



**April 5, 2019**

**To All Residents of Neighborhoods Without Natural Gas:**

We have been able to conclude our negotiations with TECO and now have a definitive proposal that can be presented to you, the 517 single family residences within Shadow Wood that do not currently have natural gas available to you. Several Town Hall meetings will be held at the SWCA Administrative Building over the next three weeks to fully explain the opportunity to you and give you the opportunity to get all your questions asked/answered. The presentation will last no more than 30 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A session.

To make sure you are fully aware of the details of the proposal that is being offered, and the voting process that will be used, **it is important that you make every effort to attend one of these meetings.** Since attendance at each meeting will be limited to approximately 70 by the size of the conference room, sign up will be on a first come basis. Please call (239/948-4900) or email ([admin@swcahome.com](mailto:admin@swcahome.com)) Marianne Hardy at the SWCA Administrative office to reserve your preferred time of attendance.

These Town Hall meetings will be followed by a voting period for a “GO/NO GO” decision from April 22<sup>nd</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is important to note that this is not an “all or nothing” vote. The vote will be to determine which homeowners want to commit to have gas brought into their home based on the cost/payback information that will be provided at these Town Hall meetings. Homeowners who are not interested will not be required to have gas installed or incur any costs. The costs involved come from three basic sources:

- The cost for TECO to install the supply lines down each street and the lateral lines to the home
- The cost of purchasing (converting in the case of propane) at least one appliance to be hooked up
- Any cost associated with installing new piping inside the home to supply each appliance

Since the price of the first item (TECO construction) is the same regardless of the number of homes connected, the cost of this element must be borne by those homeowners who choose to participate. The more that choose to do so, the cheaper this element of cost. The cost to purchase/convert any appliances and the piping to connect them will be unique to each home. We will present approximate values to help you assess your individual cost outlay for these home-specific items.

The final determination of the cost for each home that chooses to “commit” will be dependent on the total number of participants. The committee feels that for it to be feasible to proceed, we will need a participation rate of at least 50%. This is only our judgment, however, we strongly encourage all homeowners to attend one of the Town Halls and vote your interest/no interest after hearing all the details.

The schedule for the Town Hall meetings is as follows:

- Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 16 at 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM
- Thursday, April 18 at 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 24 at 10:30 AM
- Thursday, April 25 at 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM

We apologize for the short notice for the meetings, but we feel that it is important to get the Town Hall meetings held, and the voting completed, before we lose many of our residents to their summer vacations and migration North. This also will allow TECO to get the requisite permits in order to start work in the fall if the ultimate decision is to go forward with the project.

Thank you in advance for your attendance at one of the Town Hall meetings and voting your interest in having gas installed in your home. This is an important opportunity for all 517 homes and warrants a careful consideration of the facts and voting—one way or the other.

***The Natural Gas Study Team***