



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How was this project initiated?

A: On April 24, 2017, the Arden Hills City Council authorized the preparation of an engineering feasibility report for 2018 Pavement Management Project.

Q: What work is proposed?

A: The City of Arden Hills is working to provide residents with a safer, smoother and structurally sound roadway and utility system. Although a temporary inconvenience to our daily routines, construction is necessary to ensure that motorists are provided with safe and functional roads, that repairs and improvements can be made to aging underground infrastructure, and that storm sewer can be installed and drainage issues can be addressed.

The 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project is part of the City's Pavement Management Program, which proposes specific areas for reconstruction based on field review and City recommendations.

The 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project includes street and utility improvements to Indian Oaks Court, Indian Oaks Trail, W Floral Drive, James Circle, Gale Circle, and Norma Circle. The reconstructed streets will stay in the same approximate location and concrete barrier curb will be repaired or installed to assist with capturing and directing storm water runoff. The 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project also includes pavement restoration, spot curb and gutter replacement, and storm sewer repairs to Wedgewood Circle, Brueberry Lane, and Parkshore Drive.

Q: When will this project occur?

A: Construction is anticipated to take place between June and October of 2018 for the improvements proposed.

Q: How much is this project going to cost me?

A: Financing for the 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project will come from City CIP funds and Special Assessments to benefiting properties. The current assessment rate for reconstruction projects on existing streets is 50% of the roadway improvement cost for residential properties. The City Council adopted the assessment roll on May 14, 2018. Payments received by June 13 were interest free; payments made June 14 or thereafter include interest calculated from May 15 through the date the payment is received and can be paid through November 15 at City Hall. In the alternative, property owners may choose to pay their assessment, including interest, over 10 years with property tax payments beginning in 2019.

Q: Will I always have access to my driveway?

A: Residents will have access to their driveways for the majority of the construction project. However, when the concrete apron and concrete curb are being replaced in front of your driveway, the City requires a 5-day minimum curing period with no disturbance to the concrete. During these times, which will be minimized to the greatest extent possible, on-street parking will be available to residents in lieu of driveway access. There may also be short periods during the day where a resident may not have access to their driveway due to roadway or utility construction. Property owners will be provided as much advance notification as possible when access to driveways will be restricted.

Q: Can entire driveways be replaced as part of the project?

A: Portions of driveways within the City right-of-way may be removed and replaced in kind to accommodate the adjusted street elevation. Northwest Asphalt, Inc., the contractor working on the 2018 Street & Utility Improvements Project, will not be performing any additional driveway work. If you wish to have your entire driveway replaced, you must contact a different company and work out your own agreement. Full driveway replacement outside of the project contract is NOT assessable.



Q: Where will I be able to pick up my mail? How will garbage service be affected?

A: The contractor will install temporary mailboxes as determined by the Post Office and residents will be notified of their location. The existing mailbox will be salvaged until after construction and reinstalled in a similar location.

Trash pickup in the neighborhood will take place on the same day it currently occurs. The contractor will provide access to the neighborhood to garbage trucks for pickup, or coordinate with the disposal service providers during the occasional exception throughout the project to minimize inconvenience to the residents.

Q: How will the school bus pick up my children?

A: The City will coordinate with the bus company to determine if an alternate pick-up location is required during construction. If a new location is required, the affected residents will be notified in advance.

Q: Will the contractor work in front of my house on weekends?

A: The City of Arden Hills has specified the following work hours:

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| Monday – Friday | 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sunday, Holidays | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. |

Q: Will the areas of my lawn that are disturbed be replaced?

A: Sections of maintained lawn that need to be removed for construction will be restored with new sod at the end of the project. The contractor is responsible for watering new turf areas for 30 calendar days following installation, after which it is the homeowner's responsibility. Please do not mow new turf with the rest of your lawn as this will damage it and void the contractor's warranty. All residents will receive mailings notifying them of the end dates of the contractor's sod maintenance period, as well as tips on how best to care for new sod.

Q: How are landscaping features and lawn irrigation systems dealt with during construction?

A: The contractor will work to protect most items such as small retaining walls, landscape features, or irrigation systems found in the homeowner's yard. For underground items such as invisible pet fences and irrigation lines within the City right-of-way, homeowners are responsible to mark them so that the contractor can work around them and protect them as much as possible from damage. If you have any landscaping or underground items that you would like to save and reinstall yourself following construction, please plan to remove these items from the right-of-way.

Q: How are special deliveries, weddings, graduations, garage sales, etc. to be addressed during construction?

A: If you are anticipating a special delivery, open house, or any other activity during the summer construction schedule, please notify the onsite project representative of the time and date in which this will occur. The contractor and project staff will do their best to provide access and/or on-street parking as necessary.

Q: Where can I find additional project information?

As it becomes available, project information can be found on the City of Arden Hill's web page at www.cityofardenhills.org. If you have any questions or comments regarding the project during construction, please contact the onsite project representative, Tyler Skluzacek, at (612) 473-6878.