

## Computer Tech Talk

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Almost 95 percent of Cumberland County homes have access to high speed internet services. Yet many citizens are not using this broadband technology. Road blocks include: cost, no interest, no benefit (perceived), intimidation, or fear. As a result, Kentucky ranks 45th in the nation in household computer use.

Despite these barriers, computer use throughout the county is growing. As our children become homeowners and business owners they will demand modern computer systems with high speed internet access.

Governor Fletcher is spearheading an initiative to encourage use of computers and the Internet and to promote economic development. See the "Connect Kentucky" website: <http://www.connectkentucky.org> You can click on "Find My County" then select Cumberland for the details.

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As a member of the Cumberland County technology leadership team formed by Connect Kentucky, my hope is that you will find this series of monthly computer technology articles of interest. Perhaps some of the frustration of setting up and using that new computer can be reduced?

Look for future "Computer Tech Talk" articles on these topics:

- Why a computer at home?
- Shopping for a computer
- Get on the Internet
- Broadband Access
- Electronic Mail (email)
- Viruses and Spyware
- Messaging & Web logs
- Internet Safety
- Useful Websites
- School District Technology
- Wireless Networking
- User Applications
- Digital Photography
- Preventive Maintenance
- Printer selection
- Downloading Music
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