

**City of Farmington Hills
Independence Commons Subdivision Road Rehabilitation
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Will the affected sprinkler heads be replaced?

A. Yes. The contract calls for all sprinkler heads affected by construction to be replaced. To assist in the replacement process, please mark all sprinkler heads prior to construction. Replacement will not occur until the road and driveway paving has been completed. Please turn off sprinkler zones near the road to help keep the construction area dry.

Q. Will the mail boxes be removed?

A. Yes. There will be temporary mail boxes positioned at several locations within the subdivision. Homeowners will be notified of the location and the start date for their use. Existing mail boxes will be removed and placed near each individual home for re-installation at the end of the project.

Q. Will garbage collection continue?

A. Homeowners should continue to place garbage containers along the roadway. If garbage trucks cannot access the area, the contractor will pick up the containers and then return them later in the day. Please clearly mark all garbage and recycling containers with your address.

Q. Will the decorative rocks on my lawn be returned?

A. The contractor will relocate any rocks near the property line but will not return them to their original location.

Q. What will happen with sump pump lines?

A. Existing sump pump lines will be connected to the newly installed edge drain that will be located along the new curb. Homeowners who have sump pumps lines discharging elsewhere can obtain a no fee permit from the City of Farmington Hills Engineering Division and have the lines extended to near the curb area. This needs to occur prior to the work commencing on the street and the work to extend the line is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Q. Will driveways be ramped to allow access?

A. Only the driveways of residents with special needs will be ramped. This determination will be made on an individual basis. Homeowners should contact the Engineering Division if they have special needs.

Q. We are going on vacation. What should we do?

A. Each homeowner has received scheduling information for their street. You may want to consider leaving a car at another location or leaving car keys with a neighbor. We also encourage you to call the site project representative prior to leaving and returning.

Q. We have a party, wedding, or other activity scheduled. Will we have access?

A. Notifying the City prior to the event date may allow for the accommodation of access. Homeowners should provide as much prior notification as possible. Several homeowners have already been accommodated.

Q. Will the project be completed this year?

A: The contractor's schedule calls for all streets except Old Homestead to be completed during this construction season. Old Homestead is scheduled for early in next year's construction season.

Q. Who is handling the quality control on the project?

A. The consulting engineers on the project will be performing quality assurance testing throughout the

operations of the project. A City inspector and consulting inspector are on site at all times to ensure the work is being performed to specifications.

Q. Can I pay to have more of my driveway replaced?

A. The contractor stated that they do not want to perform additional driveway work outside of the roadway contract.

Q. When will driveways be paved?

A. Once the road has been paved, there is a period of time that is required for the concrete to cure (dry and harden) before traffic can be allowed on it. Once the concrete has cured, the contractor will begin placing the dirt back behind the curb. Placement of driveways will follow that process. The range of time for the overall process can vary depending on the time needed for cure and time required for the dirt placement process.

Q. Why does the saw cutting have to occur at night?

A. There is a window of time after paving when the saw cutting must occur. Multiple variables are involved including temperature, humidity, and wind. If the saw cutting occurs too early, it will damage the concrete joints. If the saw cutting is delayed, it will result in cracks in the concrete.

Q. When will mailboxes be installed?

A. Mailboxes will be installed after driveways have been completed and the dirt backfill has been placed around the driveway. If you stored your mailbox after removal, once your driveway approach has been poured and dirt has been placed around the driveway, please put it out where the contractor can access it. If you need assistance with retrieving your mailbox, please contact the Engineering Division at 248-871-2560.

Q. When will the intersections at Old Homestead be paved?

A. The intersections will be paved once Old Homestead is paved, which is scheduled for early in next year's construction season. It is necessary to pave in this order to allow for a smooth transition through intersections.

Q. Can I remove the mulch blanket to mow the new grass?

A. The mulch blanket is a biodegradable product. Removing the mulch blanket may result in uprooting the newly established lawn, so it should be left in place. To prevent any possible damage to your lawn mower, it is recommended not to mow the new lawn while the mulch blanket is still present. If the new grass is getting longer than 8 inches, please contact the site project representative.

Q. What number do I call if I have additional questions?

A. Call the City's Engineering Division at 248-871-2560.