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LEARN ABOUT BROADBAND ACCESS IN NORTHERN MACOMB COUNTY TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 4-7 PM, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HALL

Macomb County Board Chair Don Brown and Washington Township Supervisor Sebastian 'Sam' Previti are hosting a broadband event on Tuesday, January 16th. Representatives from the surrounding communities have also been invited. This event will take place at the Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Avenue in Washington Township, from 4-7 p.m.

Access and affordability to the quality internet services has been an ongoing issue, which was made more prominent during the COVID pandemic when parents and students were forced to work from home. The demand has led to all levels of government joining together to close the gaps in access as well as affordability for everyone. Macomb County, local units of government, and private providers have been collaborating to identify local solutions. This event is designed to provide an update on this effort and possibly offer meaningful discounts for those who qualify.

Officials will outline the work that is underway and further detail what this means for access in the northern part of Macomb County.

Volunteers will be available onsite to answer questions and, if eligible, sign residents up for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a government program that provides low-income households a credit of up to \$30/month towards their internet and/or mobile services.

National School Lunch Program, SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Lifeline, Federal Pell Grants, WIC, and other benefit program recipients are eligible. Documents to confirm eligibility are required, such as: a SNAP or Medicaid enrollment card, a benefit award letter or statement of benefits for any qualifying federal benefit program.

For more information on this event, contact the Macomb County Board of Commissioners office at: 586-469-5125.

For more information about ACP, eligibility, and the documents you need to enroll, visit: acpbenefit.org.