



Continuing the Vision

“It’s probably the most significant thing to happen to Internet service in Harlan in the last 24 years. No other provider has even attempted to do what we’re going to accomplish this year.”

That seems like a bold statement doesn’t it? And yet, it’s true. In May of 1995, twenty-four years ago next month, Harlan citizens established the Municipal Telecommunications utility and designated oversight of the utility to the HMU Board of Trustees. The intent was to build a state of the art cable TV system also capable of providing access to a budding Internet , (The Internet was still so new in 1995, the original business plan called for only 100 subscribers) and later voice service in the form of telephone. HMU has been the provider of choice for a generation.

The original vision was to have a system second to none and capable of providing access to all the world wide web had to offer. The content available and the ‘how’ may have changed but the vision remains the same: provide the city of Harlan a cost effective means to access all the entertainment and information the Internet has to offer.

Final installation of a fiber to the premise system will become a reality for almost all of Harlan during 2019. Using a direct fiber drop to each home and business will allow for the fastest Internet speeds ever seen in Harlan. Using fiber will allow for faster standard Internet speeds. Using fiber will allow personalization of speeds meaning commercial and residential users can scale up speeds as necessary. We will offer businesses customers speeds up to one gigabit.

A fiber based distribution service allows for a higher quality picture for cable TV as fiber maintains the signal strength and integrity of data over distance coax cannot. A fiber based system is inherently prepared for future video services, such as 4K, as fiber can handle the amount of data necessary for the service.

Only HMU has provided this level of service to Harlan. In 24 years, no other provider has even attempted to do what we will do this year: provide a modern fiber based distribution system capable of providing state of the art Internet speeds and video services to the entire town of Harlan. HMU has been Harlan’s premier provider of video, Internet and voice services since 1995. This is the next logical step in continuing the original vision.



SIGN UP FOR BUDGET BILLING IN APRIL: Budget Billing helps offer stability to your monthly budget. It lets you pay the same amount every month so you can plan accordingly. Contact our office for details!

CHANNEL GUIDE UPDATES: We work hard to bring our customers the most up-to-date local programming. This means that our TV schedule changes frequently. Check our channel guide on Harlannet.com for the most current list of programs.

DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG: Know where utility lines and pipes are before you dig. Always call 811 before planting trees, installing fence posts or tilling for a garden. One free phone call will have underground utilities located and prevent an outage!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Harlan’s premier provider of electric, gas, water & telecommunications.

2412 Southwest Avenue | PO Box 71 | Harlan, IA 51537

P: 712-755-5182 | F: 712-755-2320 | E: HMU@harlannet.com | www.harlannet.com





Water Main Flushing

HMU will be flushing water mains the week of April 22nd.

During this time, you may notice cloudy water before bathing, doing dishes or laundry. Be sure to let the water run for a minute or two to help remove the cloudiness.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Project Share assists needy households in paying energy bills.

You may add a regular contribution to Project Share through your monthly utility payment or by making a one-time direct donation. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible and tax deductible.

People qualifying under the Project Share guidelines are carefully identified by an area social service agency.

Project Share Contribution

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a contribution to Project Share.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I will contribute \$_____ per month. I understand this amount will be added to my monthly utility bill.

My account number: _____

I have enclosed a one-time contribution of \$ _____

Important Payment Reminder

When dropping off a payment in person, at our drop box, at Midstates Bank or Shelby County State Bank, always, always, always, enclose your payment stub to ensure your payment is properly credited to your account. If you have multiple accounts, including your stub helps us know to which account we should post the payment. Utility and Telecom services are not billed through the same system so if we have the stub, we'll know where you want us to post your payment.