In Touch

Whatever You Do, Make It Red, White, and Blue

Happy Independence Day from Albany Fiber! We love to be part of our community's patriotic celebrations and experience the collective pride we have in our great nation.

When you gather with family and friends, we have these wishes for you: May the grill be filled with sizzling meat, the fireworks bursting with colorful surprises, and the conversations loaded with spontaneous laughter.

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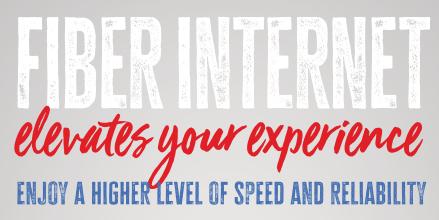September 2 for Labor Day

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ENJOY A HIGHER LEVEL OF SPEED AND RELIABILITY

With fiber Internet from Albany Fiber, everything becomes elevated. Your download and upload speeds go up. The reliability of your connection goes up. And your online experience — whether streaming, gaming, working, shopping, or socializing — goes up.

Don't settle for the same old internet with lower speeds and lower reliability. After all, you don't need tech troubles bringing you down. Upgrade to one of our fiber internet plans today with speeds up to 1 Gig and 99.9% reliability.

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Less is More With Paperless Billing

While paperless billing contains "less," this service provides you with "more" than traditional bill payment using paper statements and checks.

Why? When you switch to Albany Fiber's paperless billing, you'll receive your statements in your inbox rather than your mailbox and pay your bills electronically. This means you'll enjoy more benefits including:

- **More convenience.** Instead of waiting for a paper bill in the mail, you'll have the flexibility of "anytime, anywhere" online bill access from your home computer or mobile device.

- **More security.** Paperless billing is often more secure than dropping a check in the mail, where it can fall into the wrong hands.

- **More savings.** You won't have to pay for as many checks or stamps when you use paperless billing. Plus, you'll be helping us use less paper and save some trees.

If you'd like to learn more about paperless billing and sign up, visit www.AFComm.net or call 320.845.2101.

We Went From One Website in 1991 to Over a Billion Today

The first website of the Internet went live on August 6, 1991. It was published by British physicist Tim Berners-Lee at CERN in Switzerland. Fittingly, the website was about the World Wide Web project itself. It contained no images — only text with general information, instructions on hypertext, and guidelines on creating a web page. You can take a look at this humble beginning here: info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html.

By the end of 1992, there were 10 websites online. After CERN made the W3 technology publicly available on a royalty-free basis in 1993, the Internet gradually started to grow into the giant it is today. By the end of 1994, the total number of websites was still tiny compared to present figures, but there were close to 3,000 of them. Quite a few notable websites were already active during this period, some of which were the precursors of hugely popular online services. One example was a fledgling Yahoo!, which was originally a web directory called Jerry and David's Guide to the World Wide Web.

Since the 1990s, the sheer growth of the Internet has been astounding. What started with one website has expanded to about 1.09 billion websites in the world today. It's important to note, however, that only 18% of those websites are active. The remaining 82% are mostly parked domains or have a similar function. More than 250,000 new websites are created every day.

Google is currently the most popular website and the most visited one in the world. It's also the website with the longest average time spent on it. An average user spends approximately 22 minutes and 44 seconds per visit on Google.com. Facebook comes in second with an average of 22 minutes and 43 seconds per visit, followed by YouTube in third with an average of 9 minutes and 15 seconds per visit.

It's fascinating to see how far the Internet has come since the earliest websites, both in volume and complexity. Have you visited our website recently? Check it out at www.AFComm.net for the latest on our service offerings and community activities. our service offerings and community activities.