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*Regular Office Hours:*  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM M-F

*Office Closings:*  
May 25 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM  
May 30 | Closed -  
Memorial Day  
June 22 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM

## Telecommunications Appreciation Day

After four years of discussion, studies and surveys, a special election was held on May 16, 1995, with the question "Shall the City of Harlan, Iowa, establish a municipal broadband cable communication as a City Utility?" as well as whether or not the management and control of the utility be placed under the HMU Board of Trustees. The first measure passed with a 72% "Yes" vote and the second passed with 68% approval. Cable TV and Internet Services were rolled out in early fall of 1996 and telephone service followed in the summer of 2001.

May 16th is a day we thank our telecommunications technicians for the hours they put in and skills they learn so we can watch our favorite networks, surf our internet and stay in contact with friends and family near or far.

## May is National Electric Safety Month

This month is a good time to look around your home and eliminate potentially deadly electric hazards.

*Check outlets.* Older homes may still have two prong outlets. Adapters or 'cheater' plugs that convert three prong cords to two prong outlets are a temporary fix. Replace outlets with modern three prong receptacles and keep things safe. Cover unused outlets accessible to children.

*Check power cords.* Make sure all power cords are in good condition not frayed, cracked, cut or chewed by pets. Never remove the ground pin (the third prong).

*Outdoor safety.* When painting, cleaning gutters or doing work requiring a ladder, always look up for overhead power lines.

## Water Quality Report

Ensuring a safe water supply is one of our oldest and most sacred duties.

The 2022 Water Quality Report is now available. The report is designed to be an easy to read and understand update to customers on our annual water testing. It lists certain contaminants, their levels of concentration in the water and whether or not those levels are in violation of standards. As in past years, no violations of recommended levels of contaminants were found.

The report was published in the April 29th and May 6th editions of the Harlan newspaper. You can also find it on our Facebook page and our website at the following link: <http://harlanet.com/Bid Documents Public Notice.htm>

*Thank you to all our customers for helping with the Water Conservation efforts.*

*HMU is still in a Water Watch and has not had to advance to a Tier I Water Warning.*