

# The Spotlight



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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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## PIPELINE AWARENESS

To promote safety around our natural gas lines, members should be aware of the following:

### A NOTE ABOUT OUR GAS LEAK EMERGENCY SERVICE

PIE&G's special gas leak hotline is **800.655.8565**. This number is designated for gas leak reporting only. Operators cannot take or transfer calls regarding other requests. PIE&G has emergency service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You must call 911 to report broken or open lines when there is a release of gas.



### NATURAL GAS PIPELINE MARKERS

Natural gas pipelines are buried and may be marked. However, the pipeline markers may not always show the exact location of underground lines or the direction they follow. Before any digging, please call 811 (Miss Dig). This is a free service. Utilities will be marked within 3 business days. Damaging or removing pipeline markers is against the law – punishable by fines and/or jail time.

### PIPELINE INTEGRITY

To protect the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system, PIE&G routinely inspects and performs maintenance such as corrosion-control and leak surveys, and pipeline replacement when necessary. For your safety, our employees are trained to monitor and inspect our pipeline system and respond quickly to any natural gas emergency.

Everyone should be familiar with these subjects even if they don't have natural gas service with PIE&G.



*Communities First Fund*

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS



The PIE&G Communities First Fund has been awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1999. The scholarship program includes all accredited colleges or universities located in Michigan. The award is \$1,000 and payable upon successful completion of the first semester. The A. Barkley Travis Memorial scholarship (\$500) is also available.

Eligibility requirements and applications are available online at [pieg.com](http://pieg.com) or by contacting PIE&G at 800-423-6634. Completed applications with all supporting documentation are due by March 1, 2016. Scholarships will be awarded by June 1st.

## SMARTHUB IS COMING SOON!

You will soon have a new way to manage your account, access information and report outages. With one application, available via the internet or as an Apple or Android app for your smart phone, you'll be able to review your energy use and bills, make a payment, enter meter readings, update payment information and notify us when your power goes out. Stay tuned for more information.



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