

Fiber optics called key to recruitment

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The Gothenburg Improvement Company is calling on the community to complete a survey about the need for fiber optic technology.

Surveys will be included in the April utility bills.

Nate Wyatt, chair of the Gothenburg Improvement Company's fiber infrastructure committee, said Internet, telephone and television service could be provided from a single fiber and single provider to businesses and residents.

Faster Internet speed, more bandwidth for more devices and more would be available with the technology, he said.

Noting that neighboring communities have fiber infrastructure, Wyatt said it's key to business and industry recruitment.

"Without it, we have a difficult time recruiting people and businesses," he said.

A company is willing to install fiber infrastructure in Gothenburg, he said, but someone is needed to operate the technology.

Wyatt said the surveys will show prospective operators that the technology is wanted and needed in Gothenburg.

Wyatt said some local businesses are utilizing fiber optics, like Gothenburg Memorial Hospital, and the faster dissemination of information is amazing.

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For example, he said utilizing fiber optics may mean times when patients don't have to drive to see doctors out of town..