsletters will be on the City’s website at www.ci.stcloud.mn.us, click on Road Construction Projects.

Key Contacts
The City Council awarded this project to Kuechle Underground, Inc. as the general contractor. Noel Dalton will be the City of St. Cloud Resident Project Representative (RPR) for this project and can be reached directly at 320-293-4932. As the RPR, Noel will be on-site working with the Contractor to assure quality work and will also serve as a liaison between the residents and construction personnel. Once construction begins, Noel will handle job-specific questions, such as access to your property.

Zac Borgerding is the City of St. Cloud Project Engineer and may be reached in the office at 320-255-7240, by cell at 320-345-0385 or by email at zachary.borgerding@ci.stcloud.mn.us.

During the weekend or after hours, if you know of a construction-related emergency, please call one of the Contractor’s representatives for assistance at the following phone numbers:

- Ryan Haag (320) 249-8205
- Chuck Geislinger (320) 493-9205
- Brandon Kuechle (320) 492-3796

Please restrict use of these numbers to emergency use only.
**Scope of the Project**
The work consists of bituminous street, curb and gutter, sidewalk, utility work (sanitary sewer, water main and storm drain), installation of a regional detention system, tree restoration, alley resurfacing and appurtenant work. The project is bounded by 4th Avenue SE from East St. Germain Street to TH 23, including 1st Street SE from 4th Avenue SE to Wilson Avenue SE and 2nd Street SE from Riverside Drive SE to Wilson Avenue SE.

**Construction Schedule**

**Construction Timeline:**
- Estimated start date: Tree removal will begin on May 13, 2019. Utility construction will begin in early June 2019.
- Utility work completion: End of July, 2019
- Street reconstruction, alley paving, driveways, sidewalk: Late August 2019
- Topsoil placement/grading and tree installation: September, 2019
- Final completion, including punch list items: June, 2020

**Other Construction Activity**
In conjunction with the City contract, private utilities such as Xcel Energy, Centurylink, etc. are updating and/or relocating their systems in the area. Xcel Energy has started work in the project area relocating their gas and electric utilities.

Please contact Xcel Energy Representative, Don Hummer at 320-255-8630 with any questions regarding their work. The City is not involved in Xcel’s work and will not be able to provide direct information.

**Sprinkler System and Specialized Landscaping Within City Right-of-Way**
As always with a project of this magnitude, construction activities will disturb the area within and close to the street/alley rights-of-way.

Residents are strongly encouraged to remove any special landscaping, planters, bushes, irrigation system, pet containment system, etc. out of these areas to ensure they are not damaged during construction before May 13, 2019.

With respect to irrigation distribution pipes, pipes should be exposed and pulled up to the property line so that they are visible to the Contractor. Since the sprinkler heads are most often the most expensive component of the system, consider removing them from the distribution pipes. Apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris.

Please contact Brandon Kuechle with Kuechle Underground, Inc. at 320-492-3796 for any additional coordination needs. After this date, the City of St. Cloud will have the Contractor remove any remaining landscaping in conflict with construction of the project. The City and its Contractor will not be held liable for damage or salvaging of any sprinkler system or specialized landscaping within the City right-of-way.
Utility Service Lines
Under the City improvements, the sanitary sewer mains will be replaced along with sewer services from the main to approximately the property line. **We strongly encourage everyone to review the condition of their individual private service lines now if you have not already done so.** There will be a narrow window built into the project timeline that will allow residents to replace their existing sanitary sewer services and/or water services. Therefore, if you are planning to replace your service lines, it is imperative that you contact RPR Noel Dalton at 320-293-4932 to coordinate your work with the City’s construction work.

During the design phase, we did suspect some service lines crossing other private properties. Please check if this is the case with your service. It is your responsibility to reconnect any such service to the new sanitary sewer service connection that the City will provide in front of your property. Again, if your existing lines are in need of replacement, this would be an excellent opportunity to coordinate it with the construction this season.

**FAQ’s**

Following are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding the installation of sewer and water service lines between the property line and the house:

**Q. How do I tell if my service lines are in need of replacement?**

**A.**
1. If the sanitary sewer line requires periodic cleaning and root cutting, it is likely in need of replacement.

2. If you know that the sanitary sewer line has not been replaced since the early 1970's, it is likely made of clay tile and should be replaced. The older clay tile lines did not have very good joints. Offset and leaky joints can lead to root intrusion and sewage blockage problems.

3. If you are still unsure of the condition of your service lines, please check with the inspector on the job site when the City Contractor is installing the new utilities in front of your property. While only the end of your service line will be exposed in the street, we will still be able to provide you with some information on the condition of your service line at that point.

**Q. When should service line replacement work be scheduled?**

**A.**
1. The replacement of the service lines can be accomplished after the completion of the installation of the new utility lines, but prior to the restoration of the turf, or it may even be completed in advance of the installation of the new mains. Under the City contract, a new service line will be installed from the main to approximately the property line and, at that point, the new service line will be reconnected to your existing service line.
If you have replaced the service line prior to our installation, we will simply connect to your new service line. In this type of case, please advise us of this so that a small segment of the old service line is not accidentally left in place.

2. If you are contemplating replacing your service lines, please contact RPR Noel Dalton at 320-293-4932 to coordinate your work with the City’s construction work.

Q. Who can I hire to replace my utility service lines?

A. 1. If you decide to upgrade your service lines, you will need to hire a licensed excavator. We have enclosed a list of excavators licensed by the City. The Contractor’s crews installing the improvements in the roadway utilize large equipment and are not really set up for the installation of the service lines back to the homes.

2. If you have not already done so, it is suggested that you obtain quotes from at least three licensed excavators for the cost of the replacement of your service lines and that you get quotes early on even if you are not sure you are going to replace your service. Contractors tend to get busier as the season progresses and it is much harder to find contractors to give quotes.

Safety Concerns

Large equipment and construction are fascinating to children. Please help us to make this a safe construction season by watching for any dangerous situations and keeping children safely away from any equipment and materials at all times throughout the project.

Whenever large equipment is used in the confines of an existing neighborhood, the potential for an accident exists. Please remember to maintain a safe distance back from all construction activities and to drive with extra caution throughout the entire area.

Access for Residents and Businesses

The project will be coordinated in an attempt to provide you with access to your property during construction. For instance, if the Contractor is working in the street you will then have access from the alley or side street. In a project of this type, access will be difficult at times. We ask for your cooperation and patience. We also ask that special care be taken when traveling through construction zones. By working together, we can minimize any inconveniences and ensure a safe construction site.

With the above construction start date, conflicts with special events are unavoidable. If you have a graduation party or other special event scheduled for this summer, please contact RPR Noel Dalton at 320-293-4932. He will work with the Contractor to help ensure the roads leading to your home are in drivable condition for your guests. The roads will likely be in a disturbed state, but this is an unavoidable situation when municipal utilities are installed in an existing neighborhood.

If anyone has special access needs, please bring it to our attention so that we can attempt to meet your needs.
Refuse and Recycling Pick Up
Residents are asked to take their refuse and recycling out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick up day. During construction, placement of your refuse/recycling will be either from the alleys or the streets. For example, if the Contractor is working in the alley, then pick up will be from the street. Please contact City representative, Brad Katzman, at 320-650-2917 with any refuse/recycling questions.

Mail Delivery
Please note mail delivery is not anticipated to be disrupted.

Construction Correspondence
During construction activities, the Contractor or Resident Project Representative will send out notices of different events such as the need to contact them about a construction-related issue concerning your property. These notices do not get mailed and are usually delivered to you at your door. If no one is available when they deliver the notices, they will place them at your door or on the outside of your mailbox. Please routinely check for notifications/correspondence.

If you rent your house, please share this information with your renters or have them call the Engineering Department at 320-255-7249 to be added to the list to receive the newsletters. As stated earlier, all newsletters will be posted on the City website at www.ci.stcloud.mn.us.

A portion of the stormwater treatment system is funded from the Benton Soil & Water Conservation District and the State Clean Water Fund.

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