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Citizens of Gilbertville, we have exciting news!

A high-speed fiber optic Internet option is coming to town. La Porte City Telephone (LPC Connect) is introducing cutting-edge technology to residences in Gilbertville and surrounding rural areas of Gilbertville and Washburn. Portions of this have been identified as underserved or unserved with respect to broadband internet availability due to the limitations of existing internet providers. The existing Mediacom technology is over 40 years old and cannot be upgraded. We are excited LPC Connect is interested in serving our community.

Project Funding and Scope

LPC Connect applied for and accepted a grant estimated at \$200,000 to assist in connecting approximately 50 homes located 16th Avenue and southward. LPC Connect accepted this grant, which is supported by federal funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act and the State of Iowa, acting by and through the Department of Management (DOM). Points of view expressed herein are those of the author or speaker and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the United States Government or State of Iowa or endorsement of the project.

LPC Connect will be making fiber to the home available to all locations 16th Avenue and southward. The estimated cost to construct fiber to the home technology to the almost 300 homes within the city limits of Gilbertville is \$1.6 million.

What does that mean for the remaining locations within the Gilbertville city limits - north of 16th Avenue?

The City Council is committed to extending the state-of-the-art network to the entire town. LPC Connect surveyed residents in December 2024 to determine their interest. Based on the results, additional funding may be required from the city to ensure all residents and businesses have access to fiber broadband services.

Advantages of Fiber Optic Broadband

A fiber optic network can provide speeds up to 10 times faster than other networks, enhancing your online experience regardless of the number of connected devices. You can stream, surf, and game simultaneously with no buffering. Working from home is effortless, with fiber optics supporting video conferences and high-resolution multimedia sharing.

Fiber internet provides symmetrical upload and download speeds, offering a robust upload capability that is essential for online gaming, surveillance, video conferencing (including platforms such as Zoom, TEAMS, and Facetime), and streaming.



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All fiber lines will be buried, ensuring protection from weather conditions throughout Iowa's seasons, resulting in a reliable connection directly to you.

This investment can increase your home's value by up to 4.9% and is a future proof technology. A fiber optic network can easily adapt to growing demands without the need for future construction.

LPC CONNECT Services

Internet	100 x 100 Upload/Download	\$ 85/month
	300 x 300 Upload/Download	\$100/month
	500 x 500 Upload/Download	\$115/month
Television	Basic Cable TV (estimated)	\$60/month
	Expanded Cable (estimated)	\$145/month
Phone	\$25/month
	Residential service with calling features and unlimited long distance within the 50 United States	

Support and Contact Information

LPC Connect employees are busy visiting homes and businesses – 16th Avenue and south. If they missed you, please call 319-342-3369 to schedule an appointment. During the visit, they will explain the construction process, determine the fiber location, and share the benefits of having a fiber connection and LPC Connect as your communications provider.

If you live North of 16th Ave and are interested in the broadband services please contact LPC Connect at 319-342-3369 or visit the website. We want all residents to have the option to have this much needed and valuable service for our community.

Construction begins this spring, so it is necessary to complete these visits soon to ensure timely progress and secure your spot on the construction schedule. Construction will continue through the summer with services available this fall.

If you have any questions or if you need further information about the project or services offered, please visit LPC Connect website www.lpcconnect.net or call 319-342-3369.

We encourage you to meet with the LPC Connect employees to discuss what this new network will mean for you today and in the future.

Please consider these services for our town!

Mark Thome, Mayor

Scott Becker, Council Member