

Fiber Optic Project Completed in Boiling Spring Lakes

FOCUS Broadband crews have completed the \$9 million-dollar project to replace the aging copper network in the Boiling Spring Lakes community with a new fiber optic network. Residents and businesses in Boiling Spring Lakes now have access to high-speed internet with speeds of up to 1 Gig as well as digital cable TV and home telephone services.

"We are excited to announce the completion of the fiber optic upgrade in Boiling Spring Lakes," said Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO. "Fiber optics will further enhance the town of Boiling Spring Lakes and allow more than 3,000 residents and businesses access to reliable, high-speed internet."

For more information on how to sign up for fiber optic service, call 888-367-2862 or visit focusbroadband.com.



Healthy Initiatives in Cedar Grove through Grant

Cedar Grove Improvement Association recently received a \$2,500 grant from FOCUS Broadband to provide their community with a walking trail and fitness stations to encourage exercise and healthy living.

"We are so thankful for FOCUS Broadband and their commitment to our community through this grant," commented Perita Bryant



Representatives of the Cedar Grove Improvement Association with FOCUS Broadband Board Member, Conrad Bryant

Price, Cedar Grove Improvement Center Chair. "The walking trail and fitness stations are going to allow our community members to stay healthy and strong."

FOCUS Broadband has awarded more than \$845,000 in community and education grants since 2006. To learn more about the grant programs, visit focusbroadband.com/givingback.

New Areas Get A Gig

Connectivity and access to fast, reliable internet is more important than ever. As a result of recent network upgrades, internet with speeds up to 1 Gig are now available in Seaside, Calabash, and inland areas near Holden Beach. That means more speed for surfing, streaming, and connecting with work or school. Gigabit service for other areas near Shallotte, Supply and Bolivia will be available later this fall.

Call 888-367-2862 and ask your customer care representative how you can upgrade your speed today.

Remember to recycle your old telephone directories!

The Recycling Drive will end on August 31st.

FOCUS Broadband's Game of the Week is Back

Our high school football coverage kicks off with the Bash at the Beach Football Jamboree, presented by FOCUS Broadband and North Carolina Farm Bureau, on August 12th and 13th. Following the Bash at the Beach, FOCUS Broadband will continue coverage of select local schools throughout the season.



Follow us on Facebook or FOCUS Broadband TV for live streamed games and highlights or watch the game later on FOCUS Broadband Cable Channel 3 and 910.

Sponsorships are available for football broadcasting, for more information contact the FOCUS Broadband Studio at 910-755-1926.

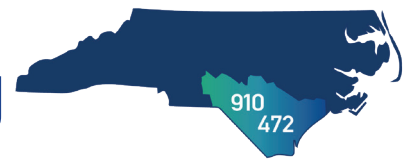
Connect Faster in the New School Year

Access to high-speed internet is more critical than ever for keeping students connected to their teachers and coursework. Make sure the students in your home are ready to succeed with fast, reliable internet from FOCUS Broadband.

FOCUS Broadband offers blazing fast speeds up to 1 Gig to help students connect with online courses, upload homework, research assignments and download resources quicker than ever.

Families with school-aged children may qualify for a \$30 discount on their FOCUS Broadband internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program. To find out if your family qualifies, visit focusbroadband.com/acp.

New Area Code Overlay Coming in October



A new 472 area code is coming to southeastern North Carolina in October and will serve the same geographic region as the 910 area code which is currently used in Brunswick, Columbus, Robeson, Duplin and Pender counties. This is called an area code overlay and is being implemented to ensure a continuing supply of new telephone numbers. Once the new area code becomes available, customers requesting new phone service or additional lines may be assigned a number that begins with the new 472 area code. Telephone customers with current service will not be required to change their existing area code, phone number, or the way calls are dialed. They will continue to dial using an area code and phone number for all local calls just as they do today within and between the 910 and new 472 area code.

For more information, visit focusbroadband.com/472areacode.

Save the Date for FOCUS Broadband's Annual Meeting of Members October 7th at 7 p.m., Odell Williamson Auditorium

Annual Meeting Voting and Registration Begins Next Month

FOCUS Broadband's 65th Annual Meeting of Members will take place on October 7th at Odell Williamson Auditorium. Registration and voting will again be conducted online and by mail beginning in September.

Be on the lookout for instructions on how to register and cast votes. Information will be sent out on September 15th via email to members who have opted to receive their monthly billing statement electronically. Those who receive a paper copy of their monthly billing statement will receive registration information and a mail-in ballot by mail. Registration and voting will end on October 5th. For more information about this year's Annual Meeting, call 910-754-4311.