



## NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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### COLUMBIA GAS TO SPEND NEARLY \$4 MILLION ON TWO PARMA PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

**(PARMA)** – Columbia Gas of Ohio will soon begin replacing more than 30,000 feet of natural gas main pipeline in two Parma neighborhoods. The process of replacing existing steel pipe with plastic pipe, a combined cost of \$3.8 million, is expected to take several months to complete.

“This is a continuous replacement and upgrade program by Columbia that will have a positive impact on the city’s infrastructure,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “These major upgrades will also add safety and value to homes and neighborhoods throughout Parma.”

The first project will encompass the Jameson Road and Ridgefield Avenue areas where more than 11,000 feet of natural gas main line will be replaced at a cost of \$1.3 million. An informational meeting for residents was conducted by Columbia Gas on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The project includes a number of streets including Jameson Road, Ridgefield Avenue, Wooster Parkway, Arden Road, Virginia Avenue, Pearl Road (between Jameson and Ridge Roads), and Ridge Road (between Snow and Pearl Roads).

The second pipeline replacement project will target the Chesterfield and Marlborough Avenue area at a cost of \$2.5 million. More than 19,000 feet of natural gas main line will be replaced along several streets including Chesterfield Avenue, Theota Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Marlborough Avenue, Manhattan Avenue, Newport Avenue, Liberty Avenue, West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and a portion of Ridge Road.

According to Columbia Gas, customers on these streets will soon notice preliminary construction work such as staking of right of way and inspection of sewer lines. Customers in the pipeline replacement zone will be notified by mail of an informational meeting to be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the project. The meeting will be held at Monaghan Hall, adjacent to St. Charles Church, 5891 Ridge Road. At that time, residents will have the opportunity to ask questions of Columbia construction personnel.

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As in similar Columbia Gas pipeline replacement projects along the Dartworth Drive and Twin Lakes Drive areas in Parma, customers can expect a short interruption of natural gas service. Work crews will make personal contact with customers prior to shutting-off service and to schedule re-light appointments. Columbia Gas says customers with indoor meters will also have their meters moved to the outside of the house. This work will be done at no additional cost to the customer.

“Residents should keep in mind the key here is safety,” said Mayor DePiero. “These new pipelines will prevent the potential for leakage in steel pipes that are old and deteriorating. Once installed, the new lines will be in place for years to come.”

As a reminder, all Columbia employees and contractors carry identification cards bearing their name, photograph and identification number and will gladly show it to customers.

Additional information on the project can be found on the City of Parma website, [www.cityofparma-oh.gov](http://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](http://www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com) to access a list of questions and answers about the replacement project.

Columbia Gas of Ohio says it will spend nearly \$2 billion over the next 25 years to improve its 19,000 mile underground pipeline system.

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