

News from the Hancock Telephone Company — Spring 2018

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Happy spring! We're looking forward to longer days, warmer temperatures and greener surroundings.

FIBER-TO-THE-HOME NEWS

The Hancock Telephone Company has been serving Hancock and surrounding areas for over 100 years.

In a continuing effort to provide our customers with the best service available, in recent months we have been working to bring fiber technology to your home. In the near future, subscribers will see enormous improvements in the bandwidth speeds available thanks to a grant awarded to HTC by New York State through the New NY Broadband Program.

While DSL modems generally provide transmission speed of up to five megabits per second on download (and are generally slower when uploading), current fiber optic technology can provide speeds up to 100 megabits per second. With the installation of fiber to the home, there will be changes to internet services and the upload and download speeds available. Basic telephone service will not change.

The world is moving toward vastly higher bandwidth applications. This trend will continue with high-definition videos, telemedicine, distance learning, telecommuting and many other broadband applications that have been previously limited by the size of high-bandwidth connections into people's homes. Only fiber-to-the-home can deliver the bandwidth we are going to need in the future.

Ongoing improvements in fiber optic equipment are constantly increasing available bandwidth without having to change the fiber. That's why fiber networks are said to be "future proof".

Festivals

Find Year Round Festivals on page 44 of our 2017-18 Directory. Several events are listed for Spring including a Saint Patty's Day Parade, Riverquest, Historical Fairs and a Run/Walk!

Good time

Entertainment

Venues for Performing Arts start on page 42 of our 2017-18 Directory. Foster your creativity, Get out, See and Do!



Points of Interest

Our 2017-18 Directory Page 39 Lists Area Attractions. Sports Stadiums, Gardens, Space Education, Antiques, Parks, Museums and More!



❧❧ Directory Deadline is May 12th ❧❧

The Hancock Telephone Company will again use the Hanson Directory Service as our publishing partner for the September 2018 directory. The Hanson Directory Rep will be in our area this spring to speak with businesses about advertising in our phone book. Please contact our business office **by MAY 12th** with any changes you wish to make to your white page directory listing. We will be distributing our directory to over 1600 homes and businesses in Cadosia, Fishs Eddy, Hancock, Lake Como, Lakewood, Preston Park, Starlight, Starrucca and Winterdale.

**DON'T FORGET TO CALL
811 BEFORE YOU DIG!**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSINGS?
Call 637-8000**

**NO DIALTONE?
SEE 2017-18 DIRECTORY PG 35**

DO NOT CALL REGISTRY-REMINDER TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The National Do Not Call Registry accepts both home (wireline) and cell phone number registrations. Since a directory of cell phone numbers has been published, telemarketers have the opportunity to solicit directly to you and can waste precious cell phone minutes.

The registry will not prevent calls from organizations with which the consumer has established a business relationship; calls for which the consumer has given prior written consent; calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements; and calls by or on behalf of tax exempt non-profit organizations.

The FCC has amended its rules hoping to reduce calls, including requiring telemarketers to transmit Caller ID information and to unblock their numbers.

Your registration will not expire.

To sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry,

- visit www.donotcall.gov
- call the FTC's toll-free number at 1-888-382-1222.
- For TTY users, call 1-866-290-4236 from the phone you wish to register.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please call The Hancock Telephone Company business office at (607)637-9911.

Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March,
that month of wind and taxes,
the wind will presently disappear,
the taxes last us all year.

- Ogden Nash, *Thar She Blows* (1949)

WORD FIND - GO GREEN

BEESWAX WRAP • BIKE • COMPOST • CRUSH • CUT • EARTH DAY • EMAIL BILL • FUTURE • GLASS • GREEN • MEAL PLANNING • MINIMAL PACKAGING • PAPER • PLANT TREES • RECYCLE • REDUCE • REPAIR CAFÉ • REPURPOSE • REUSE • SCIENCE • SQUEEZE • SUSTAINABLE • TIN

Once you find the words, the leftover letters will spell a message.

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