

CAUTION

SPEED BUMP AHEAD

This isn't your typical speed bump in the road, but a speed bump in your overall internet experience. With the increasing number of devices connected to your home network, you may need to increase the speed of your internet connection. To ensure you are subscribing to the right internet speed for your household, consider how many devices are connected, the number of users in your home, and if certain activities require high-bandwidth usage. Our speed calculator can help you bump into the right plan. Visit www.parkregion.com/recommend-plan/ to view what plan is right for you.

Throughout the summer, we are allowing you to bump up your home internet speed to the next package at **NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR 3 MONTHS.*** Don't delay, contact us today to take advantage of this great deal!

*Customers will be eligible to bump up to the next internet speed package available in their area at no additional cost for 3 months. After 3 months, bill will reflect the new package rate. To avoid a rate change, contact our office prior to the promotion ending. Internet speed bump promotion ends August 31, 2022.

OFFICE CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY

In observance of Independence Day our offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022. Our 24/7 help desk will be available by calling 800.247.2706.

FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE RATE

Due to a recent FCC decision, the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) amount on your bill will increase effective July 1, 2022. FUSC is charged as a percentage of interstate rate elements. The Federal Universal Service Fund is designed to help keep local telephone rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

2022 PARK REGION SUMMER EVENTS

Park Region is excited to be planning summer events in each of the communities we serve. Our staff would love for the chance to meet with you, so make plans now to attend these events in your community. Here is a list of events:

Monday, July 4th:

- Erhard Parade

Wednesday, July 13th:

- Rothsay Picnic in the Park
- Rothsay Movie in the Park

Thursday, July 14th:

- Shop, Move 'n Groove Picnic in the Fergus Falls Office Parking Lot
- Ashby Picnic in the Park
- Ashby Movie in the Park

Saturday, July 16th:

- Rothsay Parade
- Ashby Parade

Wed., July 20th – Sat., July 23rd:

- West Otter Tail County Fair

Saturday, July 23rd:

- Battle Lake Parade

Wednesday, August 17th:

- Vining Picnic in the Park
- Vining Movie in the Park

Saturday, August 20th:

- Vining Parade

Thursday, August 25th:

- Browns Valley Picnic in the Park

Thursday, September 1st:

- Underwood/Maine Picnic in the Park
- Underwood/Maine Movie in the Park

Saturday, September 3rd:

- Underwood Parade

Saturday, September 10th:

- Dalton Parade

Event times for Picnics in the Parks will be 5:00–7:00pm or until gone, Movies in the Park will start at dusk or approx. 9:00pm, and parades will vary in start times. For more details or any changes, check our Facebook and Instagram pages.

2022 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Foundation for Rural Service is happy to announce that the 2022 Community Grant Program is now accepting applications. The Community Grant Program awards grants up to \$5,000 for nonprofit organizations in our communities doing great work. These grants are an opportunity for NTCA members to amplify the ways we are supporting our communities. Thanks to amazing NTCA memberships, FRS will award over \$155,000 in community grants in 2022. These grants are designed to provide support to a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a high-quality life in rural America. The grants awarded each November support a variety of projects concentrated in four major categories:

Business and Economic Development – Devise a plan to turn your community into a global phenomenon by growing small or existing businesses, developing new ones, and implementing a job creation program that attracts key talent from your community or from skilled individuals interested in relocating to small town America.

Community Development – Develop an outreach program that helps to promote advancing technology skills of your community members, incorporates innovation into learning, raises the visibility of your community's talent and artistry, and places your town on everyone's bucket list as the place to visit.

Education – Support advances in education by helping your school's technology (computers, smart boards, etc.) in the classroom, build resources for curriculum development, strengthen extracurricular activities and programs, and promote distance learning programs.

Telecommunications Applications – Show how you plan to turn your community into a technological powerhouse by promoting the implementation and use of broadband-enabled applications for telehealth, education, government services, safety and security, and efficient energy distribution and use.

As an NTCA member, Park Region encourages organizations in our communities to apply for the Community Grant Program. Applications for the grant program are due to the Underwood or Fergus Falls office by August 15, 2022. Visit www.parkregion.com/about-us/community-donations/ to learn more and to download the application.



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