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COLUMBIA GAS PLANS \$1.5 MILLION PIPELINE PROJECT FOR PARMA

(PARMA) – Columbia Gas of Ohio will soon begin to replace more than 12,000 feet of natural gas main line in the Renwood Drive and West 54th Street area. The \$1.5 million dollar pipeline replacement project will take several months to complete as workers replace aging steel lines with plastic pipe. A public meeting to discuss the project will be held Monday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Parma-Snow Branch Library, 2121 Snow Road.

The project includes several streets including Allanwood Road, Haverhill Avenue, Thornton Road, Brownfield Drive, Renwood Drive and West 54th Street between Renwood and Sheraton Drive. The utility company says in the near future, residents in the area will notice preliminary construction work, such as staking of right of way and video inspection of sewer lines. Approximately 500 customers will be impacted. Columbia Gas pledges to do as little digging as possible and will restore any landscaping or disruptions to property that may occur. Work is to be completed by late summer.

“This will be another good project for our local residents and the city when it comes to upgrading our utilities and keeping everyone safe,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “Essentially, the pipeline project will prevent the potential for leakage by replacing steel pipes that are old and deteriorating with a new, safer delivery system.”

Columbia Gas has already mailed 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 project. Columbia Gas says the work will require a short interruption of natural gas service. The company says its workers will make personal contact with customers prior to shutting-off service and to reschedule re-light appointments. Some customers may also have their indoor meters moved to the outside of the house.

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 and also to view a video, “Replacing Your Pipeline.”

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