



# GRAND MOUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter Published for our Customers

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## City of Grand Mound Residents Fiber-To-The-Home Project

### **REMINDER:**

**IF YOUR TELEPHONE AND/OR INTERNET HAVE NOT BEEN SWITCHED OVER TO THE NEW FIBER OPTICS, THEN WE NEED TO HAVE YOU CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO GET THOSE SERVICES SWITCHED OVER EVEN IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON KEEPING THE ANALOG CATV SERVICE TILL THE END OF THE YEAR AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE SHUT OFF.**

All subscribers will be switched over to fiber optics. Even if you decide to stay with the analog CATV until the end of this year, we would like to switch over your phone and/or Internet services before then. Please return your application for services form as soon as possible so we can get your appointment scheduled for your switchover. If you have lost your form, please stop by or call the office for another one.

We would like to keep moving on this project so your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 9, 2013

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association will be on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

The meeting will be held at the Grand Mound Community Center beginning with a 12:00 noon luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The business meeting will be for the purpose of electing directors and transacting other business as necessary.

The official notice of the meeting will be mailed to the members of GMCTA on February 28, 2013.

### TOP FIVE INTERNET SECURITY TIPS

1. Delete spam messages without opening them or replying to them.
2. Use great caution when clicking on links sent to you in e-mail or text messages.
3. Do not open e-mail attachments unless you know the sender and you're expecting the attachment.
4. Create strong passwords. Use different passwords for your online banking accounts.
5. Make sure you use a firewall, as well as antivirus and antispyware software that is automatically updated.

## ***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!***



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**Office Assistant**

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**Combination**

**Technician**

Chris Beuthien

**Plant Technicians**

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**NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS  
AND UPDATES**

**-A-**

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**-B-**

Brady, Robert & Sherri  
616 Sunnyside St Grand Mound...847-7024

**-L-**

Lowery, Roy & Rhonda  
501 Sunnyside St Grand Mound...847-1604

**-M-**

Majesky, James & LeeAnn  
603 Williams St Grand Mound.....847-1484

McGonegle, Donald  
613 DeWitt St Grand Mound.....847-1499

Melchert, David & Jessica  
402 Smith St Grand Mound.....847-1200

**-S-**

Sawyer, Christine  
601 Fulton St Grand Mound.....847-1241

**-T-**

Thomas, Joe & Deena  
509 Clinton St Grand Mound.....847-1219

Tuttle, Katie  
1208 4<sup>th</sup> Ave DeWitt.....659-6035

**-W-**

Wegmann-Hinrichs, Mary  
405 Williams St Grand Mound.....847-3737

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**SUN OUTAGES  
COULD BE HEADED OUR WAY**

Every spring and fall, usually during March and September, television viewers encounter a brief inconvenience known as sun interference. Sun interference occurs when a satellite transmitting TV signals comes directly between the earth and sun. The rays from the sun are so strong that they over-power the satellite's signals and cause channel outages.

For roughly two weeks during these periods, television signals may be interrupted or lost during the sunniest part of the day, between noon and 3 p.m. These interferences range from minor freezing or sparkles to a complete loss of signal, but usually only last 5 to 15 minutes.

Since signals are received from many different satellites, sun interferences may occur at different times on different channels.

Sun outages are a short-term problem and are not cable outages. There is no need to report an outage caused by the sun to our office.