



# WILDWOOD

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The Honorable City Council  
City of Wildwood, Missouri  
16860 Main Street  
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

**Re: Update on the City's Internet Access Project**

Council Members:

⇒ **Project Updates – INFORMATION ITEM**

**FIBER-TO-THE-PREMISE:** The development of an internet solution for all of the underserved and unserved areas of the City continues forward in a very positive direction, since the City Council's decision to fund a certain major initiative for such. This initiative will finally assure that no property in the underserved or unserved areas of Wildwood will not have the option for robust service in the near future. Negotiations have reached a critical stage and proceeding with all due diligence in this regard. The parties are eager to begin these negotiations to a quick and successful closing.

⇒ **Current Options – OTHER INSTALLATIONS**

According to the owner of Bays ET, the install of the new fiber and its merge into the wireless system in the **Woodland Meadows Area** is now complete. The new service change over to the fiber was scheduled to occur at midday on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The individual lot drops for the fiber-to-the-premise service continues in the **Estates at Homestead and the Shiloh Subdivisions**. Drill teams from Bays ET and AB are expected return to the area on July 9<sup>th</sup>. AB has installed 28 individual drops and another 41 of them are pending for that company. The contractor for aerial installations delayed its start again to July 9<sup>th</sup>, which has occurred on several occasions to date.

Bays ET's crews are planning on undertaking additional drops in the **Hawks Rest Subdivision** by the end of the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

⇒ **Current Options - INFORMATION ITEM**

It is important to identify that a range of options do exist for high-speed internet in the City. Not all of them are excellent options, but do offer opportunities for consideration and they include the following items:

1. **Bays ET** – Fixed wireless network service (original)
2. **Bays ET** – Fiber-to-the-Home (only to certain areas – Hawks Rest, Homestead Estates at Wildwood, and Shiloh Subdivisions)

3. **Wisper Internet** – Fixed wireless network service (original)
4. **Wisper Internet** – Fixed wireless network service (new)
5. **AT&T Wireless** – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**
6. **AT&T** – Non-mobile option, where property owner or subdivision compensates provider for extension of fiber optic or T1 Business Line to location(s). Dr Rambaud can provide more background and authored an e-mail in this regard.
7. **Verizon** – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**
8. **T-Mobile/Sprint** – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**
9. **Dish Network** – A new provider established as part of T-Mobile’s purchase of Sprint. This fourth provider of mobile services was a condition set forth by the federal government, as part of its approval of the acquisition.
10. **Gateway Fiber** – A new company the City is contacting about potential fiber-to-the premise service. The City is attempting to arrange a meeting with this entity and discuss potential expansion into the City of Wildwood.
11. **Other Mobile Providers** – Mobile communication providers, i.e., Mint Mobile, Metro, Cricket, etc. – **Hotspot Use**
12. **Satellite** – Different providers
13. **Spectrum** (Charter Communications)
14. **Wildwood Workspaces** – 16759 Main Street, Suite 205 (co-working spaces for internet needs)
15. **Rockwood School District** (offers hotspots for students of the district).
16. **Starlink** - is now delivering initial beta service domestically, and will continue expansion to near global coverage of the populated world in 2021. For more information, please click on this link - [Starlink Information](#).

⇒ **Questions and Contact Information - INFORMATION ITEM**

If any of the City Council Members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your continued support of this project and the efforts to address the needs of all Wildwood residents.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF WILDWOOD**



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