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Cable television marks debut in tiny Haymarket

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The Haymarket Town Council spent the first 15 minutes of its Monday night meeting watching television.

David Vitalis, president of Manassas' Telesat Communications, brought a television monitor to show Haymarket officials what's in store for the town once its new cable system is complete.

The company will provide access to 41 channels, expanding to 60 by January 1987, Vitalis said.

The offerings will include network affiliates, independent stations from Washington and Baltimore, local PBS channels, educational programs and Manassas' Channel 53-WTTK with religious programs.

Residents may opt to delete Music Television, a rock-video station, Vitalis said.

Telesat does not broadcast Playboy and other soft pornography channels, he said. "We don't offer that kind of stuff; it's corporate policy," Vitalis said.

Twelve residents have subscribed so far. The company estimates that Haymarket has about 90 homes now, with another 160 town houses planned.

Telesat will finish installing cable to those 90 homes by the end of September, Vitalis said.

For people who live outside the

town, Telesat is offering Homesat, a division of Telesat that rents satellite dishes for \$39.99 a month.

There are seven cable operations in the Prince William area: Telesat in western county areas; Cablevision of Prince William in Dale City, Montclair, Woodbridge and Occoquan; Lake Ridge Cablevision; Cablevision of Manassas Park; Cablevision of Manassas; Columbia Cable of Virginia in the Dumfries area; and Westgate Cablevision in Westgate Apartments.

In other business, the Town Council:

- Approved plans for a sign at the First Virginia Bank building. To preserve the community's historic integrity, the bank sign will be smaller than the variety the bank normally uses.

- Granted a license to Rose Marie Utz, who will be operating a part-time electrolysis business.

- Adopted a resolution enabling the Haymarket-Gainesville Volunteer Fire Department to take part in a state revenue-sharing program financed by a tax on state insurance premiums. It is expected to add \$4,000 to the department's coffers.

- Approved a Halloween Parade on Oct. 31 between 6 and 7 p.m. The town accepted responsibility for insurance liabilities.