

City of Oberlin

85 South Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074

Public Works Department

May 24, 2021

TO: Residents on Colony, Hawthorne, Mulberry and Fairway

FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director

RE: Street Improvement Project

On May 3rd, City Council awarded a construction contract to Crossroads Asphalt in the amount of \$249,806.66 for improvements to the north segment of Colony Drive, Hawthorne Drive and the cul-de-sac on Fairway Drive. We held our pre-construction meeting with Crossroads Asphalt on May 6th. We received their schedule today. They intend to set up beginning tomorrow (Tuesday, May 25th). On Thursday and Friday, they will saw cut the street for curb removal. Weather-permitting, this work is planned to start in earnest next Tuesday, after Memorial Day.

Hawthorne & Colony

As some of you will recall, Colony Drive from Morgan St. north to house addresses 31 (east) and 34 (west) was re-constructed in 2009. Due to its relatively better condition (at that time), the northern +/- 460' of Colony to the point of connection with Hawthorne was not re-built. We'll be finishing the job this summer.

On the north segment of Colony and on Hawthorne, we will be replacing all of the curb. Crossroads intends to remove the curb beginning on Hawthorne on the west side of West College and working south along the west side of the street to and including the work on Colony Drive. Then back on the east side of Colony to Hawthorne, around the cul-de-sac and back to West College. During this process, the excavated area will be marked with delineators to alert traffic to the road side trench. Along with removal and preparation for the new curb, Crossroads will install new under-drain (the pavement drainage system). This will be followed by the new curb.

Please note that curb replacement will also require partial driveway apron replacement. Drive aprons will be replaced in like material (i.e concrete for concrete; asphalt for asphalt; gravel for gravel). This will be the most disruptive phase of the work. Driveways will not be accessible after the curb has been removed, the new concrete curb has been poured and cured and the new driveway apron is poured and cured. Advance notice will be given before driveways are closed. We anticipate three to four weeks to complete all of the concrete work.

During this phase of the construction, we recommend parking across the street with your neighbors, where that is feasible and/or with neighbors on Mulberry Circle (but not in the cul-de-sac itself to preserve emergency and service vehicle access). We also recommend on-street parking at the west end of Elm St. and further south on Colony Drive outside of the work zone. Any residents with special needs should contact the Public Works Department as soon as possible so we can help to determine how accommodations may best be made.

After the curb work is complete, the existing asphalt will be milled off and inspected. Any necessary base repairs will be made and the streets will be resurfaced with a 1 ¾" intermediate asphalt course, paving fabric and a 1 ½" surface course. Following paving, the contractor is responsible for final site restoration in the curb lawn and the repair of any other damages caused during the course of work. Crossroads is planning to complete all of the work by early July.

Fairway Drive

During design, Engineering staff identified that the Fairway Drive cul-de-sac is disproportionately worn compared to the rest of Fairway Drive. This makes sense since the turning movements creates a lot of localized pavement stress. We've awarded an alternate in Crossroads contract to grind and resurface the cul-de-sac only to restore it to a condition more nearly matching the remainder of the street. This work will phase with milling and paving on Hawthorne and Colony, currently anticipated for the latter half of June. In the Fairway Drive cul-de-sac, the work will only take a couple of partial days.

We have worked with Crossroads Asphalt on other projects and we're confident that they will do a good job. Generally we expect them to work four 10-hour days, approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday with Friday as a make-up day for weather related delays. The City has hired a third party inspection firm, Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI) to assist in managing this project.

I do intend to send out occasional project updates via e-mail. If you'd like to be on this e-mail list, please send me a brief note at jbaumann@cityofoberlin.com. If you have any questions at any time during the project, please contact the Public Works Department at 775-7218.

During construction, access will generally be maintained although delays should be expected. For your safety and the safety of construction workers, inspectors and City staff, please exercise caution at all times around the construction work and construction equipment. Although there will be temporary inconveniences, I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this project.

Cc: Rob Hillard, City Manager
Randall Roberts, City Engineer