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CORRECTION: The news release sent earlier today had incorrect names of a project contact and the area that will be affected by the planned water shutdown.

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Precautionary boil water advisory to be issued for planned shutdown in Gulf Gate area

Sarasota County will shut down a water main in the Gulf Gate area from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Residents in about 100 homes will be notified today, Jan. 20, on Goodwater Street, Blue Water Avenue, Bowline Drive, Prairie Lane and Markridge Road. A fire hydrant will be replaced at 3140 Prairie Lane and two valves will be repaired.

While the county has no reason to believe drinking water will be contaminated, Florida law requires drinking water providers to issue precautionary boil water advisories to customers affected by pressure losses in water mains.

While the advisory is in effect, the county advises affected customers to boil tap water intended for drinking, food preparation, washing food utensils, making ice, brushing teeth or for first aid. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute. Boiling the tap water disinfects it, destroying any harmful microorganisms. Bottled water can be used as an alternative to boiling tap water.

Over the next few days, the county will collect a series of samples in the affected area and analyze them to ensure the drinking water isn't contaminated by potentially harmful bacteria during the service interruption. Customers will be notified by another notice when the boil water advisory is canceled.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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