



# Connections

**Beresford Municipal Telephone, Internet & Cable TV**

**January 2018**

***Broadband Only Comes to BMTC!***

***It's Here! Broadband Only will be available to BMTC customers beginning 1/2/18!!***

This is a good opportunity for those of you who no longer have a need for a landline telephone. For those of you still using your landline phone - don't panic - your service will remain as it is today. This change is totally optional. Here's what you need to know - -

The available speeds for Broadband Only (BBO) are 15/2 (15 Mbps download/2 Mbps upload), 20/2 and 25/5 and the cost is \$65, \$70 and \$90 respectively.

If you are currently in a bundle that includes cable TV & switch to Broadband Only (BBO), your cable will now stand alone and the bundle discounts will no longer apply. ***(Please also see Cable TV Rate Increase information on reverse page.)***

Here are a few examples to help you determine your costs if you should decide to change:

**Scenario 1:** Current 6/1 Triple Bundle with Telephone, 6/1 Internet and Tier 2 Cable TV = \$114.35/month. By switching to the 15/2 BBO package, your Internet speed will increase to 15 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload and you will continue with the Tier 2 cable TV package. Your cost will be: 15/2 BBO \$65.00 + Tier 2 Cable TV \$54.40 = \$119.40. You will no longer have telephone service, but will continue with the same cable TV, and your Internet speed will be **more than double** your previous package, for just \$5 more!

**Scenario 2:** Current 6/1 Double Bundle, which includes telephone service and 6/1 Internet for \$61.70/month. By moving to the 15/2 BBO package, you will no longer have telephone service and your Internet speed will increase to 15/2. Your cost is now \$65/month. You are more than doubling your Internet speed for less than \$4 more a month!

**Scenario 3:** Current 15/1 Double Bundle is \$74.70 & contains telephone service & 15/1 Internet. By switching to 15/2 BBO, you will no longer have telephone service, your upload speed will increase to 2 Mbps, and your cost will go **down** to \$65.

**Scenario 4:** Current 20/3 Triple Bundle of telephone service, Tier 2 cable TV & 20/3 Internet service is \$149.85. By switching to 25/5 BBO, you will no longer have telephone service, but you will continue with Tier 2 cable TV for \$54.40 and your Internet speed will increase to 25/5 for a cost of \$90, for a total cost of \$144.40.

**\*\* Most speed changes will require an appointment to be scheduled for our tech to reprogram your modem (depending on the age of your current modem and your current DSL speed). \*\***

***You get the picture - this is a good deal!*** Take a look at your bill & do the math, or just give us a call and we'll figure it for you. **Note:** Customers switching to speeds 25 Mbps & above will need a new modem; you can either purchase a new modem from BMTC or sign a contract with a 6 month commitment. An upgrade to your router may also be necessary to accommodate the higher speeds.

**Call us at 763-2500 for more information, or to make arrangements to change your package!**

BMTC is working to protect your Internet service around the clock! BMTC has partnered with SDN Communications to protect our customers' Internet accounts. SDN monitors and watches for DDoS attacks on our customers and stops them in their tracks, without a disruption in your service. DDoS attacks are easier & more common than you think. Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks are attacks where hackers unleash large volumes of malicious traffic to disrupt and even temporarily disable a targeted computer network, program or website. DDoS attacks can be initiated by anyone with access to the Internet. Attacks may come from business competitors, disgruntled employees, or perfect strangers - and can be directed at businesses and personal accounts alike.

Hackers attack and overwhelm specific IP addresses. Because the hacker has directed all that malicious traffic at your IP address, legitimate traffic cannot get through. Hackers use DDoS attacks to slow or shutdown business, extort money, target malicious attacks on businesses, or to make a statement. SDN protects BMTC & our customers by analyzing & monitoring our traffic to identify legitimate and illegitimate traffic. Once identified, bad traffic is immediately eliminated, keeping your information safe and secure. SDN added Managed DDoS Protection to its service offerings to help clients like BMTC keep clean traffic flowing through their networks. Working together, BMTC & SDN work 365/24/7 to keep your Internet connection and information secure!



### Cable Special



**Brrrr, it's cold outside! Time to snuggle up with a cup of hot cocoa & a good movie! Sign up for digital cable in January and get the HD PACKAGE FREE for two months! Give us a call at 763-2500 to sign up!**

### Channel Changes

Please note the following changes to your cable TV service:

**Additions:** Channels 2.4 PBS Kids, 2.5 SDPB Radio Audio, 2.6 SDPB Classical Audio, 7.3 COZI TV, 75.12 ESPN 2 HD, 76.1 BTN HD. **Deletions:** Chiller channel 627, and possibly KMEG channels 6 & 108, and KPTH channels 3, 109, 110 (to be determined soon). **Changes:** 46.12 is now Antenna TV, and ESPN has moved from 74.12 to 75.1. Stop in our office anytime to pick up a new Channel Guide. **Please scan your TV to incorporate these changes on your television set.**

### Cable Rate Increase

Due to increasing rates from the programmers who provide our cable TV channels, Beresford Cablevision will have a rate increase effective February 1, 2018. All the new rates have not been finalized yet, but please know that we are doing all we can to keep the increase as low as possible.

***Thank you for your continued support - we appreciate you, our loyal customers!***

#### Find Your Number for a Bill Credit!

Find your phone or cable number somewhere in our newsletter & win a \$10 credit on your next bill! We have hidden randomly selected numbers of two customers somewhere in this newsletter. It could be anywhere - in the middle of a sentence, in the border, in a title- you'll have to look carefully! If you find your number, call our office at 763-2500 by January 22nd to verify & we'll add a \$10.00 credit on your next bill.

***Good luck!***

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