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COLUMBIA GAS ANNOUNCES PARMA PIPELINE PROJECT IN DARTWORTH DRIVE AREA

(PARMA) – Columbia Gas of Ohio will start replacing more than 15,000 feet of pipeline at the end of the month in the Dartworth Drive area of Parma. The \$2.3 million program comes on the heels of a similar pipeline project by Columbia Gas, \$1.7 million replacement of aging service lines to nearly 400 customers and relocating interior gas meters to areas outside the homes in Parma's Twin Lakes Drive neighborhood. A public meeting to discuss the new project will be held Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Monaghan Hall, adjacent to St. Charles Church, 5891 Ridge Road.

"This is another great project for our residents and the city that will last for years to come," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "As with the Twin Lakes project, this, too, is all about safety designed to prevent the potential for leakage in steel pipes that are old and deteriorating."

Columbia Gas says about 600 customers will be impacted by the Dartworth Drive project, tentatively scheduled to be completed by mid-summer. As was the case with the Twin Lakes Drive program, there may be some temporary disruptions in traffic but Columbia Gas says it does not anticipate any road closures.

Columbia Gas will mail letters detailing construction plans to residents living on the targeted streets. In addition, residents will be contacted before work begins on or near their property and will receive updates throughout the construction. The company says workers will do as little digging as possible and restore any disrupted landscaping. The gas company says the digging is necessary because all natural gas lines are buried.

In addition to Dartworth Drive, pipeline work is planned for Essen Road, Bertha Avenue, Dorothy Avenue, Spring Garden Road, Thornton Road, Brownfield Drive, West 79th Street, Ridge Road (at the intersection of Dartworth Drive and between Thornton Road and Brownfield Drive) and Wareham Road.

Additional information on the project can be found on the City of Parma website, www.cityofparma-oh.gov. Residents can also call the Columbia Gas Customer Service Center at 800-344-4077 or check online at www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com to access a list of questions and answers about the replacement project.

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