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## Hamptons TV spreads wings

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Although it's been stymied in efforts to get Cablevision to carry the station beyond the East End, WVVH-TV, known as Hamptons TV, is being picked up by Time Warner Cable and Verizon's FiOS system across their coverage areas.

The East Hampton-based channel said Time Warner already has debuted WVVH on Staten Island and parts of New Jersey and is rolling it out across its entire New York metropolitan subscription area as Hamptons TV Video on Demand.

"The entirety will happen in the first quarter of 2007," said WVVH President Ernie Schimizzi. "We'll be available at no additional charge to Time Warner subscribers."

Hamptons TV, already carried on Channel 50 and on Channel 78 on Cablevision's East End system, also is slated to debut on Verizon's FiOS system on Channel 14 in early 2007.

"We're making our connections right now between our studio in Long Island and their facility in Jamaica," Schimizzi said, adding the station will be part of FiOS's basic package.

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