

The Litchfield Sodalite March 2020 Article

Broadband Committee Updates



A new Internet provider, **TK Networks**, is now online in Litchfield using fixed wireless connections linked to the Channel 10 tower complex on Oak Hill Road. High speed service starting at 25/25 Mbps for \$39 per month is now available to households having direct view of the towers.

There are no contracts, no data caps and fixed pricing that never expires. Call 207-578-7227 or go to TKNetworks.net for more information.

Broadband Internet Vendor Night at Litchfield Senior Center March 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The Litchfield Senior Center, located at the Litchfield Academy Community Building on 466 Academy Road will host a Broadband Internet Vendor Night on March 24, 2020 from 6:30 to 8 PM. All community members (not just Seniors) are invited to come in, ask questions, and see what broadband options are available for their household in Litchfield and the surrounding communities. Both businesses and residents are encouraged to bring in their current internet bill to help the providers understand their current level of service, if any. Representatives from Litchfield incumbent internet service providers such as **Spectrum**, **Consolidated**, and **TK Networks** have been invited and are expected to attend the educational session.

The Litchfield Broadband Committee and KVCOG held a regional meeting on February 10 to explore ways to cooperate with surrounding towns in providing quality broadband internet services at affordable prices. The committee is working to map existing coverage using surveys and interviews with current providers. They are also developing a plan of action to present at the Town Annual Meeting in June. Visit our page at litchfieldmaine.org for more information.

Both **Spectrum** and **Consolidated Communications Inc.** have discounted service plans for qualifying low-income subscribers. Spectrum Internet Assist offers 30/4 Mbps service with no data caps, modem charges or contracts for \$17.99 per month. Consolidated offers monthly discounts of \$7.25 for one phone and/or \$9.25 for Internet access for households qualifying for the federal Lifeline Program.