

# MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Via Zoom Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

## Meeting Notes

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### Attendance

Ten residents and four City staff attended.

Tracy Corr – 40th & A	Gloria Eddins – Clinton CO
Richard Piersol – Country Club	Geri Cotter – Irvingdale
Tammy Ward - City Council	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane RA
Randy Smith – Woods Park	Pat Stear - Hartley NA
Paul Jonson – East Campus	Sue Burkey - Hartley NA
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office	Wynn Hjernstad– Urban Dev.
Sandra Washington –City Council	Pat Bracken – Irvingdale
Mayor Gaylor Baird	

### Welcome and Introductions

Tracy Corr, Chair, began the meeting with introductions. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

### Mayor Gaylor Baird's Opening Remarks:

- COVID-19 Updates:**
  - Moving through age categories quickly. About 33% of the county vaccinated.
  - Over 75% of the 65+ population have at least 1<sup>st</sup> dose.
  - Concentrating on efficiency and equity in the program.
  - Ready to open to all residents. We need to get more people registered.
  - Continue wearing masks, social distancing, and public places limitations.
- Parks and Recreation is accepting reservations effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, outdoor recreation facilities, shelters, picnic areas.
- City Personnel changes
  - Acting Fire Chief, Dave Engle, nominated for the permanent position.
  - Police Chief – public engagement results incorporated into search. Applications will be accepted until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Nominee to City Council in June.
- Lincoln City General Election will be May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to ALLO/Nelnet for investment in the community for high-speed internet.

### Emergency Broadband Benefit Program – Dave Miller, ALLO Director of Ethical Engagement (see attached PowerPoint and Flier).

- Part of the Allo agreement when they came to Lincoln was to provide free internet for 75 non-profits in Lincoln for 10 years.
- Working with Center for People and Need. They offer Education scholarship to SECC, 50-60 participants. Allo provides free internet to them.
- 2/25/21 FCC established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB). Available to all broadband providers, not just Allo.
- 4 key values at Allo:*
  - Honest
  - Local
  - Exceptional
  - Hassle free

- **Benefits**
  - Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services
  - 1-time discount of up to \$100 for a computer
- **How to qualify**
  - Qualifies for Lifeline programs
  - Receives benefits from school lunch/breakfast program.
  - Experienced substantial loss of income – still waiting for clarification from FCC.
  - Received Federal Pell Grant in current year.
- **ALLO will offer:**
  - 500/500 Mbps service at no cost (\$70/mo value)
  - Free WI-FI router, free installation, no contract
  - Same service & package as regular 500/500 subscription
  - Assistance with signing up for the program.
- **When can Households sign up?**
  - Open by April 21, 2021 for program to go live. Allo has been arranging for participant's document before the program starts & then will upload when program starts.
  - Working with local non-profit partners and agencies.
- **How to Sign up?**
  - Must sign up on website.
  - ALLO will assist with signup.
- **Next steps**
  - Identify eligible households.
  - Allo has marketing material available.
- **How long will the program last?**
  - Intended by FCC to be a short-term program.
  - Proposal to add additional funding by the government to extend the program.
  - Work with local philanthropic groups to possibly develop a fund to help provide assistance to people in program. Possibly make cost low-cost instead of free.
- **Questions:**
  - LPS does not allow flyers from private companies.
  - ALLO will send out a fact sheet and copy of flyer about the program.
  - Malone Center housing residents should be available for program.
  - Question about connection to the home – Allo has never charged for connection to the home. Every household is 50-100 ft from Allo junction.

## **Announcements**

- a. Paul Johnson: organizing neighborhood cleanup first of May.
  - i. Irvingdale, Everett and South Salt Creek May 21st.
- b. Meadowlane Annual is meeting tomorrow, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c. College View planning on garage sales this summer
- d. May 9<sup>th</sup> - Near South Mothers' Day Tour of Homes. Outdoors - gardens, porches.
- e. Woods Park, Antelope Creek clean up, April 24th.

## **Next Meeting / Agenda**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. via zoom.  
Tree Removal and replacement is a recommended topic.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson*



# Emergency Broadband Benefit

Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Presented by:  Allo  
A @elnet COMPANY

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is an FCC program to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms.

*"We need to use all available tools to get 100% of us connected in this country and this program is an essential part of making that happen."*

- Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel



## Background

On February 25, 2021, the FCC established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB), a ***\$3.2 billion federal initiative*** to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

The EBB was created by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.



## FCC Benefits:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.



## Eligible Households (one member):

- Qualifies for *the Lifeline program*:
  - ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; (Food Stamps)
  - ✓ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - ✓ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
  - ✓ Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)(Sec 8)
  - ✓ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - ✓ Income at/below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.
  - ✓ Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs



## Eligibility Cont'd

- Receives benefits under the ***free and reduced school lunch program*** or the school breakfast program, including USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019 - 2020 school year;
- Experienced a ***substantial loss of income*** since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a ***Federal Pell Grant*** in current award year;





## When Can Eligible Households Sign Up?

- The FCC expects the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to be open to eligible households on April 21, 2021.



## How Will Eligible Households Sign Up?

- Eligible households must enroll directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to be eligible for the discount.



# Process for Sign Ups?

- ALLO will focus on the rules and navigate the program for your benefit.
- ALLO will monitor the FCC's website, [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit), regularly for the latest information on the enrollment process.

## ALLO will offer:

- 500/500 Mbps at ***no cost*** (up to \$70/month value)\*
- Free Blast Wi-Fi-6 router
- Free installation
- No contract required
- Assistance with verification / documentation / sign-ups
- Friendly, local customer service
- 24/7 technical support

\* FCC \$50/month subsidy, ALLO will contribute up to \$20/month



## Next Steps:

- Identify eligible families
- Provide marketing material and sign-up form
- Gather documentation
  
- Order ALLO services via phone, store, events, or online at [www.AlloFiber.com/EBB](http://www.AlloFiber.com/EBB)

ALLO Store

**Hours:** M-F 8 AM - 5 PM Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM

**Location:** 330 South 21st Street

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# Federal Emergency Internet Program

## FREE internet service through ALLO

ALLO is providing free or discounted internet service to households who qualify for low-income programs, have lost employment or experienced substantial loss of income during the COVID 19 pandemic. If you qualify, you'll receive a \$70 discount on your monthly internet service.

### Choose the plan your family needs:

**500/500 Mbps - FREE/month\***

**GIG/GIG - \$29/month\***

- No contract required
- Crazy-fast speeds
- Reliable and secure connection
- FREE standard installation
- FREE ALLO router
- Price includes taxes, fees and internet equipment
- Friendly service from local employees

### Call, click or visit us!

402.480.6550

[AlloFiber.com/EBB](http://AlloFiber.com/EBB)

330 South 21st Street, Lincoln

You will need to register with the FCC to continue receiving your discount.



**ALLO fiber internet lets you work,  
learn and play like never before.**



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