

# DePue Avenue Improvement Project Olivia, Minnesota

# Project Update



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

### Work to-date:

The contractor began pavement removal and installing the temporary water lines to the homes, followed by removal of curb, driveways, and sidewalk. They plan to start underground water main utility excavating on Thursday in Phase 1A on DePue Avenue. Phase 1A includes DePue Avenue from TH71 to just east of 11th Street.

### Temporary Water System:

At this point in time, the temporary water system will be set up in Phase 1A. Temporary water systems will be set up in future phases in 2023. Replacing an existing water system involves several steps. First, an aboveground temporary water system is assembled. The two-inch temporary water main and three-quarter-inch water services are assembled, connected to a hydrant, filled, disinfected, 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.

Tree Story (tree subcontractor) began tree removals and stump grinding. They anticipate finishing on Thursday.

Survey stakes will be placed on the construction site. **Destruction or alteration of survey stakes results in slowing the work and additional cost to the city.**

### Week of September 12th:

It is expected that the contractor will be doing utility work along DePue Avenue between TH71 and 11th Street for the next 2 weeks before work progresses further east.

### Week of September 19th:

After utility work is completed, the road crew will follow up behind with grading of the street, with concrete curb and gutter to follow.

This is also the time to remind everyone that anything within the public right-of-way (approximately 13 feet behind existing curb) 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.**

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**Garbage Collection:**

We are asking residents to tape their house number on their garbage and recycling containers. Please have your garbage/recycling placed at your normal spot for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup. In areas where the garbage truck cannot access, garbage/recycling will be collected by the contractor, moved to a location for easier access by the garbage collection agency, and returned to residents. Your house number is needed so the contractor knows where to return the containers.

**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](mailto:jbrinkman@sehinc.com).**

If you have any questions or concerns, either now or as the project progresses, feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with you on the project.

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