



**FEBRUARY 2019  
ISSUE #2-VOLUME 2**



St. Louis is driven to be an IoT city. One of the efforts that it is doing to be a smart city is the Delmar Loop iNnovation Neighborhood. This project consists of creating a target area ecosystem that focuses on connecting the internet with the people who frequent the Loop area. Here are some highlights of the project and a link to the complete article.

## **Delmar Loop iNnovation Neighborhood**

The website has 7 links that paint a picture of what the project is and the area that is the focus of the project. "As an evolutionary improvement of the Brookings' Institute innovation district model, the DLiN will engage the community, plan, design and activate an inclusive Smart Community Platform (the Delmar Loop iNnovation Neighborhood, Delmar Divide and Art Hill), that allows persons from all walks of life to participate in the

digital innovation economy. Build the platform across and through the Delmar Divide and into the inclusive heart and soul of St. Louis – Forest Park Art Hill.”

The target for initiating the concepts are age groups college, pre and k-16 age communities. The points of access are are entertainment venues and holidays, inclusive of special events. Persons with hand held devices such as smart phones and tablets would have access to this technology.

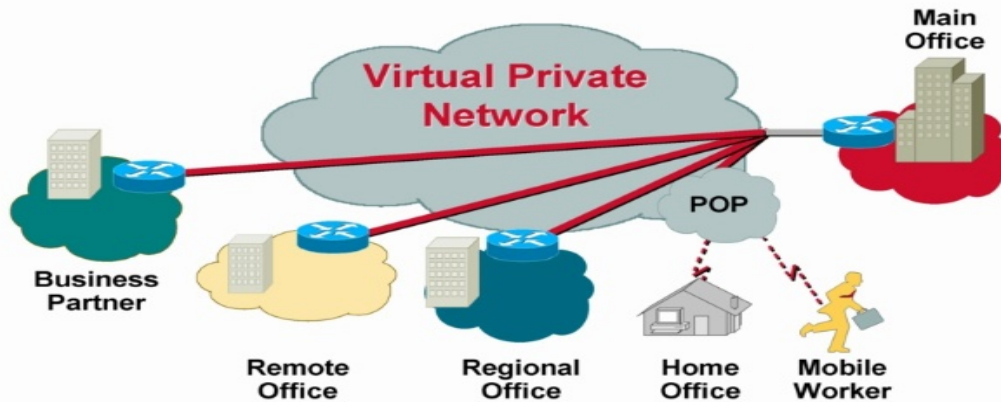
The benefits as stated by the website, “Creatives, entrepreneurs, and data-oriented companies will relocate to your iNnovation neighborhood, creating new socio-economic opportunities in both the private and public sector.

For tech-savvy consumers, your iNnovation neighborhood will become a “lifestyle” destination that embraces social networking, personalized communication, boutique data services, and immediate information. Tourists, students, entrepreneurs, Smart City and Internet of Everything developers, and a new generation of residents will be drawn to your innovation neighborhood. This will create not only demand for retail and professional services, but also cool working and living spaces.”

For more about the Delmar Loop initiative go to <https://ineighborhoods.us/delmar-loop-innovation-neighborhood/> and get more of what is and the projects that are taking place in our city.

# What Is a VPN?

**Connectivity Deployed using the Public Internet with the Same Security and 'Performance' as a Private Network**



5

## Why Do Some Websites Block VPNs?

Why do I need to turn off my “protection”, from the internet when I use Netflix, or Hulu? Well here is an explanation of why.

One of the only ways to protect your right to privacy and information online is to use a VPN. Some websites infringe on those rights by blocking VPNs, but they do it for a good reason. The big names that are notorious for blacklisting VPNs are Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, and the BBC. It's hard to figure out exactly how many websites block VPN access, but the number could be in the thousands. Most of these sites aren't actively at war with VPNs, but they manage to blacklist a lot of VPN IP addresses over time passively.

### Contracts Force Streaming Sites To Ban VPNs

Again, the most notorious VPN blacklisters are Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, and the BBC. All of these websites stream media, and they all blacklist VPNs to honor regional contracts with licensing companies.

When streaming services want to add a TV show or a movie to their library, they have to sign a contract with the licensing company that owns said programming. The world of

streaming services is incredibly competitive right now, and licensing companies can make hundreds of millions of dollars by handing popular shows to the highest bidder.

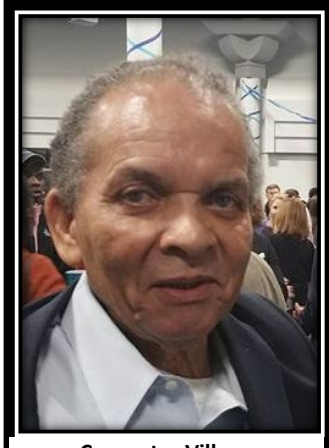
### **Websites Want To Minimize Spam And Fraud**

The most legitimate reason why a website would block VPN access is to mitigate unlawful or annoying behavior. The problem with this technique is that it punishes more innocent people than it does criminals.

Paypal has received a [lot of flack](#) for blacklisting VPNs, but to be fair, they do it for a good reason. IP addresses are a form of identity, and criminals that use a VPN to mask their IP address tend to be difficult to track down. Not to mention, Paypal is a bank, and the company has to respect regional tax codes and money laws.

For more follow the link to read the complete article:

<https://www.howtogeek.com/403771/why-do-some-websites-block-vpns/>



**Computer Village**  
Executive Director - Don Holt

Don has been on the battle field for youth development and education for over 30 years. Retirement from Xerox only gave him more time for his passion. Don Holt is an “Unsung Hero” and advocate for youth, education and the black community.

“Don continues to stress the importance of IoT as a major component for the growth of young people associated with job stability and economic success in our community.”



**Main Office**

4411 N. Newstead  
St. Louis, MO 63115  
P: (314) 533-1900

E: [cvillagestl@gmail.com](mailto:cvillagestl@gmail.com)

**Don Holt - Executive Director**

E: [don.holt-cv@att.net](mailto:don.holt-cv@att.net)  
Home: 314-741-4854  
Mobile: 314-537-0274  
5404 Sun Trail Drive  
Florissant MO 63136