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The Local **1**

From the desk of Randy...



Cable Customers Must Pay For "Free" Broadcast TV

Your Cable TV provider is required to carry your local broadcast TV stations. It's the law, and Cable TV providers must first obtain each station's permission before they can carry them on their cable systems. However, stations only grant permission when the Cable TV provider agrees to pay the stations whatever fee they demand, even though anyone can receive TV signals for free over the air by using an antenna.

This means that YOU pay for the same station that they broadcast free over the air when you get broadcast TV via cable. We don't think this is fair, and are working to keep these costs in check.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can they charge us for something that comes in on an antenna?

The station owns the broadcast they send out over public airwaves. Since we are a different company, we must have their permission to rebroadcast those local signals, and they can charge companies like Comm1 for their permission.

Can you absorb these costs?

The majority of your cable bill goes to pay programmers who then pay investors - they are the companies causing rate increases. Because so many programmers are raising rates many time the rate of inflation, it is impossible to absorb these costs. This is an issue that affects all providers.

Since I can get these on my antenna, why can't you just shut them off and keep my bill the same?

Unfortunately, these networks charge for each cable subscriber, not whether a particular customer tunes in or not. We either carry their channels or we don't.

I like one channel, but not another - can you just turn off one?

Unfortunately, we are unable to turn off a single channel for a single customer or a select group of customers.

For more information, please refer to the letter included with this month's bill.

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Submit Your Payment 6 Ways

Mail
Walk In
Drop Box
Auto Pay*
Auto Charge
Online Billing

***Sign up for Auto Pay and receive a \$5.00 bill credit!**

NEW CHANNELS ADDED:

67 National Geographic Wild
68 FXX
201 MTV 2
202 MTV Hits
211 FX Movie Channel HD
225 FXX HD
235 National Geographic Wild HD



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National Do-Not-Call-Registry

The National Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to offer you a choice about receiving telemarketing calls at home. Registering will stop most telemarketing calls but it will not stop calls from certain non-profit and political organizations and calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship.

Consumers can register their residential telephone numbers, including wireless numbers, on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost. The number will be on the Do-Not-Call list the day after registration; however, telemarketers have up to 31 days to remove the number from their call lists. You may register up to three numbers at one time if registering on the Internet. If registering via telephone, you can register only one number at a time and you must call from the telephone number you are registering. A number can be removed from the Do-Not-Call Registry at any time.

To register or remove a number from the Do-Not-Call Registry call 1.888.382.1222, for TTY call 1.866.290.4236 or register on the Internet at www.donotcall.gov. Additional information can be obtained at www.donotcall.gov. Please contact our office if you have any questions.



Comm1 gives back...

Comm1 has been busy giving back to the communities they serve. The following recipients were awarded grants and donations ranging from \$50 to \$500

- Little eagle Wrestling
- WH Booster Club
- Kanawha Youth Activity
- GHV Post Prom
- Kanawha Swimming Pool
- Klemme Public Library
- Garner Rotary
- Garner Chamber of Commerce



Pictured is the Kanawha Youth Activity Group receiving a check from Comm1 to match their INS Charity Grant. The group is using their grant money to build new restrooms at Kanawha Public Park.



Do you have any good ideas for a community project?

Call our office for a INS Charity Grant application today!
641-762-3772 or 800-469-3772

Salami-Cream-Cheese Pepperocini Roll Ups

- 1 (8 oz.) package of cream cheese softened
- Salami Slices
- Pepperocini Peppers, drained
- Toothpicks

Spread about 1-1/2 tsp. of softened cream cheese over a slice of salami; top with 1 to 3 slices of pepperocini peppers. Roll the salami around the cheese and pepper; secure with toothpick. Repeat with remaining ingredients; serve immediately.