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## **HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT VALLEJO**

VALLEJO – With the installation of the first six nodes to a new fiber-optical digital network, high-speed Internet access has arrived in the City of Vallejo.

The launching of the first nodes took place at the end of June and will continue throughout the summer. A node typically serves between 400 to 1,200 homes, according to Leanne Pelling of Comcast.

“If it goes according to plan we should be done by the end of summer,” Pelling said. “I have to caution everyone that we’re running into cable issues that slow us down.”

Those issues include the need to replace some cable, access to certain areas in the City and other situations that might cause brief delays.

The end result, however, is that if Comcast is available in your neighborhood; high-speed Internet access will also be available.

“If they are serviceable they will be able to get high-speed Internet access,” Pelling said.

The service comes as a result of negotiations of a settlement agreement with AT&T when the City of Vallejo consented to transfer control of the cable franchise agreement from AT&T to Comcast. The City’s negotiation team was headed by Assistant City Manager Mary Hill and Sue Buske from the Buske Group.

“Bringing high speed Internet access to this community was a goal of the High Tech Task Force,” Hill said. “Vallejo residents have been asking for it for some time.”

The High Tech Task Force, created and chaired by Vice Mayor Pamela Pitts, was formed to address issues related to Internet access, attracting high-tech businesses to Vallejo, and improving the availability of technology within the City of Vallejo.

“It’s good to see the hard work of the task force committee members come to fruition,” Pitts said. “Along with identifying the technology needs of our City, we’ve been able to accomplish much – getting high-speed Internet, identifying fiber optic cable needs, and generally taking a snapshot of where the City is in terms of its level of technology.”

Another goal of the task force was to bring Public Access Television to the city. The Vallejo City Unified School District and the City of Vallejo recently reached an agreement to site a community media center at Jesse Bethel High School, bringing public access television one step closer to reality.

“Hopefully the media center will be operational within the next six months,” Hill said.

Comcast has been working to notify residents with cable service of the changes and has provided instructions to those homeowners regarding their cable box settings as well. Along with providing high-speed Internet access, the new system will eliminate the need for the A/B system switch.

Customers will receive a phone call the night before the startup of service to remind them of procedures that need to be followed to ensure uninterrupted cable service.

Pelling asked for patience from Vallejoans during the installation periods.

“In Vallejo we have more backyard easements than anywhere else,” she said. “At times we have to get into backyards to replace cable. When that happens, we’ll leave door tags and other information. All Comcast workers and their contractors will always have identification and will produce it when asked. We will notify homeowners if we’re in their backyard.”

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