



Mount Vernon

An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown

Columbia Gas Announces Project for West Side

Utility Will Replace Pipelines in Vicinity of West Walnut, North Harrison Streets

MOUNT VERNON, Sept. 10, 2021 – Columbia Gas has announced plans to install 11,000 feet of new plastic pipe on the west side of Mount Vernon beginning next week. About 200 residences in the area will be impacted by the project. The utility has scheduled two virtual meetings to address residents' questions and concerns.

The new pipelines will replace the main natural gas line and service lines connecting homes and businesses to the Columbia Gas system. The utility will schedule appointments with property owners to connect the new service lines. The project may entail some evening and weekend work by the utility's contractor, Mid-Ohio Pipeline.

The project's footprint is bordered by Greenwood Avenue on the north, North Adams Street on the east, West High Street on the south and Riverside Drive on the west. The bulk of the work will occur on Greenwood Avenue and North Harrison, West Walnut, West Sugar, West Chestnut and Maple streets.

Columbia Gas noted that the pipeline will cause some short-term disruptions to the neighborhood, from occasional gas outages of two to four hours to the digging up of yards, sidewalks and streets. Indoor gas meters will also be relocated as part of the project. The utility stressed that workers will repair or replace any sidewalks, driveways and landscaping disturbed by the work.

"The new 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," Benjamin Cutler of Columbia Gas said in a press release. "Once installed, the modernized system will last longer and reduce the amount of future maintenance required for upkeep."

Columbia Gas asks that residents contact Cutler at 216-215-4103 to share information about buried sprinkler or septic systems, invisible fences or cisterns, or to discuss other concerns about the pipeline project.



Columbia Gas will install new plastic pipe in an area bordered by Greenwood Avenue, West High Street, Riverside Drive and North Adams Street.

Residents can also attend two virtual meetings on the project on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm., by visiting nsource.webex.com/meet/bcutler or calling 203-607-0564 or 866-692-3580. The access code for the meeting is 173-694-5189.

For more information on the project, visit ColumbiaGasOhio.com/Replacement. For a short video explaining the process, visit vimeo.com/481327238.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational, and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. Specific attractions are the historic Woodward Opera House, the Knox County Memorial Building and Theater, and the 250-acre Ariel~Foundation Park adjacent to the state scenic Kokosing River. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College, and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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