

Wireless Instructions for:

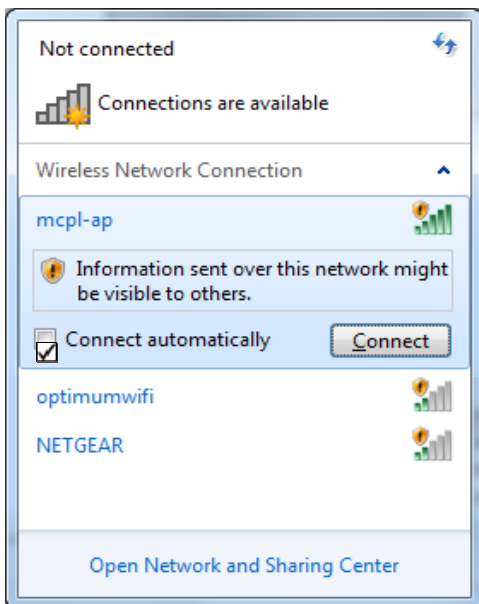


Disclaimer: Due to the number of wireless devices on the market today, it is not possible for Library staff to provide individual support. Users may be able to resolve their connectivity issues after reviewing the provided troubleshooting information. The documentation which came with your hardware or the hardware manufacturer's web site may provide helpful information, as well. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of a patron's personal equipment resulting from the connection to the Library's wireless network.

How to connect to the Middle Country Public Library Wireless Network (mcpl-ap) using Windows 7



On the right hand side of the taskbar, you will see a wireless network icon like the one pictured here. Click on the **Wireless Network Icon**.

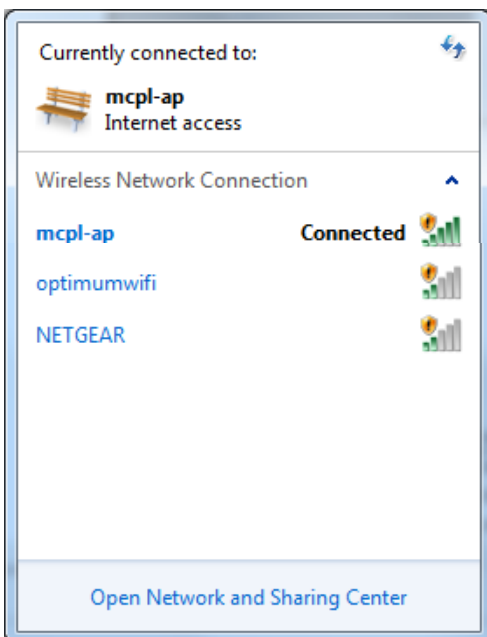


A window with available **Wireless Network Connections** will open.

Click on the **mcpl-ap** connection

Connect automatically

Click **Connect**

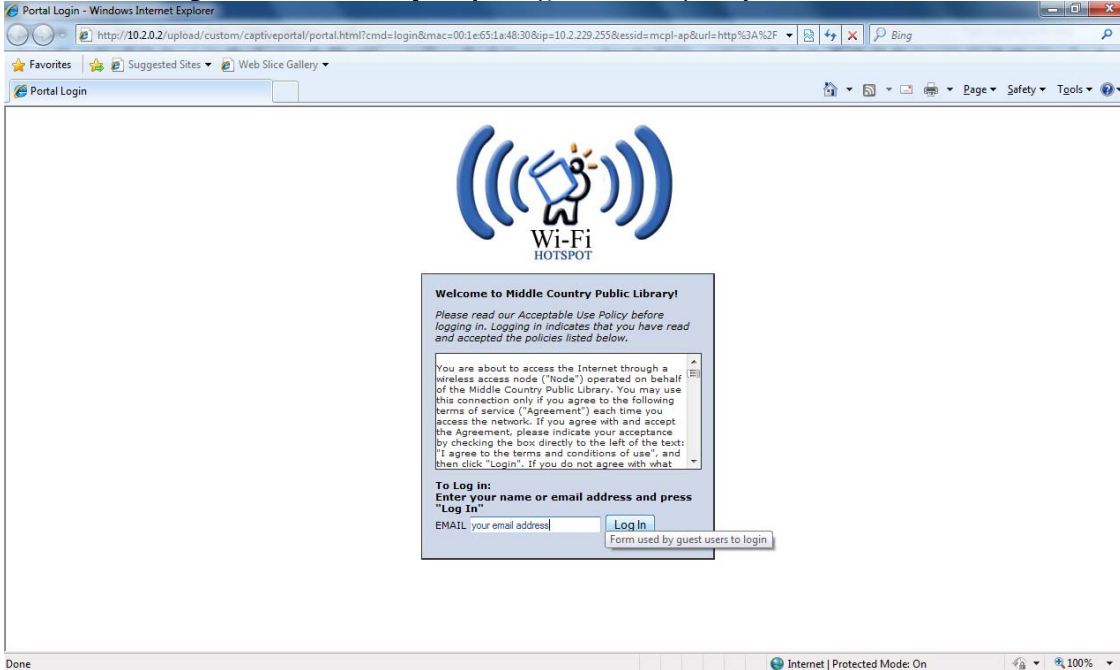


Computer will attempt to make the connection, when it is complete, you will see **Connected** next to the **mcpl-ap** connection.

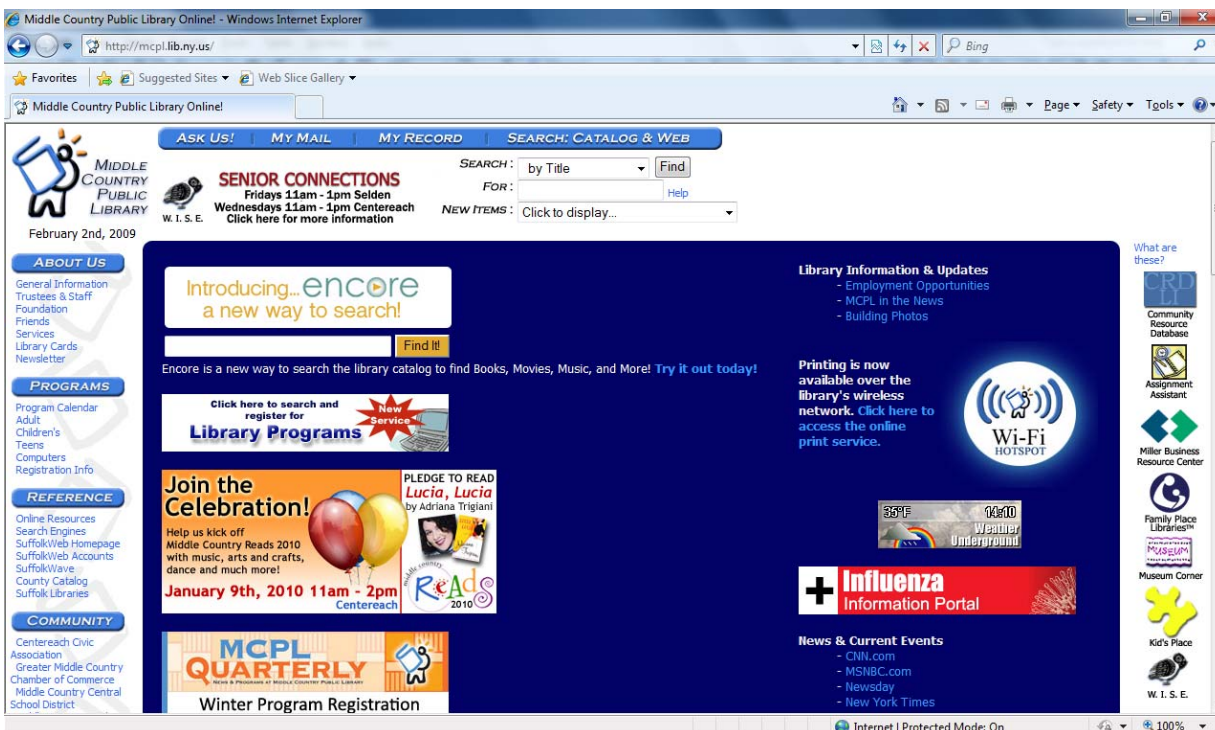


On the right hand side of the taskbar, you will see a different **wireless network icon** like the one pictured here. This indicates that you are connected.

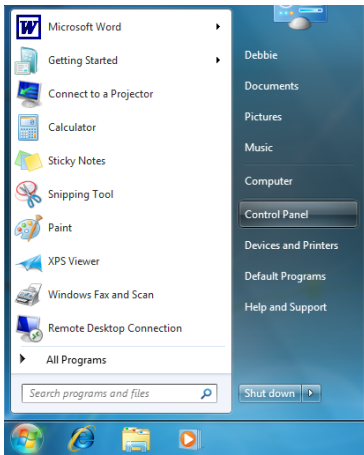
Open your favorite **web browser** (Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari, etc). Read our **Acceptable Use Policy**. If you agree to our policy, enter a **valid email address**, then click **Log In**.



The **Middle Country Public Library's** webpage will now display.

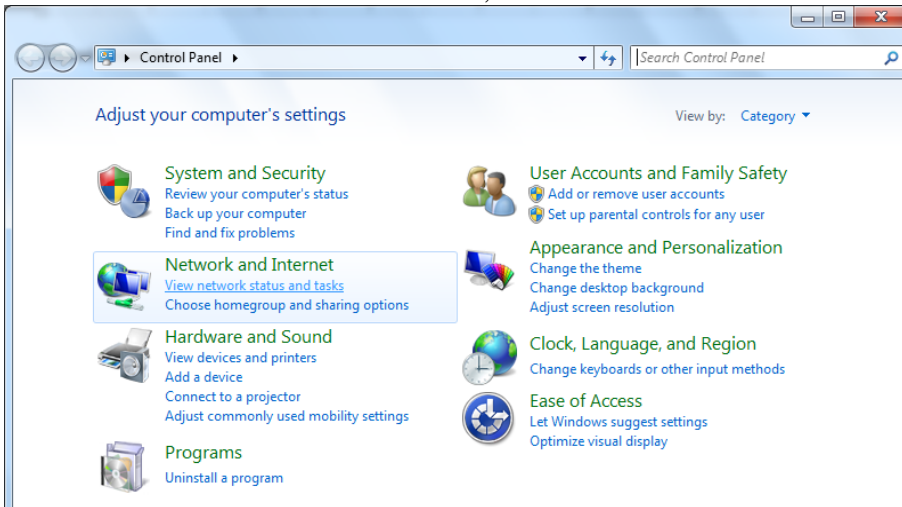


How to manually connect to the Middle Country Public Library Wireless Network (mcpl-ap)

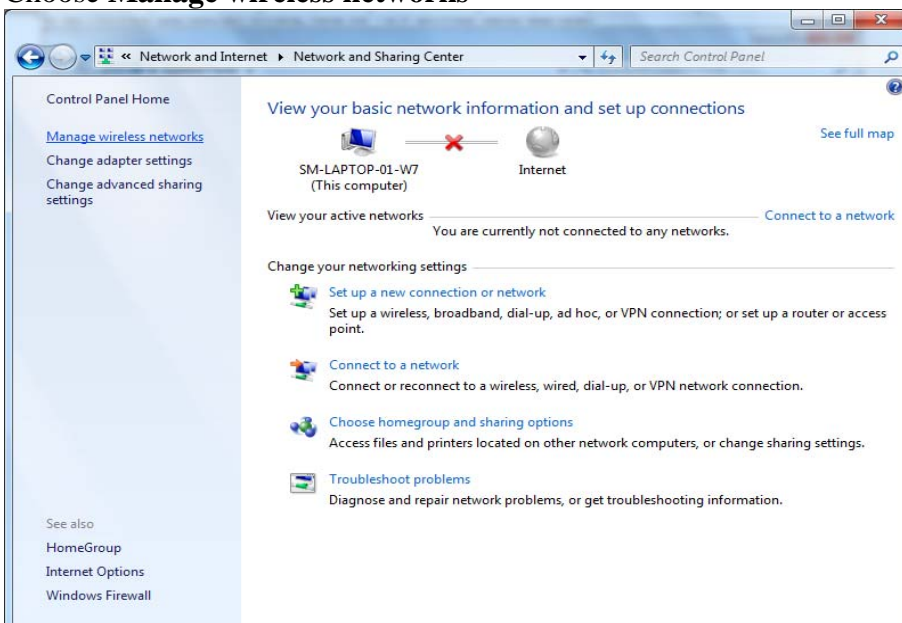


Click on the **Start** button, then click on **Control Panel**

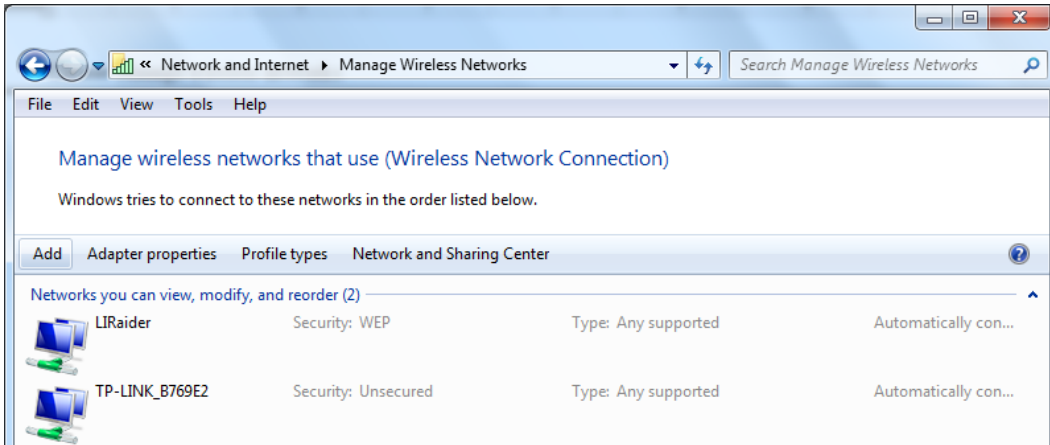
In the **Network and Internet** section, click on **View network status and tasks**



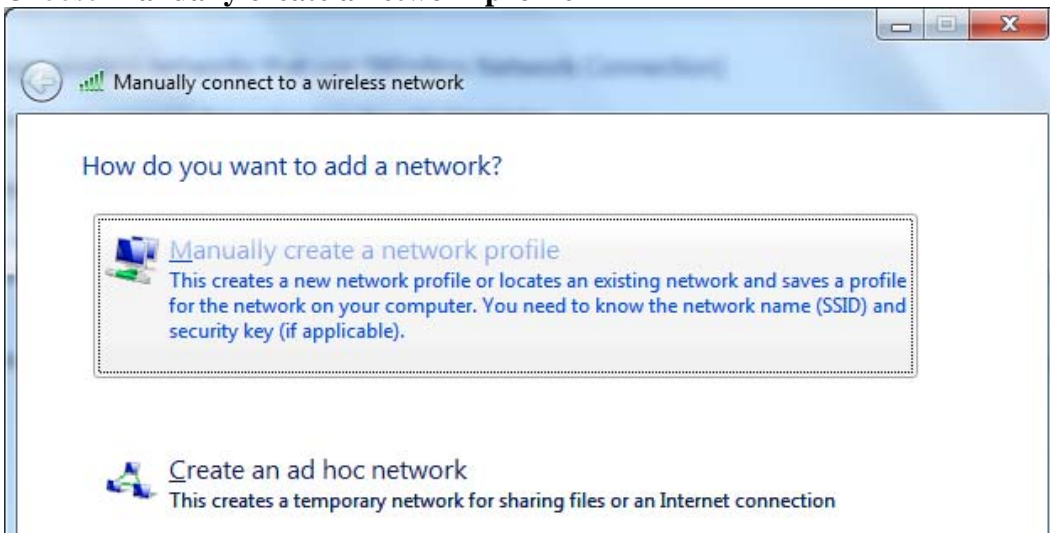
Choose **Manage wireless networks**



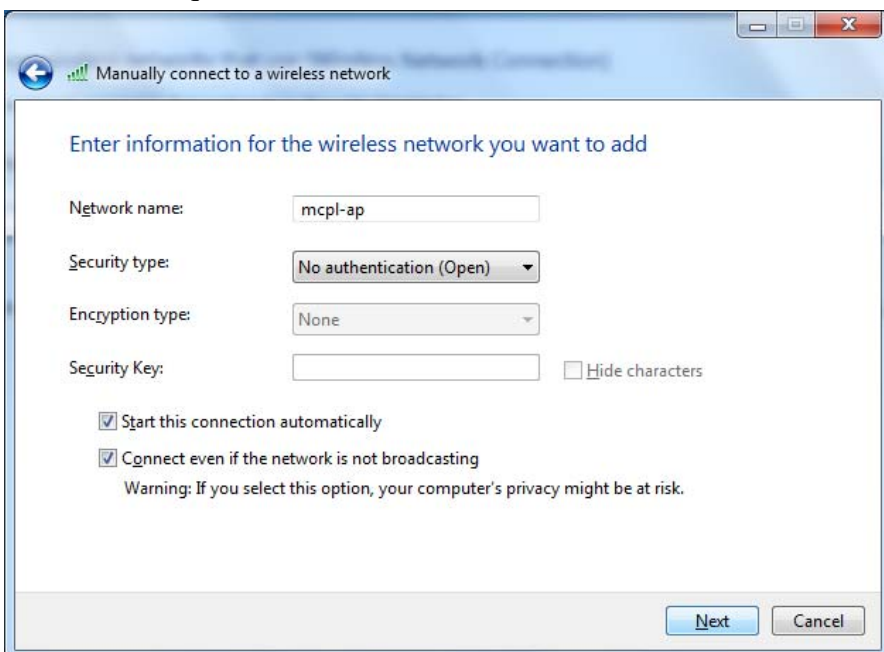
Click on **Add**



Choose **Manually create a network profile**



Entered the required information



Network name: **mcpl-ap**

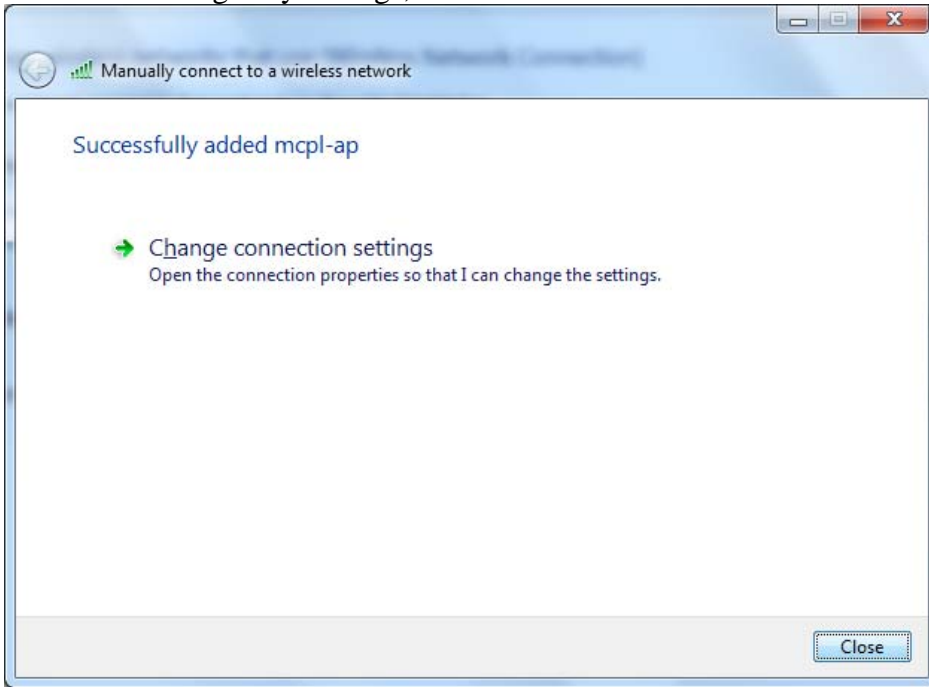
Security type: **No authentication (Open)**

Start this connection automatically

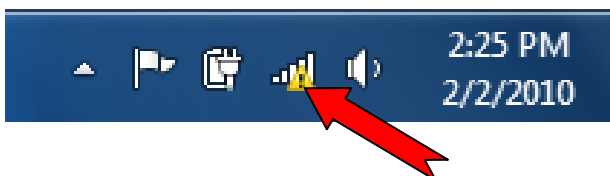
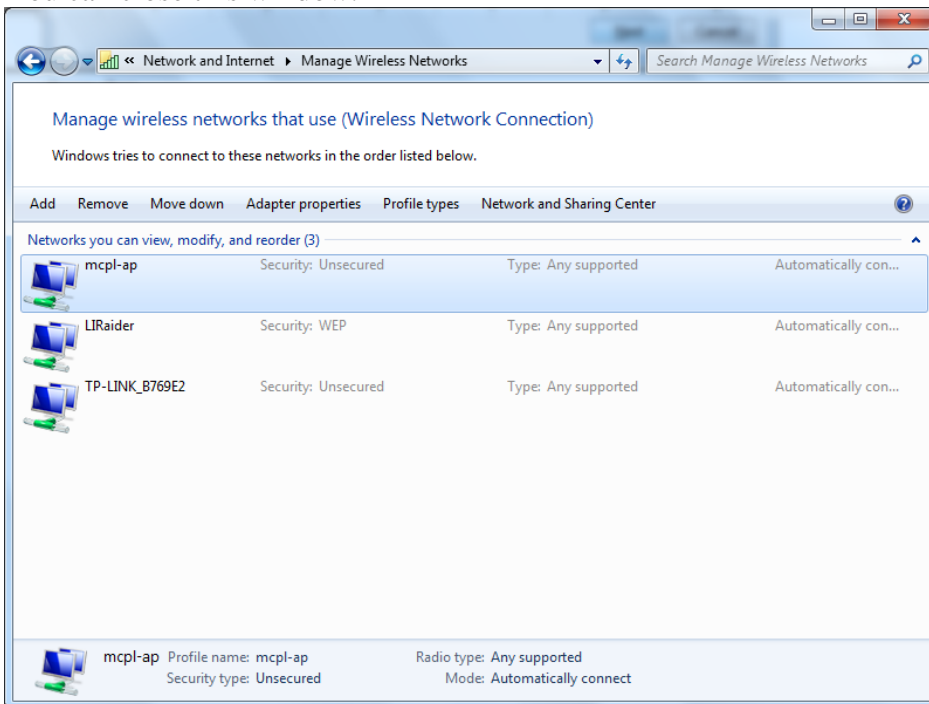
Connect even if the network is not broadcasting

Click **Next**

No need to change any settings, choose **Close**

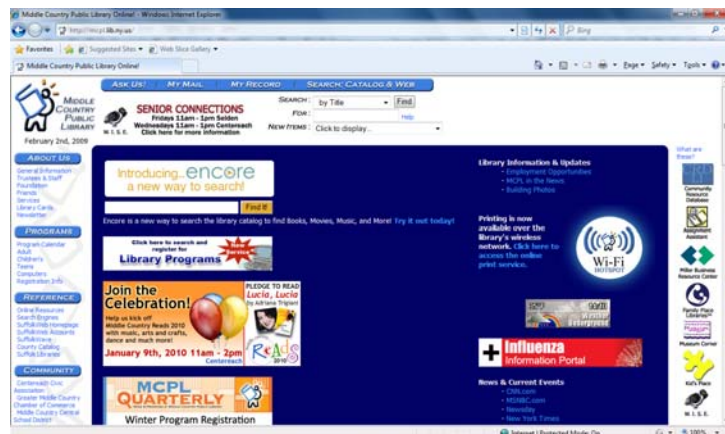


The **mcpl-ap** connection will now be in your list of **Wireless Network Connections**. You can close this window.



The **wireless network icon** like the one pictured here indicates you are not connected.

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The **wireless network icon** like the one pictured here now indicates that you are connected.

Troubleshooting Tips – Windows

- Make sure your wireless is turned on; the switch may have accidentally turned off. The switch can be located on the side of your laptop, a Function Key, or may have a separate button that usually has an icon of a radio antenna on it.
- Is your wireless adapter enabled? **On a Windows systems**, go to Control Panel->Network Connections. Does the wireless device appear in this list? If not, you will need to add the device – see your user's manual for instructions. If a wireless device is listed, is it enabled? To enable a wireless device, right click the icon and select enable.
- Are you connecting to the correct network? Make sure you are selecting **mcpl-ap** from the list of available wireless networks.
- Double check your browser settings - the system may be trying to connect through a proxy server. This is common in situations where the computer may be accessing a corporate LAN. The proxy server settings must be disabled to access the wireless public Internet. - **On a Windows system**, go to Control Panel, Internet Options, Connections, LAN Settings. Remove the checkmark from the box labeled "Use a Proxy Server." Click apply, then click OK. *Warning: This may cause you to be unable to connect to your corporate LAN.*
- Check your firewall settings. You can temporarily disable the firewall(s) to see if this resolves the problem. If this works, we recommend re-enabling your firewall(s) and figuring out how to enable wireless connections from within your firewall. Please consult the manual that came with your system for assistance.
- Is your network card set to automatically obtain an IP address? **On a Windows system** you can check this by going to Control Panel -> Network Connections and checking the TCP/IP properties of your wireless device.
- If your wireless device is set to obtain an IP address automatically, try repairing the connection. **On a Windows system**, right click the wireless device and select Repair from the menu.