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This is an important message from Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica for residents of the Village of Plandome Heights

We expect the trench excavation in the Bournedales to be completed tomorrow, Thursday. What will happen from there is as follows:

1. I expect Nat Grid to move the excavation crew to Cove Drive and The Beachway where the work will be to dig "bell holes" (similar to on Waterway/Neck) and not trenches. Between the bell holes, the new pipe will be "shot," underground to the next location. I expect this phase of laying the gas mains to take about another week. National Grid will continue to keep affected residents informed as they make progress throughout the Village.
2. In the Bournedales, a separate crew is scheduled to move in, Friday or Monday, to begin the "tie-ins" of the individual homes (and areas) to the new gas main. In order to do that, NatGrid will be making appointments with individual homeowners to enter their homes to replace their gas meter and move it from inside to outside. This is a mandate from the Public Service Commission for your safety. There is no charge to the homeowner. It is a slow and individual process that will take about two or more hours per home. I understand the goal is for National Grid to complete two to four houses per day, and the work is expected to be finished within 6 to 8 weeks (if all goes according to plan).
3. When the Cove and Beachway work is complete, the separate "tie-in" crew will begin making appointments with homeowners to replace their gas meters and move them outside your home for your safety.

Your cooperation with the NatGrid tie-ins is essential to the success of the program. So, please make yourself available for that effort with properly identified and credentialed workers.

Approximately 7,000 linear feet (about 1 1/3 mile) of new gas main will have been installed when we are done. In all, approximately 200 homes will be serviced with the new connections when they are done. This includes the homes on Waterway/Neck that were done last year as part of this project. This is a major infrastructure improvement for a majority of our Village.

This schedule would put us on a path to pave in approximately May 2022.

However, we are seeing forecasts of a significant approaching winter storm coming Friday night and Saturday. Obviously, all construction schedules and timelines are subject to change due to weather.

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