

Kirkwood is pleased that we now have cable service to some of our side roads in the southern part of our Town. The lack of coverage was brought to our attention by Don Domurad who is a resident on Brink Road in Kirkwood. He came to me and asked if there was anything that Kirkwood could do to bring cable service to these roads.

At that time Time Warner was still the cable provider in most of Kirkwood. We did contact them and had an ongoing discussion with Dave Whalen, Time Warner's executive locally. The criteria at that time was 20 homes per mile for which we did not comply. However we kept in touch.

During this time the Governor announced his broadband program, investing millions of dollars to bring more of this service to areas not receiving it at the time. This program required that municipalities had to comply with the program and the steps required along the way. We made sure that this was happening.

During this time Charter was negotiating a deal to acquire Time Warner. Once this was done Kirkwood shifted our efforts towards Charter who is now known as Spectrum. The acquisition by Charter required them to add 145,000 home in NYS. Once Kirkwood was aware of this, we championed with Spectrum for our above referenced roads would be part of the 145,000 additional homes. We not only were the "squeaky wheel," we attempted to include these roads when we were negotiating the renewal of our Cable Agreement with Spectrum.

Well, that did not work but we kept the communication lines open and even invited the Spectrum representative for our area to visit us from time to time. Next thing that we knew Spectrum was surveying the roads in question. The next thing that hit us, Spectrum without showing their hand, asked that I, the Supervisor sign a non-disclosure letter relative to adding cable service to our Town. In hindsight this was when we knew that we had won the battle.

We are pleased that our residents in this area of our Town now have access to cable service. We appreciate their patience