

Neighbors:

Good news! AES is beginning construction in the next couple of weeks to get service up and running this fall. Please call them at 333-0100 to let them know if you'd like service, if you haven't already. Even if you don't want it until next spring, they need to know your interest.

Starting as early as October 16th, a contractor will begin construction of the main fiber optic lines that will feed the entire neighborhood. Shortly thereafter, service lines will be run to each house that expresses interest in AES service. Once this is done, homes can commence service with AES for TV, internet, and voice.

In the upcoming days, the contractor will be using white flags to mark the proposed route of the cable that will run along the road. As public utilities (gas, sewer, electric and telephone) also mark their current location, the proposed AES route may change within a couple of feet. AES lines will be installed about 3' underground using directional boring. A machine will push a pipe underground that will then surface in the proper locations throughout the neighborhood. This process is very precise and much less invasive than digging traditional trenches to run service.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Since the new services will run along the street, there's a chance that you may have some private utilities along the route. Invisible dog fences, sprinkler systems, wells, geothermal, sump pump / downspout tiles, and other privately maintained lines may be near the construction. **YOU NEED TO MARK THESE ITEMS YOURSELF TO WARN THE CONTRACTOR.**

AES has given us some pink flags to mark these items. Please pick them up from Tim and Sarah Speer's house at 6664 Ruby Springs Parkway. They will be sitting on the green electrical pedestal in the front yard. Only take what you need to mark your private utilities that run along the road for the first phase of construction. Return what you don't use, as we have a limited supply.

After the first phase is complete, individuals who have expressed interest in AES service will have a similar process to their houses. AES service runs to the area of the home near the outdoor electrical meter. The proposed route will be marked in white flags, and you will have a chance to mark your private utilities along that path. The service line will be approximately 12" deep.

Finally, service will be available. As the construction is very expensive to service our neighborhood, there will be a \$25 monthly fee on top of the normal service fees available on AuburnEssentialServices.net. The fee is made up of a \$20 / month surcharge for the first 10 years of service to cover construction costs and a \$5 per month fee for fiber optic maintenance that will be billed in perpetuity. AES recommends you contact them for a firm quote. Those of us that have already contacted them can expect a follow-up call in the coming days now that the construction start date is set.

Yard restoration will take place in the spring, as it will be too late to plant grass when construction is finished. Because of this, it's important to let AES know your interest in service, to aide in completing yard restoration at one time.

Thank you for your help!

Tim Speer
DLE HOA board member