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This letter is being sent to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

Xcel Energy and their contractor (Q3) are continuing with gas main relocation work and gas services reconnections. They expect to be in the area another 2 to 3 weeks before completing their work, reconnecting services.

Please see Phasing Map sent with May 3rd notice for a description of the anticipated phasing schedule. James Bros. has completed most of the storm sewer work in the park and will be getting the area buttoned up prior to restoration. The week of May 21st, they are expecting to begin work on a small retaining wall and concrete slab behind the backstop at the ballfield.

The contractor is expected to begin removing the existing pavement on Frank Avenue NW (Phase 2) between 4th and 3rd streets NW, beginning early the week of May 21st. You will still have access to your driveways and homes during this removal phase of the project. However, we ask that you do not park on the street just prior to or after the surfacing has been removed.

The contractor will also begin setting up temporary water lines along the boulevard on Frank Avenue (Phase 2) the week of May 21st in anticipation of starting on the water main replacement on Frank Avenue NW. Replacing an existing water system involves several steps. First, an above ground temporary water system is assembled (blue PVC pipe). The two-inch temporary water main and three-quarter-inch water services are assembled, connected to a hydrant, filled, disinfected, and then connected to the outside spigots of the houses. At this point, the existing underground water main can be shut off and the new water main can be installed. Water will be supplied to individual housing units through smaller pipes that branch out to the homes. Temporary water will only be installed in areas of the project where the existing water main is being replaced. In certain locations, these temporary water lines may cross the street and/or driveways. Gravel will be placed over the top of these lines so that vehicles can safely drive over them.

Again, we want to remind folks that anything within the public right-of-way is in jeopardy of being damaged and/or removed. This includes landscaping, sprinkler or pet containment systems, etc. Sprinkler and pet containment systems are considered “private” facilities. Locating them and marking them in and near the right-of-way is the property owner’s responsibility. It would be helpful for those of you who have sprinkler or pet containment systems to contact me so that we are made aware of them. Any damage to those systems as a result of failing to locate and mark them will be the property owner’s responsibility.

If you are interested in “saving a stamp” and receiving future Project Updates more promptly via e-mail, please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at: jbrinkman@sehinc.com.
Please remember that schedules can change at a moment’s notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

If you have any questions or concerns, either now or as the project progresses, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett. I look forward to meeting you on the project.

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