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Denver customers to get ultra-fast Internet in 2021

Butler-Bremer Communications, headquartered in Plainfield, announced recently that it will bring a fiber-to-the home network to the city of Denver customers, with construction starting in spring of 2021, according to Butler-Bremer Communications CEO, Richard McBurney.

Customers are set to be connected to a fiber-to-the-home network, which is capable of delivering ultra-fast, symmetrical Internet (same upload and download speed) up to 1 Gig (1000Mb), as well as Digital TV (with 4K programming in the future) and HD voice services, according to McBurney.

“The construction of a new network takes time, and we are in the process of engineering and designing the network,” said McBurney. “Soon, you will see representatives from our engineering firm around the community of Denver making the detailed plans. Our goal is to begin the initial construction phase during the second quarter of 2021, and we anticipate investing more than 3 million dollars in this project. We think this shows that we’re serious about serving the businesses and residents of Denver, and we look forward to being involved in the community now and in the future.”

If the weather cooperates, the company expects to complete the construction phase in 2021 and hopes to start putting customers on the new fiber network in the late fall and throughout the winter of 2021.

According to McBurney, in addition to the construction of the network in the community, Butler-Bremer will bring ‘redundant route protection’ via a route from the north and from the west. This will provide a strong level of protection from service interruptions and it also allows Butler-Bremer to offer fiber Internet to some rural locations along the way, including the Denver Hills area.

McBurney said that the demand for Internet bandwidth continues to increase and that fiber-optics provide a ‘future proof’ network. “Without getting overly technical, the bandwidth capability of fiber is tremendous; a fiber network using glass and light allows for more expansion than any other option available. It will be able to meet customer needs today, and twenty years from now,” he said.

This comes just at the right time for customers, who are using more bandwidth than ever, as they work from home, attend school and stream video and more. The pandemic has just accelerated what was already happening, and the trend is expected to keep growing, according to communications experts.

“It is hard to know where to start when talking about this project because there are so many areas to be energized about,” said McBurney. “There are the obvious benefits that the new network provides to Denver area customers by providing huge bandwidth to customers who are starved for the advanced services we’re preparing to provide. And I’ve not yet mentioned the obvious economic development benefits. This network builds the foundation for both your communications and community growth needs long into the future.”

Butler-Bremer Communications was established in 1905 as a local telephone company, but they have evolved into a full-service communications company providing Gigabit Fiber Internet, Digital TV, phone services and advanced business data services. Butler-Bremer currently serves the communities and rural areas of Clarksville, Frederika, Janesville, Nashua, Plainfield, Shell Rock, and Tripoli. They also provide services to many businesses in New Hampton and Fredericksburg, all with a 100% buried fiber-optic network. While a buried network is more costly to construct, it is not negatively impacted by adverse weather conditions.

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