

# MARROWSTONE WIRELESS

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Well, October was a month of adjusting to work outdoors with the Fiber cable infrastructure on Griffith Point Road and overcoming mishandling of that cable.

Dealing with shorter days, colder and wetter weather and learning what not to do has slowed the work but, we are making steady progress!

The first of 8 distribution boxes for the FTTH (Fiber To The Home) is mounted near the cul-de-sac and tested. That means nearby homes can request connection to the fiber at any time they so choose. As each distribution box is installed along the road more homes are within range. We have a waiting list for these FTTH connections on Griffith Point that is now around 16-18 as I write this.

Ken Nelson, who lives on Griffith Point has been training on the special tasks required to handle the Fiber Cable and elements used to build the infrastructure that is being installed on the PUD poles. He was doing great until a couple days ago when I said to him, "Let me help."

My help broke some of the fibers in the cable where we were working at the location of the 2nd distribution box... We are now forced into more work to correct this but, it turns out not to be a bad thing (at least in my mind). We are actually learning what to do when the Fiber cable is damaged in a storm or pole strike by a vehicle. This event is also forcing us to improve how we work outside in difficult conditions. Yes, it is another slow up but, the result will improve our system reliability and recovery for the long run.

Watch for our trucks with the new signs as we work on your Island!  
The second photo shows Ken working on fixing my mess...

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and may God Bless you! — David

