



## **2026 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – Construction Kickoff Notice**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Dear Property Owner/Resident,**

The City has awarded the contract for the 2026 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project, with construction expected to begin with tree removals and street removals on Pleasant Drive as early as the week of **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Contractor:** Northwest Asphalt Inc. of Shakopee, MN will be the Prime Contractor.

**Preliminary Construction Activity Starting Soon:** Crews will begin setting up with equipment delivery, signage, surveying, and surface markings in the coming weeks.

**Where Will Work Begin?** See the enclosed project map. The contractor is currently anticipating doing the project in two phases, **starting with Pleasant Drive and moving to 4<sup>th</sup> Street later this summer.**

- Tree removals on Pleasant Drive AND 4<sup>th</sup> Street are scheduled for the week of **May 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - *Note that tree removals are the only work currently planned for 4<sup>th</sup> Street until July*
- Street removals on Pleasant Drive are planned to start the week of **May 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Utility work on Pleasant Drive is planned to start the week of **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Stay Informed with Project Communications– Weekly Updates will be Provided:**

- **Text Alerts.....** Text **2026STREETS** to **651-349-9255**  
*By texting 2026Streets to (651) 349-9255, you agree to receive informational or promotional messages sent via an autodialer. Up to 4 messages a month may be sent. You also agree to the Agreement to Receive Text Messages, Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy ([www.hastingsmn.gov/textnotification](http://www.hastingsmn.gov/textnotification)). This agreement isn't a condition of any purchase. Message frequency varies. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt out; Text HELP for more information.*
- **Email Updates.....** Sign up at [www.hastingsmn.gov/enotify](http://www.hastingsmn.gov/enotify)
- **Website.....** [www.hastingsmn.gov/2026Streets](http://www.hastingsmn.gov/2026Streets)
- **Printed Notices.....** Watch for mailbox updates and door tags

**Questions in the Field?** Look for City staff in red trucks with the City of Hastings Public Works logo.

**Landscaping/Irrigation Notice – Protect or Relocate items within the City Right-of Way:**

Please review the back of this letter for important info on protecting your landscaping and irrigation systems.

For more info, visit the website or call the Engineering Department at **651-480-2334**.

Thank you!

Cody Mathisen, P.E.  
Project Manager

**CC:** Mayor & City Council,  
Ryan Stempski, Public Works Director

**Enclosures:**

- Landscaping & Irrigation System Relocation Guidance (see back)
- Project Map
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## **LANDSCAPING ITEMS ARE “GUESTS” OF THE RIGHT OF WAY**

If you have any landscape items within 10 to 15 feet of the current edge of the road, such as:

- Flower beds
- Rock gardens
- Fences
- Wiring
- Shrubs
- Etc.

Please keep in mind that it is most likely that these items are within the City’s Right of Way area. These items are considered “guests” within the Right of Way, and during a reconstruction project they may be subject to damages from the construction activity. **It is the responsibility of each property owner** to salvage and relocate these items if it is apparent that construction activity will endanger them. **These items will not be replaced if they happen to be damaged or removed by the contractor.**

### **IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE REPAIRED – SEE BELOW FOR RECCOMENDATIONS**

The contractor and the City will attempt to protect irrigation systems to the greatest extent possible but will not repair or replace any irrigation system components that reside within the right-of-way that are damaged during construction.

We recommend the following steps to best protect your irrigation within 10 to 15 feet of the existing roadway edge based on the type of construction taking place on your street:

#### **1. For Reclaim Streets**

- a. **Approximately 1-2 weeks in advance of construction beginning in your area, mark the location of the sprinkler heads** nearest to the roadway using small utility flags or paint marks on your existing lawn
- b. Contractor and City Staff will document the locations of these sprinklers and in most cases, damage can be avoided as reclaim improvements primarily leave the existing curb in place, however, it is still possible for lines to be impacted if curb is removed near the line.

#### **2. For Reconstruction Streets**

- a. **Approximately 2 weeks in advance** of construction beginning in your area, **identify if you have sprinkler heads within 10-15 feet of the existing road edge.**
- b. **For the best protection, you or a contractor of your choosing can temporarily cap these sprinkler heads** nearest the road. Capping is not required, but prevents potential damage to these heads.
- c. **Approximately 1-2 weeks in advance of construction beginning in your area**
  - i. **Expose the sprinkler head locations** nearest the roadway by digging around them so the incoming lines are visible **OR**
  - ii. **Mark the location of the sprinkler heads** nearest to the roadway using small utility flags or paint marks on your existing lawn
- d. Contractor and City Staff will document the locations of these sprinklers and will attempt to protect them to the extent possible
- e. When construction is nearing completion, and if you elected to cap heads for protection, you (or your contractor) may re-install heads during the final restoration phase of the project before seed is placed

**You will be provided schedule updates via mailings or door hangers so that you are made aware of when construction is approximately 2 weeks away from beginning on your street.**

If you have a question about whether something you have placed in the boulevard is likely to be in the path of construction, please contact the Engineering Department at (651) 480-2334. We will arrange for someone to visit with you to explain the nature of the work in your area.



## 2026 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements

### Project Area Map





## City of Hastings Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### Will I be able to get into to my driveway during construction?

**Yes.** Although your street will be “closed to through traffic”, all residents living on streets under construction will be allowed through and for the vast majority of the project, access will be maintained in and out of your driveway. There will be a certain number of days, such as paving or concrete work days, where you will have limited access during working hours (7 AM to 7 PM) and may be asked to park on a different street. **It is important to note that you will receive advanced notice prior to any access restrictions to your driveway typically in the form of a door hanger.**

#### What is the timeline for the project?

**The project is generally planned to take place between early May and early October.** The contractor will provide an approximate project timeline once they are selected in early April. This information that we receive will be provided to you in late April with your construction kickoff packet. Until that time, we will not be sure of what street they will be starting on as each contractor will propose a unique timeline based on their bid.

It is worth noting that while the project will take place between early May and early October, **your street specifically will only be under construction for a portion of that time.** In most cases, a block of street under full reconstruction may take around 8-12 weeks and for reclaim improvements 6-8 weeks for the bulk of construction activity.

#### How will mail delivery, trash/recycling pickup, and emergency services be affected?

- **Emergencies:** Emergency access will be maintained at all times by our construction crews.
- **Mail**
  - **Reconstruction Streets:** A bank of temporary mailboxes is typically established somewhere just outside the project limits where delivery trucks can access more easily. This temporary bank of mailboxes will be labeled with addresses and serve as your primary mailbox until construction is complete.
  - **Reclaim Streets:** Typically mail services are planned to remain normal throughout construction. There may be minor interruptions on days of select construction activity such as paving that restricts access. A temporary bank of mailboxes may also be used in reclaim areas if requested by the post office.
- **Trash/Recycling:** Garbage pickup will remain on your normal day, with the only change being trucks will likely be in your area earlier (5:30 AM – 7 AM) before construction starts. We will ask that you put your cans out the night prior to accommodate this.

## I have inground sprinklers, invisible dog fence, or landscaping near the curb, what happens if any of these get damaged during construction? What can I do to protect them?

Inground sprinklers, invisible fences, and landscaping items within the public right-of-way are considered “guests”, and therefore are not replaced or repaired if damaged as part of the project.

Landscape items such as plants/shrubs that you would like to salvage are best to be removed prior to construction starting and stored for safekeeping or planted elsewhere.

For irrigation systems, *especially in reconstruction areas*, we recommend you do the following prior to construction advancing to your street (2-3 weeks prior):

- **Temporarily Cap Sprinkler Heads (optional but encouraged)** - Either with an irrigation contractor’s assistance or on your own, temporarily cap/expose sprinkler heads near the curb.
- **Mark Sprinkler Heads** - Place flags or paint marks near all your sprinkler heads that border the street so that our contractor knows where they are when they are digging in the area.

Both actions are intended to help limit the damage our contractor does when digging in the area so that once they are done you may return your sprinklers to normal operation. While our contractors will do their best to avoid damage to sprinkler lines, there is no guarantee that they will not damage lines that are in the public right of way as part of their work.

## How much is my assessment?

For 2026, proposed assessments rates for are as follows for the most common property types:

- **Single Family Home** - \$6,300 per lot
- **Twin Home** - \$4,725 per lot
- **Twin Home** - \$4,500 per lot
- **Condominium** - \$3,150 per lot

Note that corner lots in the City of Hastings pay 100% of the proposed assessment on the “short side” of their lot fronting an improved street but only 25% of the proposed assessment on the “long side”.

## Can I finance my assessment over time?

**Yes. You may finance all or part of your assessment over a 10-year period through your property taxes with Dakota County.** You may elect to pay all or part of your assessment prior to October 30<sup>th</sup>, and any remaining balance will automatically be levied onto your property taxes beginning next year.

**It is important to note that there is an interest rate associated with financing your assessment** that has historically been between 4-5%.

## Is there financial assistance available for assessments?

**Yes.** More information as well as application details will be sent regarding financial assistance with your final assessment packet in July. Generally, there are 2 forms of assistance available:

- **Option 1 – Abatement (Best option)** – For qualifying low to moderate income households, all or part of your assessment may be paid for by grant funding available through Dakota County.
- **Option 2- Deferral** - If you do not qualify for abatement, property owners age 65 and older, those retired by virtue of permanent disability, and active military service members may qualify for assessment deferral (delay in payment being due) if your adjusted gross income is below a threshold set by the deferral policy.