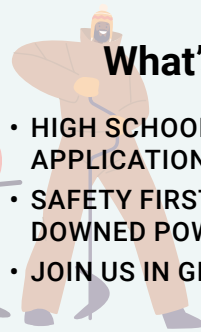


The Spotlight



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Gas Leak?

Attention, everyone!

If you're working near underground gas facilities, be on the lookout for these signs of a potential gas leak:

- Smell that rotten egg odor? It could mean natural gas is nearby!
- Any visible damage to pipes?
- Brown patches or dry spots in the soil?
- Hear any blowing noises or see bubbling mud?
- Flames coming from the ground?

If you notice any of these signs, please notify PIE&G immediately! Remember, if you smell gas or suspect a leak:

- Leave the area right away!
- Call 1-800-655-8565.
- Seek medical help for burns or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Don't light matches, use electrical devices, or return inside until it's safe!**



Safety and Downed Power Lines

- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately! **800-423-6634**
- Stay away from power lines! An energized line may not be sparking or arcing, and lines that appear to be "dead" can become energized as crews work to restore power.
- Assume all low-hanging and downed lines are energized and dangerous.
- If a person or object is in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object, or line. The electric current could flow through you.
- If your vehicle comes into contact with a power line, stay inside the car and warn others not to touch it or the power line.
- Never drive over a downed line, as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.
- If you must leave your vehicle (such as to escape a fire), jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground simultaneously. Once you are out, shuffle your feet so both feet remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.



Together, We Can Make a BIG Difference

The PIE&G Communities First Fund has supported local organizations since 1998, funding vital projects for emergency responders, youth programs, and more.

You can help by rounding up your utility bill—a few cents a month can change lives! On average, members contribute only about 50 cents monthly, totaling around \$6 each year, and every donation is tax-deductible.

Join us in giving back! Call Member Services at 1-800-423-6634 to sign up today. Please let us know if you have multiple accounts you'd like to enroll. Together, we can make a BIG difference—over \$1.5 million has already been returned to northeast Michigan!



PIE&G Connect 24/7 Technical Support

Our PIE&G Connect fiber internet members have access to 24/7 technical support! If you're experiencing any issues, please call us at 1-888-803-3453. We're here to assist you!

Scholarships For Graduating Seniors

Applications due by March 1, 2025

The PIE&G Communities First Fund is excited to offer scholarships for high school seniors! Since 1999, we've been supporting students as they pursue their education.

Applications are due by March 1, 2025.

We have several scholarship opportunities available:

- \$1,000 general scholarship
- \$1,000 Nathan W. Douglas Mechanical/Vocational Scholarship
- \$1,000 Murville & Caroline Douglas Musical Scholarship
- \$500 A.B. Travis Scholarship
- \$750 Peterson Vocational Scholarship

Eligibility requirements and application details can be found online at pieg.com/communities-first or by contacting us at 1-800-423-6634 (extension 1011).

Please submit your completed application with all supporting documents by 4:30 PM on March 1, 2025.



PIE&G scholarship winner Isaac Hopp

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