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Dear Sweet Bay Ridge Resident:

This mailing is to update you on the City's plan for the maintenance of the center median on 161st Avenue in the Sweet Bay Ridge development.

The discussion began in the fall of 2015 when a group of Sweet Bay Ridge residents came to the City with a plan to improve the center median. At the time, the group had received voluntary donations from neighborhood residents to purchase landscaping rock and requested that they be allowed to place the rock in the median island to replace the deteriorating mulch. Weeds were growing in the median island and it was believed the landscape rock would reduce weed growth.

The City Public Works department rejected that plan based on a couple of factors. Staff felt there was potential for the rock to migrate from the berm onto the road, and the heat radiating from the rocks would create a harsh environment for the plant material in the median.

At the October 18th Public Works Committee meeting, City staff presented a quote from Great Northern Landscaping, for the repair of the irrigation system and the restoration of the berm, including new plant material. The committee recommended that the cost be divided three-ways, that is, between the City, voluntary donations from the neighborhood, and possibly a donation from Lennar homes. The Community Development department has been in contact with Lennar homes and is waiting on a final answer on their commitment.

It is important to note that, contrary to some reports, non-voluntarily assessment of neighborhood homeowners for the project is not an option.

This topic will be back in front of the Public Works Committee for discussion at their next meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm, January 17th, 2017 in the Lake Itasca room, Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW. If you need any clarification on this project, please contact Grant Riemer, Public Works Superintendent at 763-433-9863 or email at

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Sincerely,

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