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City announces latest Wi-Fi expansion

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside’s free wireless Internet service surge is spreading like wi-fi.

Wednesday night much of the Arlington and La Sierra area went live, providing thousands with free Internet capability. The Mount Rubidoux and Fairmount Park area went live last weekend.

These areas of the city join the Orangecrest, Sycamore Canyon, Canyon Crossing, Canyon Crest and northeast portions of Riverside, all of which went live in July.

The downtown area of Riverside and another area between Adams and Madison Streets south of the State Highway 91 were the first on the Wi-Fi wagon in summer 2007.

In one of the largest citywide Wi-Fi projects undertaken by any U.S. city, Riverside, partnered with AT&T, will continue to add more sections of the city until Aug. 22, when the initial surge ends. More than 500 access devices of the Wi-Fi umbrella are currently live in the city now.

“The service is working well and the numbers indicate that people are learning about it quickly,” said Steve Reneker, chief information officer with the city. “We have an average of more than 1,200 people every night now accessing the free Wi-Fi.”

The final phase of the project will focus on the older, more-wooded portions of downtown, where up to another year of work is needed to provide Wi-Fi access.

Two more free training sessions on the use of wireless technology will be held by the city in August:

Aug. 13 – La Sierra Park, 5215 La Sierra Ave.

Aug. 27 – Nichols Park, 5505 Dewey Ave.

All sessions will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information on the rollout, go to <http://www.smartriverside.com/wireless/>.

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