

# THE peoples PAGE

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## Online Bill Pay is Now Available!

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newsletter to learn more.

## Put Your Heart Into February Activities

The heart takes center stage in February for two reasons. First, Valentine's Day is February 14, which reminds us to let those we love know they have a special place in our heart. Second, February is American Heart Month, which reminds us to take care of our heart health and encourage friends and family to do the same.



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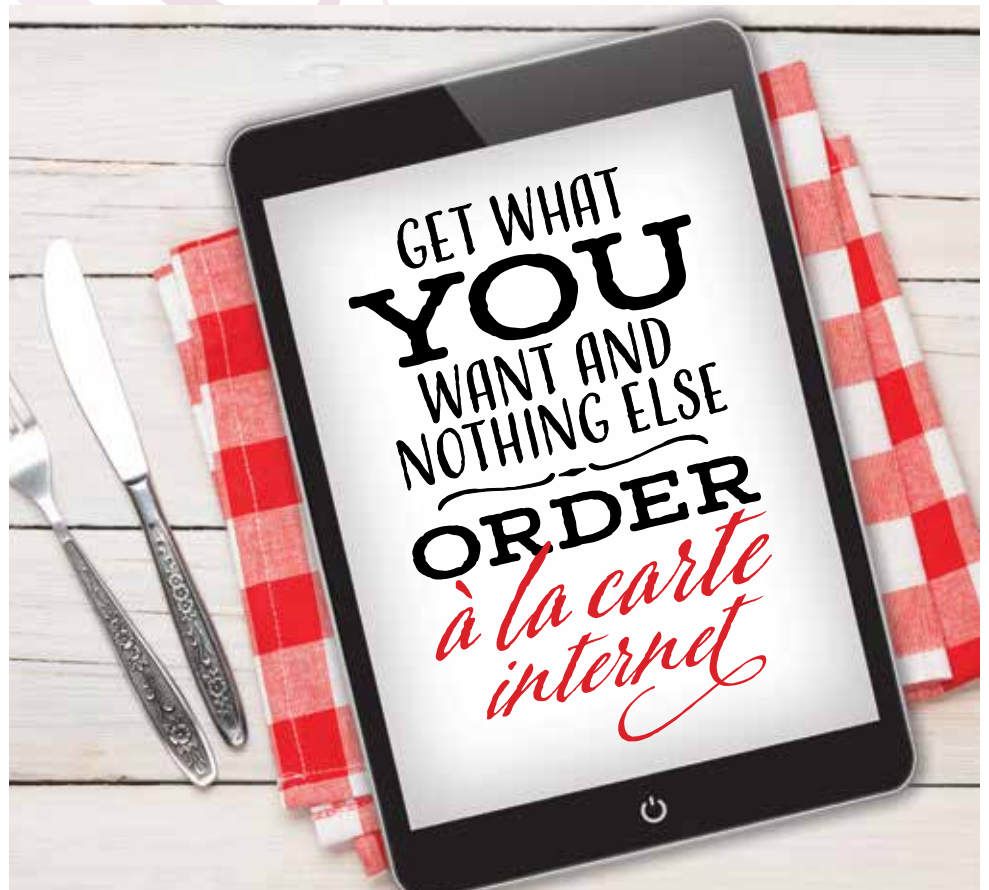
February 18 – Presidents Day

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\*Free installation with 12 month service commitment agreement. Service availability and internet speed will depend on location. Contact us for details.



## Deadlines are Approaching for 2019 Scholarships

Is there a high school senior in your family? Don't miss these scholarship opportunities:

**Five \$1,000 scholarships from Peoples** – We're thrilled to offer these \$1,000 scholarships. Any senior from Prairie View High School as well as seniors whose parents receive service from either Peoples Telecommunications LLC or Peoples Services LLC in Louisburg may submit an application. The application deadline is March 6, 2019.

**A \$2,500 scholarship in partnership with the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS)** – Peoples joins with FRS to offer this \$2,500 scholarship. The application deadline is February 25, 2019.

**For further requirements and instructions for these scholarships, please check with your high school counselor.**

## Peoples PC SALES & REPAIR

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# Beginner's Guide to Streaming Movies and TV Shows

If you haven't yet jumped on the streaming bandwagon, this article is for you! It covers the basics to help you get started enjoying this entertainment technology.

## What is streaming?

Streaming is content sent in compressed form in a continuous stream over the internet and played as it arrives. The user does not have to wait to download a file to play it.

## What devices are needed?

You can watch streaming movies and TV shows on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer, HDTV or smart TV. For example, you could connect your laptop to your HDTV with an HDMI cable and stream on your laptop and watch on the TV screen. If you have a smart TV, it has built-in apps (and app stores) and networking to get on the internet. You can use them to download most of the streaming apps you'd want.

## What streaming apps are available?

You have many options here, too. Here are a few of the most popular ones:

- **Netflix** – You can watch past seasons of TV shows and recent movies at a low monthly cost. Netflix also offers original shows such as *Orange is the New Black* and *House of Cards*.
- **Amazon** – This streaming service is available to Amazon Prime members. Like Netflix, it offers many TV shows and movies to choose from as well as its own original content.
- **Hulu Plus** – You can get next-day access to shows from ABC, NBC, Fox and CW, along with some cable channels. Hulu Plus also offers some movies and original TV shows.
- **Dish's Sling TV** – Sling TV offers about 20 channels in its basic package including ESPN, ABC Family, AMC and Food Network but no broadcast channels like CBS or NBC. Add-on packages for sports, movies, kids, lifestyles and world news are also available.
- **HBO Now** – New episodes are available through apps about the same time they are shown on TV. Current and past seasons of most HBO shows are available on demand, as well as hundreds of movies.

## What are the internet requirements?

For a good streaming experience, you'll probably want internet download speeds of 25 Mbps or more.

**Call (913) 757-2500 or visit [www.peopletelecom.net](http://www.peopletelecom.net) for details on the internet speeds we have available.**





# Common Culprits for Slow Internet and What to Do About Them

It's frustrating when a webpage takes forever to load or a video stops to buffer, displaying the famed "spinning wheel of death." Here are some common reasons why an internet connection may be moving at slower-than-expected speeds, along with actions you can take to help rectify the issues.

## An Increase in Users and Devices

The more people online at once, the slower the connection gets. For example, if you have several houseguests on your home's Wi-Fi network, you may notice a temporary decrease in internet speeds during their visit. This can also be an ongoing issue if your family size has increased or the number of internet-connected devices and bandwidth-heavy applications have risen significantly. In the case of the latter, it may be time for an upgrade of your internet plan.



## Spyware and Viruses

Spyware and viruses could be the culprits causing your internet connection to slow down on your computer. Consider running a full system scan with your antivirus program to see if there are any suspicious programs that need to be removed.

## Walls and Floors Blocking Wi-Fi Signals

The construction materials in your home can greatly affect wireless communication speed and range. Materials such as concrete, brick and metal can make it difficult to connect and can slow your network speed or even completely block wireless signals from reaching certain parts of your home. Large furniture items such as filing cabinets or bookshelves, as well as appliances like stoves or refrigerators, can also interfere with Wi-Fi. You may be able to solve the problem simply by moving your router to a different location.

## An Old Router

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. 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 the current 802.11ac standard, which can effectively handle 20 or more devices.

**For help solving internet speed issues at your home, call Peoples Telecommunications LLC at (913) 757-2500.**

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## Find the Remote Contest

Find this issue's remote. Then, call (913) 757-2500 with the correct page, article and paragraph by close of business on February 15 to be included in the drawing to win a \$25 bill credit on your next bill!



**Find the remote and call now!**

# You've Asked for Online Bill Payment and Now It's Here!

Online bill payment is now available through our new eBill system. It's fast and convenient, plus you'll have no more paper bills from Peoples to clutter up your home.

## Here's how eBill works:

- Once you enroll, you'll receive an email each month letting you know the amount you owe and that your complete statement is available for viewing.
- **You can then view and pay your bill using a bank account (checking/savings), American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa.**
- Automatic payment can also be scheduled.

**Visit our website at [peoplestelecom.net/ebill/](http://peoplestelecom.net/ebill/) for complete details and to enroll today! Or call (913) 757-2500 with questions.**

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## Community Calendar

- February**
- 25 - LaCygne Library Cabin Fever Reliever
- March**
- 22 - PVHS Blood Drive
  - 23 - PV FFA Boosters
  - Community Fund Raiser
  - 27 - PV Art Contest
  - 29 & 30 - PVHS Play
- April**
- 2 - PVHS Spring Concert

