

November 2, 2021

OPEN HOUSE / 2022 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Dear Resident:

The City of Apple Valley 2022 Capital Improvement Program Identifies potential utility replacement and street reconstruction work on Redwood Drive and Juniper Lane as shown on the map below. The scope of work includes total replacement of approx. 2,750 linear feet of sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer and street reconstruction.

City Staff is in the process of designing the project and reviewing the feasibility of adding a sidewalk to Redwood Drive and/or Juniper Lane, depending on resident feedback. It is anticipated that the project will be publicly bid and awarded to a contractor in the spring of 2022 with construction anticipated in the 2022 season. An additional neighborhood meeting will be scheduled when the project is awarded to discuss in more detail the construction schedule and specific scope of work in April of 2022.

If the City of Apple Valley proceeds with the project, funding would be derived from the City's Road Improvement Tax Levy. The City Council has structured this funding source to allow the City to pay for the proposed street reconstruction work WITHOUT the use of any special assessments.

To continue the long standing practice of not using special assessments the City Council has recently made some changes to the City Policy regarding Private items in the Public Right of Way and are outlined below:

Street Improvement Projects often require construction work to occur within the public right-of-way area behind the concrete curb or outside of the paved street section. This area is typically referred to as the boulevard. Adjacent property owners along the street frequently have installed privately owned items within the boulevard area. Some examples of privately owned items within the boulevard include:

- *Irrigation or sprinkler systems*
- *Bushes and landscape plantings*
- *Decorative fences*
- *Underground dog fences*

The City will not be responsible for the cost to remove/reinstall privately owned items that are encountered within the right-of-way as part of a Street Improvement Project. City staff will send notice to property owners ahead of the project timeframe, requesting that the property owner remove any privately-owned items within the construction zone of the public right-of-way.

Approved by City Council February 23, 2017, Resolution 2017-036

A project informational meeting and open house is scheduled for **November 16, 2021**, starting at **5:30 p.m.** at the Apple Valley Municipal Center (City Hall), in the Council Chambers. The Municipal Center is located at 7100 147th Street, in the southwest corner of 147th Street and Galaxie Avenue.

Please note that in accordance with MDH and CDC guidelines, all City employees must wear a facemask in common areas and keep a social distance of 6 feet from others. Although it is not required of the public, we do recommend that you wear a facemask and practice social distancing.

Please contact the Apple Valley Engineering Department at 952-953-2426 or email Jodie.scheidt@applevalleymn.gov for more information. The Engineering staff looks forward to meeting with residents on November 16th to further discuss the proposed project.

**No formal presentation will be given.
This is an open house where you will be able to talk one on one with staff.**

Sincerely,

Apple Valley Engineering Department



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