

February 1, 2018

Re: 2018 Tree Removal Project

Dear Resident,

The City of Ham Lake has scheduled the reconstruction of Baltimore Street and 148<sup>th</sup> Lane between Aberdeen Street and Hastings Street and the reconstruction of 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Radisson Road to Xylite for this year. Funding for the reconstruction project will be through the City of Ham Lake Revolving Street Fund. There will be no individual lot assessments associated with the street reconstruction.

The Plans and Specifications of the street reconstruction project are nearly complete. Further notification will be given prior to project commencement. The Tree Removal plans can be viewed from the project web page, which is available at <http://rfcengineering.com/HLProj/0511/TreeRemovalPlans.pdf>.

In preparation for this project, Plans and Specifications have been prepared for the clearing and grubbing (removing trees, brush and tree roots and trimming trees) along some areas of Baltimore Street, 148<sup>th</sup> Lane and 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue to allow for the construction of the wider streets, which will include bike lanes in both directions. In addition, trees are being removed on the west side of Aberdeen Street south of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bids have been opened and the project is to be awarded to YTS Utility Group, LLC.

The contact for YTS Utility Group, LLC is Tim Sether – 651-395-9424 (cell).

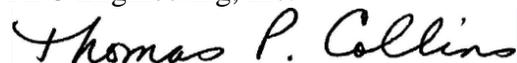
The work is scheduled to start as early as Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Per City Ordinance, red oak trees are not to be disturbed between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, to prevent the spread of oak wilt. YTS Utility Group, LLC will have the trees reduced to 3 inches above existing grade by March 31<sup>st</sup> and the remaining stumps removed once the ground thaws and prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Survey crews will begin staking the tree removal areas as early as Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Minnesota Gopher State One will be locating and marking utilities, such as electric, gas, telephone, and cable TV. Please do not move or destroy any flags, stakes, or markings.

YTS Utility Group, LLC is responsible for removing and disposing of all the trees, brush, stumps and roots away from the construction site unless the adjacent property owner desires to retain the wood. Please contact the phone number listed above for YTS Utility Group, LLC if you wish to retain any of the wood adjacent to your property. If you desire to retain the wood, YTS Utility Group, LLC shall trim and cut all logs four inches in diameter and larger into four foot lengths and pile them on your property adjacent to the right-of-way.

You will receive future notification as to the schedule and contractor for the street reconstruction project. If you have any questions, comments or concerns with the project, or are aware of any specific issues, please notify me at 763-862-8000 or [tcollins@rfcengineering.com](mailto:tcollins@rfcengineering.com).

Sincerely,

RFC Engineering, Inc.



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