



# TOWNSHIP OF TABERNAACLE

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## Update on Broadband Internet Installation in Tabernacle

Dear Resident-

January 18, 2019

As I reported at the 2019 Tabernacle Township Committee Re-Organization meeting, Verizon has confirmed that installation of its fiber-optic network (FIOS) will soon begin in Tabernacle Township Census Tract 7036. The following is an excerpt from a Verizon letter received by Tabernacle Township on December 19, 2018:

*“Specifically, Verizon intends to deploy new fiber facilities to serve the BFRR participants, as well as other households in Tabernacle that currently have no broadband alternative. The new facilities will also enable Verizon to offer broadband service to more than 800 additional households that currently do have a broadband alternative, but will be passed in order to serve the households without broadband. As a result, the new fiber facilities will pass approximately 900 households in Tabernacle, enabling them to order broadband service from Verizon.”*

*“Planning and engineering for the Tabernacle build is currently underway and will be completed in January 2019, with construction commencing soon thereafter. Weather permitting and contingent upon the timely receipt of the necessary permits, some Tabernacle customers will be able to order Verizon Fios Digital Voice and broadband data service in mid-2019, with final construction estimated to be completed in the second quarter 2020. Verizon is committed to attempting to complete construction to as many homes as possible as quickly as possible.”*

Tabernacle Township and 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District officials are scheduled to meet with representatives from Verizon, the NJ Board of Public Utilities, NJ Rate Counsel, in mid-February to specifically discuss the plans for the Tabernacle construction work. We will then communicate to you the specific details of deployment and estimated service completion dates. While this process has taken much longer than we initially anticipated, the delay can be justified as several hundred residents will enjoy an alternative to their current broadband service provider. **After many years of collectively working towards the goal of providing Tabernacle broadband service to underserved areas, we have successfully satisfied all obligations and are now awaiting installation.**

**Thank you for your continued patience and personal support of this project.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Committeeman, Township of Tabernacle