

Baileys Harbor Broadband Ad Hoc Committee
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Update #3

We are excited to share another broadband project update with you!

Our first Baileys Harbor resident was connected with high speed fiber broadband earlier this year. This exciting milestone was achieved in, of all places, a 1900-era log cabin. That's quite the twist of history. We have attached a few pictures of the homeowner's installation and speed test results. Speeds are exactly what were promised, roughly 300 megabits per second both down and up. In addition to the roughly 30 parcels along the pilot project segment of Frogtown Road and Chapel Lane, the Lawrence University Bjorklunden campus is now connected with fiber as well.

Our workshop series held in the town hall over the last several months was well attended and highly informational. A big thank you goes out to all who came, it was wonderful learning alongside you all. For those who weren't able to attend but are still interested, the sessions were all recorded and may be accessed at [this Baileys Harbor Community Association webpage](#). Additionally, there will be one more workshop session held at the Ridges Nature Center on April 12th at 9:00 AM that focuses on broadband business applications such as VOIP phone services for office environments and the deployment of business-wide wireless networks. We hope to see you there!

The "make-ready" order has been placed with Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) to prepare the utility poles throughout the town for fiber. We have been in discussion with Nsight/Cellcom to put together a construction plan that will allow us to get as many people connected as possible while WPS performs this work. Most fiber connections throughout town will be aerial, which means they must wait for WPS to finish the make-ready phase, but there are several areas where existing privately owned subterranean conduit in proximity to the fiber backbone offers an opportunity to connect those residences that have access to it. These areas are along West Kangaroo Lake Road, The Oaks community, the Lake Haven community, and the Maxwellton Braes community. This will be the primary construction focus of 2023, and will allow us to make approximately 250 connections this year.

Construction season is coming up quick, and we are very excited to see this project break ground. In order to make that happen, we are putting out a call for assistance to you, our community. To make the project go as quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively as possible it would be ideal for the fiber construction crews to stay in Baileys Harbor for the duration of the project. There will be approximately 6-12 workers at a time. If you or someone you know is willing and able to provide housing in any form please reach out to either the [town office](#), the [BHCA](#), or broadband committee chair [Kurt Kiefer](#). Thank you for your assistance!

That's all for now, but expect another update from us at the annual town meeting on April 18th. Thank you for your continued support as we work to make broadband access a reality for everyone in our community!

