



## e-VT Morristown Re-Cap

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is a partnership between seven statewide organizations and leaders in two dozen Vermont towns to help close the digital divide through innovative use of Internet tools and training. Initiatives in Morristown were spearheaded by Morristown town government, People's Academy Middle Level School, Centennial Public Library, River Arts, Morristown Rescue and other organizations. In just over a year, this team succeeded in bringing the following accomplishments to Morristown:

- Fifty netbook packages for People's Academy Middle Level School, including Dell netbooks, netbook cases, printers, USB cables, extra ink cartridges, and Microsoft Office Pro 2010 (PAML also purchased 18 additional netbook packages) to ensure that every student in grade 6 receives a 21<sup>st</sup> century education;
- Weekly training with community-based, NETS-S coordinated technology lessons for students and teachers in grade 6;
- For teachers, a complete program of lesson and unit plans, worksheets, Internet links, advice, instruction, video tutorials, and grant writing resources so that cutting edge classroom education can continue in 2012-2013 and beyond;
- A free online neighborhood forum at [frontporchforum.com](http://frontporchforum.com) that 441 subscribers in Morristown (out of 2200 households in town) have used more than 1213 times to buy and trade household items, promote events and volunteer needs, discuss local issues, share wildlife sightings, and recommend local businesses;
- A new platform for the Front Porch Forum e-newsletter that includes a comprehensive web-based community calendar, synthesizing all community events into one central place and freely allowing them to be displayed on local websites;
- One ViewSonic LCD projector, three ViewSonic 22" LED monitors with 4-year warranties, three Acer Veriton desktops with 3-year warranties, a NETGEAR RangeMax Wireless-N router with 2-year warranty, an HP Probook 15.6 Core i5 laptop with 2-year warranty and four copies of Microsoft Office 2010 and Deep Freeze software for Centennial Library to help more community members and visitors access the Internet, find social services and jobs, and connect to research and educational opportunities;;

- A Vermont State Colleges student Internet Intern providing assistance with Web searches and other basic computer tasks for Centennial Library patrons;
- Two workshops on the topics of *Social Media Marketing* and *Google Tools for Small Business*’ conducted by the Vermont Small Business Development Center at the Tegu Building for business owners and entrepreneurs;
- One-on-one assistance from the Vermont Small Business Development Center for local businesses to establish websites and develop online marketing strategies;
- A workshop pilot (iConnect ) designed to prepare state agency employees, community organization staff, town librarians and others to assist clients/patrons with using the Internet to find health information, apply for employment and social services, etc ;
- Creation of a public access Wi-Fi zone along Portland Street, connectmorristown.org, including 4 Anaptyx OD2-N MIMO access points, site survey, installation, Anaptyx AWD Cloud Controller and Haystack Digital / e-Vermont portal template;
- An HP Pavillion dv6t Quad Edition laptop and Linksys E2500 dual-band wireless router to support training activities at Morrystown Rescue;
- Ongoing webinars for businesses and individuals, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);
- A tool kit of case studies, lessons learned, and best practices, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);
- Regional workshops, a statewide conference, and continuing programs of e-Vermont partner organizations.

e-Vermont congratulates the Morrystown team for its collaboration and accomplishments over the past year and wishes them well in continuing to close the digital divide, use Internet tools to advance local goals, and serve as a model for rural towns all over Vermont and across the United States.

Please stay posted on future developments by visiting e-Vermont at [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org) and by following e-Vermont on Facebook (e-Vermont).

-Philip Petty, e-Vermont Community Director  
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