

City of Tuttle begins broadband boom

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The City of Tuttle is currently finishing the installation phases for its own internet utility. A fiber-to-the-home option is being provided by the city itself after struggling to find a provider willing to do so. Shortly after Tuttle's choice to jump into the broadband business, several of the big name providers, who previously refused to build their systems up in Tuttle, began doing just that.

Proving to be a shining star, the community fiber-to-the-home internet project is expected to draw more business to Tuttle.

According to the City of Tuttle's Community Development team, last year the city received approximately 24 residential building permits.

City of Tuttle Public Information Officer Bianca Valencia reported that the subdivisions where the developers are active and moving forward with their projects are Montford, Prairie Hills, Hollow Brook, Warm Springs, Whispering Meadows, Jaden Court, Deer Ridge Run, and Ethan Estates.

The city's community development team said last year they received approximately 22 new business licenses.

Valencia herself has worked with the



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A contractor installs internet infrastructure in Tuttle Thursday. The city's internet utility is currently available to most citizens. Go online to cityoftuttle.com to find out more about fiber-to-the-home internet.



Tuttle Fire Chief Bruce Anthony responds westbound to an emergency back in May.

city's Chamber of Commerce to promote new business in Tuttle. Some businesses that she assisted Director Leslie Walker with were Mid-Continental Restoration, Local Med, Affordable Buildings, Red Bike Studio, Jamie Jo's and Lit'r Knot Plantation Antiques.

"Every year we look forward to our biggest event of the year which is

Home for the Holidays," Valencia said. "According to Amber Riley, this past event was probably the most attended Home for the Holidays to date. As far as businesses participating, most of the downtown businesses did on some level, plus sponsors, volunteer groups, churches, school groups and other non-profits."

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The entire Tuttle, Newcastle, and Blanchard area is a hot market right now, and we have a lot of new homes, families, and businesses coming to our towns. The Newcastle Chamber has a new board looking at fresh ideas for our membership. Our first ever Glo-Run attracted over 100 runners and gave 25 sponsorship/advertising opportunities to our members. Every new member is given a personalized ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome them to town, and assistance in identifying new advertising and growth opportunities.

Coming soon is our Sweet Scholar Fundraiser which features made-from-scratch desserts coming from the kitchens of our own Newcastle citizens. Every year we host a banquet for our members and special guests to honor our local achievements and check our local craftsmanship.

Being a part of the partnership with Tuttle and Blanchard's Chambers broadens our economic reach and makes our businesses stronger. Other networking events in 2019 included a Winter Warmer Mix, our Women's Leadership Luncheon, the Multi-Chamber Luncheon, a Retirement Investment Workshop, and a Social Media workshop.

Our chamber is made of business owners who share an entrepreneurial spirit and desire to enrich our community economically and socially.

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