



# ADMINISTRATOR'S DIGEST



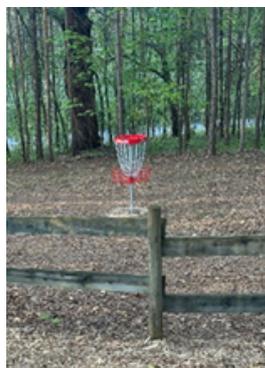
*Rob Sarro, Administrator*

## A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Late last week, Allegan County was hit with some severe weather. We are very fortunate that there were no reports of major injury or loss of life to people or animals. Our County Community showed its collaborative spirit right away by people helping each other, farmers contributing, first responders, and other community members coming together to clean up after the storm. A declaration of emergency was enacted as a measure to provide local units and the county the best possibility of being able to receive resources from the state or federal governments. At this time, we are not aware of any pending significant safety issues to the public. Approximately 140 properties have been assessed for damage.

Earlier this month on May 10<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to attend the ribbon-cutting of the disc golf course located within Littlejohn Park; pictured below. It was amazing to see how many disc golfers and other interested parties showed up for the first tournament to be held there. Attendees were very enthusiastic about the course, and comments were shared on how unique and advanced the course design is. The project comes as a result of working alongside an organization that was able to help design the course and guide the county in utilizing existing property and providing a great asset to the public and the region in a way that is cost-effective.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Digest.



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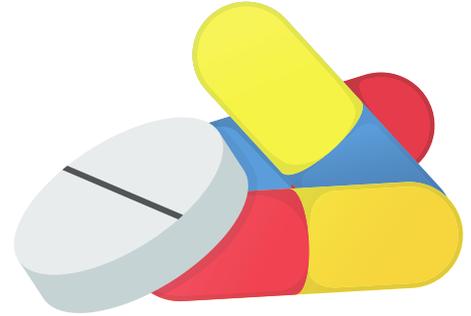
- Recycling Events,
- Senior Expo,
- Broadband Project,
- and MORE!



# SERVICES

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**Personal Health Services 340B Program Renewal** - Personal Health Services 340B Program Renewal – The Health Department has completed its renewal in the 340B Program. The 340B Program enables the County to provide clients covered by Medicaid with the medications needed to treat tuberculosis and other communicable diseases at a reduced price. To participate in the 340B Program, eligible organizations must register and comply with all 340B Program requirements. Participation in the program increases affordable access to care for clients. For more information about the 340B Program, please contact Lisa Letts BSN RN, the Personal Health Services Manager, at (269) 686-4535 or [lletts@allegancounty.org](mailto:lletts@allegancounty.org).



**Resource Recovery Program Collection Event** - The Resource Recovery Program held a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste event on May 3, 2025, at the Wayland Hardings. The Team processed 303 carloads. Of those cars, 169 Household Hazardous Waste drop-offs and 217 electronics drop-offs were recorded. This is a record number of drop-offs since this event began at the Hardings' location over 10 years ago. For more information, please contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at [hbausick@allegancounty.org](mailto:hbausick@allegancounty.org).



## **Recycling Events** –

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ Fennville City Hall 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm

Countywide Tire Recycling:

Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ Salem Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, August 16, 2025 @ Casco Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm



# SERVICES

**Senior Expo** - Join the County for a fun carnival-themed day, complete with a magic show featuring local magician John Dudley during the lunch hour. This year's Senior Expo will feature a senior-focused vendor fair and workshops that will have all walking away with helpful information and fun takeaways.

Registration is now open. Online advance registration is required for lunch and reserved workshop selections (space is limited). Please register online at [www.allegancounty.org/SeniorExpo](http://www.allegancounty.org/SeniorExpo). If you need assistance in registering, please call (269) 673-3333. Deadline to register is June 18, 2025. Limited vendor space remains available. Please see full attachment for details (Attachment A). For more information, contact Jen Garcia, Director of Senior and Veteran Services, at (269) 686-5144 or [jgarcia@allegancounty.org](mailto:jgarcia@allegancounty.org).

**ALLEGAN COUNTY**  
*Senior Expo*  
formerly Boomer Bash

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**Senior Services**

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- Senior Vendor Fair & Giveaways
- Fun-Filled Workshops
- Health Screenings
- Entertainment

*Join Us!*  
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8:00AM - 1:00PM  
First Baptist Church  
1290 32nd Street (M-40), Allegan

*Schedule of Events*

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**Public Transit Passenger Initiatives** - In May 2025, County Transportation launched a rider outreach initiative targeting individuals who have created a profile with the ride app and have not yet completed a ride. This effort aims to welcome prospective passengers and provide them with information highlighting the benefits of ACT's public transportation services. Each outreach packet includes the following materials: A personalized welcome letter, an informational brochure, a Go 4 Groceries flyer, Farmer's Market & transportation, and an employment transportation flyer encouraging work-related ridership. The first round of mailings was sent to 120 addresses, with the whole campaign expected to reach over 300 potential riders. Additional letters will be created and mailed to individuals who have taken only a small number of trips. For additional information, please contact Whitney Ehresman, Transportation Director, at [wehresman@allegancounty.org](mailto:wehresman@allegancounty.org) or (269) 686-4529.

**Community Outreach** - The Health Department attended the Books, Balls & Blocks Event at the Ransom District Library on May 2, 2025. Information was provided about programs and services. The event catered to preschool and kindergarten children. Toothbrushes were also offered to encourage good oral health behaviors. Over 100 toothbrushes were distributed, along with many program brochures and literature. For more information, please contact Grant Ruppert, the Planning and Preparedness Manager, at (269) 686-4515 or [gruppert@allegancounty.org](mailto:gruppert@allegancounty.org).

**Community Health Needs Assessment** - The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) has been published and can be found on the "Announcements" page of the Health Department website. The 2025 CHNA represents a collaborative effort to understand better our residents' health concerns, barriers, and priorities. Conducted in partnership with Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital, Allegan County Community Foundation's Multi-Agency Collaborative Council (MACC) program, and the County, this assessment is vital in shaping strategies that will address local health challenges and improve overall well-being. The CHNA can be found here <https://www.allegancounty.org/health>. For more information, please contact Grant Ruppert, the Planning and Preparedness Manager, at (269) 686-4515 or [gruppert@allegancounty.org](mailto:gruppert@allegancounty.org).

**Tanger Outlets Community Outreach** - On May 10, 2025, the Animal Shelter attended the Tanger Outlets Pet Adoption Day. Two out of the three dogs brought have been adopted. The event drew strong public interest and featured collaboration with local rescues, clinics, and vendors. The next community outreach event is Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance's Annual Fundraiser in June. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Keuning, Animal Shelter Supervisor at [SKeuning@allegancounty.org](mailto:SKeuning@allegancounty.org).



**Taking a break from playing in the sun!**  
Dallas (top, adopted) Kai (Bottom, Available)



**Sophie (adopted) had her caricature done!**

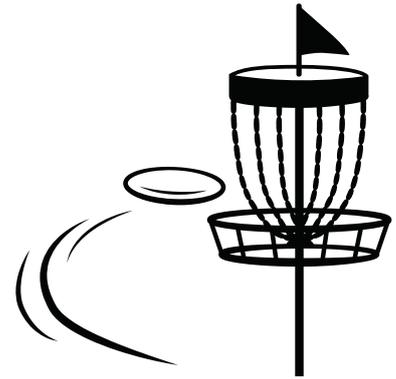


# SERVICES

**Littlejohn Lake Park Disc Golf Course** - On May 10, 2025, the County, alongside Disc Golfers United in Charity (DGUC) and dedicated local volunteers, celebrated the grand opening of the first disc golf course at Littlejohn Lake Park. More than 100 people attended the event, most playing the full 18-hole course.

Set within the wooded landscape of Littlejohn Lake Park, the course features rolling elevation changes and a scenic creek that highlight its unique character. Whether a seasoned disc golfer or trying the sport for the first time, this course offers a fun, challenging, and picturesque experience for all skill levels.

The course is now open to the public during park open hours. Visitors will need to bring their own disc's (Frisbees). Disc golf leagues will be forming soon. For additional information, please contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at (269) 686-9088 or [bgildea@allegancounty.org](mailto:bgildea@allegancounty.org)



**County Park Happenings** - To help both residents and visitors stay informed about upcoming events and activities taking place throughout County Parks check out the up to date county's official public calendar. From family-friendly programs to equestrian rides, disc golf tournaments, and a wide variety of recreational opportunities, there's always something happening in the parks.

Whether looking to join in on the fun or prefer a quieter visit, checking the event schedule in advance can help plan a trip accordingly. Please be aware that during scheduled events, the parks may experience higher visitor traffic, limited parking, and increased activity levels.

Stay connected and make the most of what County Parks have to offer. Scan the QR code or [Calendar Month View | Allegan County, MI](#) to view all current and upcoming events and plan your visit with confidence. For more information, contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at (269) 686-9088 or [bgildea@allegancounty.org](mailto:bgildea@allegancounty.org).



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# ENGAGEMENT

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OPEN POSITIONS

*Apply Now*

Position	Department	Current Status
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Prosecutors Office	Unfilled
Assistant Public Defender (4 open)	Public Defenders' Office	
Corrections Office	Sheriff's Office	
Public Health Technician	Health Department	
Telecommunicator (6 open)	Central Dispatch	
Youth Specialist	Youth Home	

Various Boards & Commissions Opportunities

- Community Mental Health Board
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Economic Development Commission
- Material Management Planning Committee
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Tourist Council



For more information, please contact Lyn Holoway, Human Resources Manager, at (269) 673-0537, [lholloway@allegancounty.org](mailto:lholloway@allegancounty.org).



# ENGAGEMENT

## Employment: 2025 Quarter 1:

TURNOVER/RETENTION (Regular FT & PT Only)	Q1
# of Terminations (Includes Retirees)	9
Average length of tenure of terminated REG employees	8.7 Years
Turnover % of new REG employees (<=1 year)	0%
Turnover % of REG employees	2.0%
Total average number of REG employees	444
Notes: # of terminations due to retirement	2
RECRUITMENT	Q1
Jobs Posted	20
# of Days to Hire (KPR)	33
# of New Hires	34
# of Promotions or Transfers	25

CURRENT POSITIONS

456

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Position	Department
Youth Specialist	Youth Home
Marine Officer	Sheriff's Office
Deputy Circuit Court Clerk	County Clerk's Office
Client Services Clerk	Friend of the Court
Law Clerk	Circuit Court
Clinical Coordinator - Family Division	Circuit Court - Family Division

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## NEW HIRES

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## PROMOTIONS/ TRANSFERS

Position	Department
Academy Sponsered Recruit (2)	Sheriff's Office
Information Services Director	Information Services

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## LEFT EMPLOYMENT

Position	Department
Registered Sanitarian	Health Department

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# OPERATIONS

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**Courthouse Renovation** - Renovation work continues on the new Prosecuting Attorney suite (former Treasurer, Clerk, and Drain offices), with an estimated completion of May 30 and a plan to move in between June 9 – 13. Renovation work continues in the former Legal Assistance Center and Family Court suite to prepare for a new building break room, a new Probate Court jury assembly room, and an expanded Family Court hearing room. Work in these spaces is anticipated to be completed by June 30. For more information, please contact Steve Sedore, Executive Director of Operations, at [ssedore@allegancounty.org](mailto:ssedore@allegancounty.org) or (269) 673-0373.

**Broadband Project** (Last Updated on 3/28/25) -

- Completed Zones: 1,5, 7, 9,10, and 11
- Zones Under Construction: 8, 4, and 6
- Construction bids awarded: Zones 2,3, and 12



Spring is here, and the 123Net restoration crews are visiting all areas where soil was disrupted since last fall. They are leveling any areas that settled over winter and reseeded. The 123Net Construction Hotline is 616.608.9654, where you can leave a detailed message. The messages are checked at least four times a day, and you can expect a prompt response.

123Net is on track to complete construction of the ROBIN (Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks) by the end of 2025. There are a few hundred addresses that are funded with the BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment) grant program. BEAD preliminary awards are expected to be announced by November 2025. Funded is expected in mid 2026, once the NTIA (National Telecommunications & Information Administration) approves Michigan's comprehensive plan.

We were recently notified that fiber is being constructed (non-grant funded) in most of the cities in Allegan County. Holland Board of Power and Water is building fiber in the city of Holland as a result of the millage vote in 2022. Frontier is building fiber to homes in the city of Allegan and some subdivisions in Allegan Township, plus limited areas in Saugatuck. Surf Internet has notified Allegan County that they will begin construction of fiber internet in the cities of Fennville and Wayland in June 2025. Fiber designs are in process for Plainwell and Otsego cities with an expected start date in late summer 2025. Surf is also evaluating Douglas.

Big picture metrics, zone targets, and % complete are in Attachment B. For more information, please contact (269) 673-0588 or [www.allegancounty.org/broadband](http://www.allegancounty.org/broadband).



# OPERATIONS

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**Human Services Building Chiller** - The replacement chiller arrived onsite on May 12, 2025. The County continues to stay in daily contact with the offices in the building to deploy or prepare for mitigation efforts as the temperatures fluctuate throughout the day. For more information, please contact Steve Sedore, Executive Director of Operations, at [ssedore@allegancounty.org](mailto:ssedore@allegancounty.org) or at (269) 673-0373.



**Human Services Building Patio Project** - Demolition of the old patio and deck began on April 15, 2025; current picture of work included. All work is expected to be completed by June 5, 2025. For more information, please contact Carl Chapman, Facilities Management Director, at [cchapman@allegancounty.org](mailto:cchapman@allegancounty.org) or (269) 673-0207.

**Equalization Department Report** - The distribution of L-4028 and L-4028 IC Forms is complete, which details the total taxable values for each taxing authority and each inter-county taxing jurisdiction. These forms were provided to all necessary parties, including adjoining counties, for inter-county coordination, in accordance with State Tax Commission requirements. With this milestone met, the work has shifted to preparing the L-4029 Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction packets. These forms are critical for calculating maximum allowable millage rates for the upcoming tax year and must be completed accurately to ensure compliance with the Headlee Amendment.

The L-4029 Forms are distributed to the Chief Financial Officers of all cities, townships, K-12 school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), community colleges, libraries, and other taxing authorities in the county. They are the official notification of authorized millage rates and must be adopted locally before certification and tax billing. Additionally, on May 12<sup>th</sup> the State Tax Commission (STC) passed the preliminary equalization. Final State Equalization will be formalized and adopted at the STC's May 27 session.

Real property appraisal studies are also in full stride, with 405 planned 1,687 appraisals either in progress or already completed as of May 15. These studies form the foundation of future equalization and ensure consistent, data-driven value determinations across all property classes. For more information, contact Matt Woolford, Director of Equalization, at [mwoolford@allegancounty.org](mailto:mwoolford@allegancounty.org) or at (269) 673-0245.

# THANK YOU

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***Feedback is important to us.***

*Please take the time to fill out a survey on any county service you may have received.*

[Click here to tell us how we are doing.](#)

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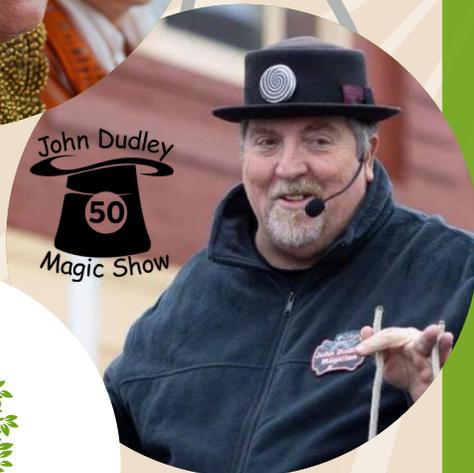
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John Dudley  
50  
Magic Show



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# FREE Transportation to *Senior Expo*

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Call Allegan County Transportation (ACT)  
& Reserve your spot by **June 18!**

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## Thank You to Our 2025 Sponsors!



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# Senior Expo Workshop Options

Session One 9:30AM-10:30AM	Session Two 10:40AM-11:40AM
<p><b>Let's Eat! Creative Cooking with What's in Your Pantry</b> <i>Food samples provided</i> Abbey Stroop, Community Nutrition Instructor – MSU Extension</p>	<p><b>Let's Eat! Creative Cooking with What's in Your Pantry</b> <i>Food samples provided</i> Abbey Stroop, Community Nutrition Instructor – MSU Extension</p>
<p><b>Community Links Program</b> "Making Connections that Help Our Community Thrive" Michelle Boutain, CHW – Allegan County Health Department</p>	<p><b>Community Links Program</b> "Making Connections that Help Our Community Thrive" Michelle Boutain, CHW – Allegan County Health Department</p>
<p><b>Zumba Moves</b> <i>Low Impact fitness class</i> Jodi Langlois</p>	<p><b>Zumba Moves</b> <i>Low Impact fitness class</i> Jodi Langlois</p>
<p><b>Lakeshore Sunset Paint-Along with Artist</b> <i>8"x10" canvas takeaway</i> Chloe Schans, Adult Programmer – Allegan District Library</p>	<p><b>Lakeshore Sunset Paint-Along with Artist</b> <i>8"x10" canvas takeaway</i> Chloe Schans, Adult Programmer – Allegan District Library</p>
<p><b>Explore Allegan: Life &amp; Leisure for All</b> Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager Allegan County Parks, Recreations &amp; Tourism</p>	<p><b>Safe Banking for Seniors</b> Robert Pawloski, Assistant Vice President &amp; Regional Branch Manager – Highpoint Community Bank</p>

## DEADLINE TO REGISTER: June 18, 2025

Workshops must be registered for in advance and will fill up fast.  
Subject to availability the day of the event if participant is not pre-registered.



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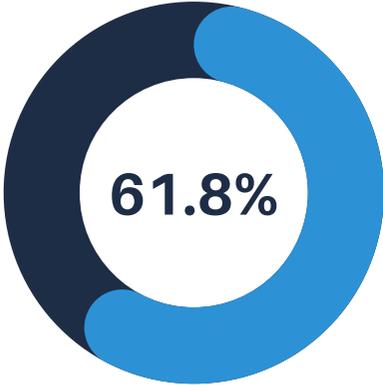
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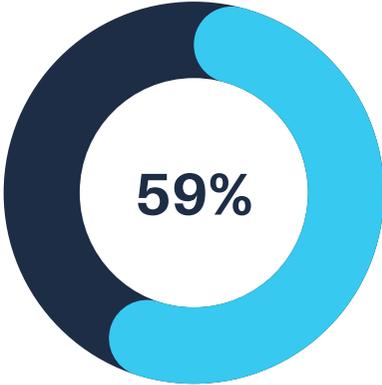
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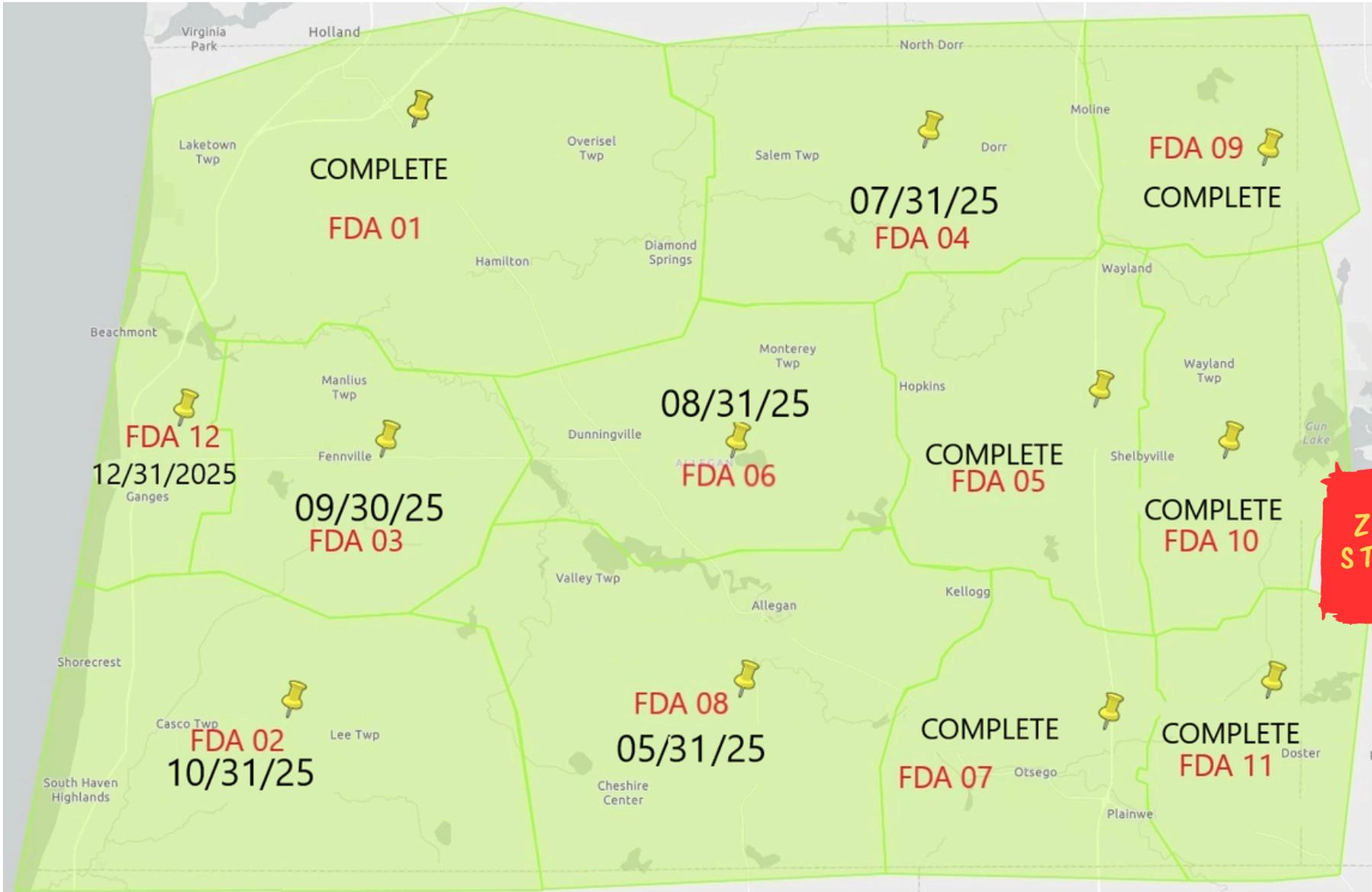


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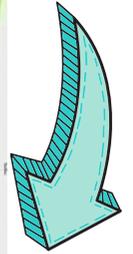
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# ZONE MAP - 123NET

Look up address: [www.123.net/home-fiber-internet/sign-up/](http://www.123.net/home-fiber-internet/sign-up/)

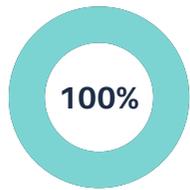


**ZONE STATUS**



# ZONE STATUS - 123NET

Target Dates and % Fiber in place



FDA 01

2/15/2025



FDA 02

10/31/2025



FDA 03

09/30/2025



FDA 04

07/31/2025



FDA 05

06/30/2024



FDA 06

08/31/2025



FDA 07

02/28/2025



FDA 08

05/31/2025



FDA 09

08/30/2024



FDA 10

07/31/2024



FDA 11

09/30/2024



FDA 12

12/31/2025

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# RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND FIBER PROJECTS

## CHARTER SPECTRUM

Spectrum received Rural Digital Opportunity Fund grants. Please visit [spectrumruralexpansion.com](https://spectrumruralexpansion.com) to determine if your address is serviceable or when an address may be able to receive Spectrum services.

## MERCURY BROADBAND

Construction of the Allegan East build area is underway in portions of Trowbridge Township, moving into Otsego Township with an expected completion in May.

Construction should begin in Summer in the Allegan West build area.

[Mercurybroadband.com](https://Mercurybroadband.com)

## MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS

Visit the [www.internet.teammidwest.com](https://www.internet.teammidwest.com) to check the map and sign up for service.

2024 - Lee, Casco, Cheshire and Trowbridge Township are complete.

2026 Q1: Ganges Twp

2025 Q4: Otsego Twp

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# LOCAL PHONE COMPANIES OFFERING FIBER INTERNET

## ACENTEK

Acentek offers fiber internet in their telephone service area. Serving northern Overisel Township, plus the western edge of Salem Township in the northern portion.

Visit

<https://www.acentek.net/internet/> to learn more.

## AT&T

AT&T offers fiber internet in portions of Hopkins and Monterey Townships. Check to see if you are in AT&T service area at <https://www.att.com/internet/fiber/>

If the address check response does not specifically mention “fiber” then only DSL is available, which is not considered high-speed internet.

## BARRY COUNTY TELEPHONE (MEI.NET)

Barry County Telephone (MEI) serves the eastern edge of Gun Plain Township, plus portions of Lake Doster. They are constructing fiber infrastructure to replace their copper network. Check your address to see if you can get service:

<https://www.mei.net/services/highspeed.html>

## FRONTIER

Frontier is in the process of replacing copper infrastructure with fiber in their current service area. Check your address at <https://frontier.com/pages/why-frontier/why-fiber-internet/fiber-expansion?>

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# OTHER WIRED INTERNET PROVIDERS

## BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS

Serving most of Cheshire Twp, plus western Trowbridge and southern Valley Townships.

Construction was completed in September 2024.

[www.Bloomingtondalecom.com](http://www.Bloomingtondalecom.com)

## COMCAST XFINITY

Serving residents along the west coast of Allegan County.

Visit [www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)

## GREAT LAKES TRUESTREAM

Many customers of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative can order Truestream fiber internet. At this time, GLE is only providing fiber internet service to their electric customers. Not all GLE customers have fiber available at this time.

Visit <https://www.truestreamfiber.com/>

## SURF INTERNET

Serving residents Moline and limited areas of Leighton and Dorr Townships.

Surf will begin fiber construction in the cities of Wayland and Fennville in June 2025. The cities of Plainwell and Otsego are in design for construction to begin late summer 2025.

<https://surfinternet.com>

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# CUSTOMER STATS

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