



Deadlines Coming for Scholarship Applications

Peoples Telecommunications, LLC (PTL) and the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) offer scholarships to students of Prairie View or students whose parents/guardians are customers of PTL. Applications for both the PTL and FRS scholarships are due in our office on Monday February 23, 2018 by 4:00 PM. If a student is only applying for the PTL scholarship, the due date is April 30, 2018. For more information, contact your high school counselor or call our office at (913) 757-2500.

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3 Key Things to Keep in Mind About Apps

Apps are everywhere these days. But before we share some of the ins and outs of them, let's start with a basic definition. "App" is an abbreviation for "application" and is usually a specialized program that's loaded onto a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) or computer (laptop or desktop). Unlike large, multifunctional software applications like Microsoft Word or Outlook, an app typically allows you to perform only specific tasks. For example, an app may give you quick access to your local weather forecast, make it easy to do online banking or turn your smartphone into a flashlight.



There are millions of apps available and new ones are created daily. If you're a beginner in the world of apps, the whole process can be a bit daunting. Here are key things to understand:

- 1. There are numerous places to download apps.** You can check with your smartphone or device maker's website and visit top online stores including Google Apps Marketplace, Amazon Appstore for Android and Apple's App Store. Be sure to always choose a trusted source.
- 2. Make careful choices, even with free apps.** When apps don't cost anything, you may be tempted to just download them without much thought. Keep in mind, though, that every app is rich in software code, which means they'll take up space on your device. Look for apps that give you precisely what you want, have good reviews and show a record of lots of downloads.
- 3. Don't forget about security.** Apps are updated by their developers to fix the weaknesses that cybercriminals exploit, just like your computer and mobile device operating system. Your job is to stay current with these app updates.

Once you experience how timesaving, convenient and fun all these apps can be, you may find yourself building quite a collection. Enjoy the process and change your apps as your interests change.

A Growing Celebration for National Ag Day

National Ag Day is March 20, 2018—a time when members of the agricultural industry and related organizations gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by U.S. agriculture. As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources produced in this country. Google “National Ag Day” for contests and fun activities to do with your family. For fun videos, check out Peterson Farm Brothers at www.youtube.com/user/ThePetersonFarmBros.

Peoples Telecommunications, LLC salutes the members of the agricultural industry who live in our service area. Thanks for all you do for all of us!

A Request From Our Techs to Customers With Dogs

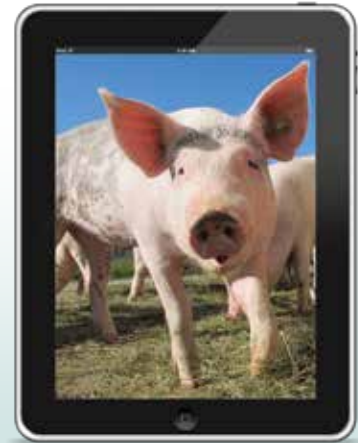
If you have a dog in your home and an installation or repair visit from Peoples Telecommunications, LLC is scheduled, please take these precautions to reduce the likelihood of bites:

- Check your yard before letting your dog out to make sure our technician isn't on your property.
- When one of our technicians comes to your home, keep your dog inside and away from the door, either in another room or on a leash.
- Don't let your child get close to our technician in the presence of your dog. A dog's instinct is to protect family members from strangers.

Thanks for your cooperation with this safety issue.



Don't Let Bandwidth Hogs Cause Household Battles



Does this sound familiar? Your son is making a hefty download of the latest video game while your daughter is watching YouTube videos and your wife is streaming a movie. Meanwhile, you're trying to get some work done from home and notice that your laptop's internet connection seems to have slowed to a crawl when you attempt to Skype with a colleague. Before long, a bandwidth battle ensues over who's a bandwidth hog and which online activities should get priority.

As a reminder, bandwidth refers to the amount of data that may be transferred over an internet connection per second. Every internet connection has a specified maximum bandwidth—usually measured in bits per second, such as 10 Mbps—and this bandwidth is shared by all the users and connected devices in a household. This includes background internet usage such as software that automatically updates.

You can think of bandwidth as a highway with vehicles traveling on it; the highway is the internet connection and the vehicles are the data. The wider the highway, the more vehicles can travel on it at one time and the faster they get to their destinations. The same principle applies to data—the more bandwidth, the more information that can be transferred within a given amount of time.

When your home's bandwidth isn't adequate for simultaneous use by several bandwidth hogs engaged in streaming, gaming and video chatting, everyone in the family may experience slower internet speeds. That's when frustrations can grow and bandwidth battles can occur.

In the interest of promoting family harmony, Peoples Telecommunications, LLC recommends you upgrade your internet plan. That way, you can all get the speed you need and won't have to argue over who must curtail their online activity to free up bandwidth for someone else.

Peoples Telecommunications, LLC offers family-friendly internet plans with download speeds up to 1 GIG. To find out more, visit www.peopletelcom.net or call (913) 757-2500.



4 Reasons You Might Need to Buy a New Router

Routers are often the forgotten workhorses of the home network. Many people pay no attention to them unless there's a malfunction. That's unfortunate, since getting a new router can be an inexpensive and effective way to improve Wi-Fi range, get a stronger signal and better handle the demands of all the users and devices in your household.

Here are some reasons to consider replacing your router:

1. You're experiencing frequent symptoms of an underpowered or overwhelmed router.

These include network-related congestion issues, like slow-loading web pages or stuttering video playback, that can't be chalked up to a slow broadband connection. Another sign is not being able to get a strong Wi-Fi signal everywhere in your home.

2. You've had the router for several years. Nothing lasts forever, including routers. The latest router models support the 802.11ac wireless standard, which can effectively handle 20 or more devices. By contrast, the 802.11g standard—introduced in 2003—was designed to handle just two or three. One of the best ways to make sure your home's Wi-Fi network is as fast and reliable as possible is to buy a new router that supports 802.11ac.

3. You're not getting the internet speeds you expect from your plan. Some older routers have a speed cap limiting the maximum internet speed possible, which means your outdated router may be preventing you from receiving the full speed of your internet plan.

4. You want specialty features.

Newer routers typically come with specialty features that were either missing from older models or were there but too difficult to access. For example, these features make it easy to set up Quality of Service rules (so



that certain devices and/or applications on your network get bandwidth preference to ensure smooth operation) as well as "bedtime" enforcement where certain devices can't access the internet during homework or bedtime hours.

For help choosing a new router for your home's Wi-Fi network, call (913) 757-2500 or stop by the Peoples Telecommunications, LLC office and ask for Nate. You may also want to ask about options for upgrading your internet connection.

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Find this issue's remote. Then, call (913) 757-2500 with the correct page, article and paragraph by close of business on February 16 to be included in the drawing to win a \$25 bill credit on your next bill!



Find the remote and call now!

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YEAR
 NEW
SPEED
 NEW
FUN



If your household increased its internet usage in 2017—due to adding devices and streaming more often—then we suggest you upgrade to a higher speed in 2018. It'll put you on the fast track to having extra fun while watching movies, playing online games and more.

Peoples Telecommunications, LLC now offers 150 Mbps and 200 Mbps internet plans!

CALL (913) 757-2500 FOR A HAPPIER AND FASTER NEW YEAR!



- Community Calendar**
- February**
 25 – Cabin Fever Reliever
 at LaCygne Library
 - March**
 31 – Community Easter Egg Hunt
 - May**
 5 – City Wide Garage Sale

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