

## **Broadband Committee Update, July 13, 2020**

We are pleased to report that all Gtel fiber has been placed, spliced and tested throughout Taghkanic. The infrastructure is complete. Installations are now being done on Taghkanic Churchtown Road, Post Hill Rd, and a section of County Route 27. Right now, Gtel is scheduling installs about 4 weeks out (July-August). There have been some delays cause by repairs to lines damaged by recent storms.

As of July 10th:

- Fiber has been installed to 199 locations throughout Taghkanic.
- There are 32 installs scheduled through the end of July.
- There are 8 signups waiting to be scheduled; most are for buried drops.
- There are 76 unfulfilled interest forms.

Other updates:

- The buried conduit and cable placement on Sam Hill Rd (Berkshire Lake subdivision) has been placed. At least 4 of the 6 residents there now have fiber connections; Gtel is working on buried drop issues for the other two.
- Gtel has repaired the lawn in front of the Firehouse that had been damaged by its truck over the winter.

To understand how far we have come, I have just reviewed Gtel's report from March 2018. At that time Gtel had built no fiber in Taghkanic. We have seen tremendous progress in the past two years and appear to be approaching the completion of this project.

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