



### Maria's Message

Teen deaths climb during the summer season. AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety released a study that found nearly 60 percent of teen crashes involve distractions behind the wheel. That's why we've teamed up with WBNS-10TV sports anchor Dom Tiberi and Maria's Message to spread the word about the dangers of distracted driving. Dom lost his 21-year-old daughter in a distracted driving accident. The Tiberi family turned their grief and pain into Maria's Message – an initiative to educate young drivers on the dangers of distracted driving while promoting defensive driving. To help this effort, Columbia Gas of Ohio pledged \$50,000 to the Maria Tiberi Foundation. The money will be used to purchase three driving simulators for high school driver's education

programs throughout our service territory.

Learn more about Maria's Message and take the pledge to stop distracted driving.

### Road Trip in the Name of Safety!

We are hitting the road this summer to spread our safety message! When it's all said and done, our employees will visit more than 70 Safety Towns across Ohio. With the help of our safety mascot, Digger Dog, we are teaching kids ages 4-7 what natural gas smells like and what to do if they smell it. Safety is a community partnership, and you are never too young to learn about natural gas safety.



### New Customer Spotlight

BrewDog, a Scotland-based company, decided to put down roots in Ohio, which helped fulfill an economic development project guided by Columbus 20/20, JobsOhio and the City of Canal Winchester. The 100,000 square foot facility, taproom and visitor center will open the first U.S. headquarters in Canal Winchester, Ohio, in late August 2016. BrewDog plans to use natural gas for general heating, water heating and a process boiler for their production. Within their first year of gas service, BrewDog's estimated usage is the equivalent of 340 homes.



### We're in Your Neighborhood

Construction season is underway. If you see us in your neighborhood, it's a good thing. In 2008 we launched a pipeline replacement program to modernize our infrastructure across Ohio with plastic pipe, new safety features, and upgraded pressure capacity. This \$2 billion investment over 25 years will help strengthen communities where we work and serve. The graphic below shows what has been accomplished so far.

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DAN CREEKMUR



Summertime may seem like a quiet time of year for the natural gas company, but we are busy as ever. We continue to replace main lines and service lines across our service territory to maintain the safe, reliable service you rely on every day. Summer is a time for all of us to be alert and safe on our roadways, especially with children riding bikes and playing in our neighborhoods. Our partnership with Maria's Message through our Columbia Cares program is helping us to promote the importance of safe, distracted-free driving.

Columbia Cares is our re-energized philanthropic program focused on giving back and making an impact to life-changing organizations throughout Ohio. Columbus Business First recently recognized us with the Benefactor of the Year award at its annual Corporate Caring Awards event for our support of non-profits through contributions and volunteerism. Columbia Cares is who we are and why we want to support our communities and we are so honored to receive this recognition.

I am thrilled to share all the great news happening at Columbia Gas of Ohio. We'll send out this newsletter twice a year, to keep you, the customers and communities we are proud to serve, up to date on news and progress we are making across our service territory.

