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Columbia Gas Beginning Natural Gas Line Replacement Project in Middleburg Heights

Middleburg Heights, OH – Columbia Gas is set to begin a project in Middleburg Heights to replace aging gas lines with newer, state-of-the-art plastic pipe. The work will take place on Old Pleasant Valley Road (extending slightly into Parma), Shawnee Trail and a portion of Uhlin Drive. In total, crews will install roughly 10,000 feet of new pipe, serving approximately 190 residences.

Residents should expect work to begin within the next week. Columbia Gas and its contractor, Miller Pipeline, will begin construction by installing the new main line and then proceed to service lines for individual properties. Some gas meters may be relocated as well.

The new plastic pipe has several benefits, including enhanced safety features and the ability to bend to the earth's contour while expanding and contracting with shifting temperatures. Once installed, the modernized system will last longer and reduce the amount of future maintenance required for upkeep.

The project requires only a short interruption to natural gas service. Columbia Gas crews or contractors will contact affected customers to schedule the brief shut off and relight appointments. All employees and contractors carry identification cards with their names and photograph and must show them upon request. In light of COVID-19, crews are also following strict recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to keep everyone safe.

There is no additional cost to customers and Columbia Gas will restore all impacted property. Work is expected to last about three months.

For more information, visit ColumbiaGasOhio.com/Replacement. For a short video explaining the process, visit <https://vimeo.com/481327238>

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