



GRAND MOUND PHONET NEWSLETTER

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FIBER OPTICS PROJECT UPDATE IN THE TOWN OF GRAND MOUND

Contractors from Advanced Underground have begun installing the main lines for our fiber optics project within the city limits of Grand Mound. Burken Underground will follow-up with the drop cable installation to each property and GMCTA employees will connect the fiber optic service to your house or property.

You will need to contact GMCTA if you ***do not*** want a drop up to your house or property. In order to continue receiving any services from GMCTA, this fiber optic drop must be installed to your house or property. If not, then once everyone is cut over to the fiber optics, you will lose all of the services you now have with GMCTA as the old coax and telephone cables will be removed from service. If you should decide later on that you want a drop to your house, then you will incur the cost of placing that drop to your house or property.

We also want to remind you that if you have any private utilities (such as LP lines, power lines past the meter, invisible fencing, etc.) that you buried yourself in your yard, which are not located by Iowa One Call utilities, please let us know by drawing a sketch of your property with the address, buildings and known buried facilities so that we can locate these items so they don't get hit.

This fiber optics construction project is being done to provide our subscribers with state-of-the art technology for their telephone, cablevision and Internet services.

Holiday Closing

Grand Mound Coop. Telephone & Grand Mound Communications will be closed on

Monday, September 5th
for Labor Day.

We will reopen on
Tuesday, September 6th
at our normal time.

**Have a Safe & Enjoyable Labor
Day Weekend!**

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND UPDATES

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Diercks, Troy & Michelle
2191 190th St., Grand Mound.....847-1322

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Hinrichs, Mary Wegmann
609 Smith St., Grand Mound.....847-3737

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Kopp, John
2012 230th Ave., Grand Mound.....847-3238

NOTICE!

When burning or mowing ditches, be aware of telephone pedestals and equipment. You may not only damage the equipment and cables, but vital emergency services could be cut off to your neighbors or yourself.



Call Before You Dig!

1.800.292.8989

Call the toll-free number at least
48 hours
prior to ALL excavations in Iowa.

A is for Acronyms

Instant messaging programs limit the amount of text you can plug in per message. That's one reason why acronyms are often used to convey common expressions. They're also used, of course, to save time. If you're an IM beginner, the acronyms may seem a little intimidating. Relax. We've put together this list of the most frequently used acronyms just for you. So, FWIW, keep it handy JIC you get confused.'

AFAIK As far as I know
AFK Away from keyboard
AM Away Message
ATM At the moment
B Back
BBL Be back later
BBS Be back soon
BC Because
BCNU Be Seeing' You
BFN Bye for now
BG Big grin
BI Buddy Icon
BMG Be my guest
BRB Be right back
BTA But then again
CFN Ciao for now
CID Consider it done
CUL See you later
FWIW For what it's worth
GL Good luck
GMTA Great minds think alike
GRA Go right ahead
GW Good work
HT Hi there
HTH Hope this helps
IAC In any case
IAE In any event
IDK I don't know
IK I know
IMHO In my humble opinion
IMS I am sorry
IOW In other words
JIC Just in case
JK Just kidding
K Okay
KIS Keep it simple
L8R Later
LOL Laughing out loud
NBD No big deal
NP No problem
NRN No response necessary
OH Off hand
OIC Oh I see
OTOH On the other hand
OTP On the phone
PLS or PLZ Please
POC Point of contact
POS Parent Over Shoulder
RSN Real soon now
RUOK? Are you okay?
TAFN That's all for now
TBA To be announced
TBH To be honest
THX Thanks
TIA Thanks in advance
TTYL Talk to you later
TY Thank you

UN User Name
WB Welcome back
WE Whatever
WFM Works for me
WTG Way to go
WU? What's up?
YT? You there?
YW You're welcome

TECH TIP

ILLEGAL DOWNLOADS

Illegal downloads are a growing problem for Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Many people don't realize that when they download music, movies or software without paying for it, there is a good chance they are doing so illegally.

When copyrighted music, videos or other programs move across an Internet protocol (IP) address, the copyright owner can trace that address back to the ISP. GMCTA/GMCC is required to cooperate when notified that a copyright infringement has taken place. When GMCTA/GMCC identifies the IP address holder, they must notify them that illegal activity is taking place on their computer. All illegally downloaded files must be removed. Additionally, they risk having their Internet service terminated.

It's really very simple. You wouldn't steal a CD from a store. Well, downloading copyrighted material from the Internet without paying for it is stealing. Don't do it.

Avoid putting yourself at risk. There are plenty of sites where music and videos can be downloaded legally.

Visit www.riaa.com/toolsforparents.php and click on the link 'Legal Music Sites' for a list of sites.



SOLAR INTERFERENCE

During the month of October, we will be experiencing solar interference during which degradation or loss of satellite signal will occur on our CATV system.

The paths of the sun on satellite transmissions cause these 10 to 20-minute disruptions.

This will occur between the hours of 2:00-5:00 p.m. for approximately 10 days during October.



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and
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