

CUSTOMER CONNECTION



What Does July 4th Mean to You?

It's the birth of the United States of America. After all, the Declaration of Independence was formally adopted on July 4, 1776. It was in Philadelphia and the signers of the document, composed by Thomas Jefferson, knew that the signing was against all odds, and the first celebration of American Independence took place. The ceremony began with a public reading of Declaration of Independence. Then, the Liberty Bell rang out from the State House, now called Independence Hall. There was a parade and cannons boomed. The people cheered. A new nation sprang to life.



John Adams, who was also a signor of the Declaration, thought that Americans should celebrate the great anniversary, and in a letter to his wife Abigail, he wrote, "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance. He added, "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

In 1788, a more elaborate celebration commemerated the ratification of the Constitution and there was a much larger parade, speeches, and a dinner. Those traditions continue today, usually with parades, barbecues, fireworks, festivals, flags, bonfires, and time at beaches and lakes, and patriotic colors galore.

How do you celebrate? Whether it's a good old fashioned family picnic with a game of horseshoes and fireworks or something less traditional, all of us at Palmerton Telephone wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

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From the Manager's Desk...

Dear Valued Customer,

It's almost July 4th, so if you haven't already, I encourage you to drive by the American flags that line the poles of Delaware Avenue in Palmerton. There's a tradition at Palmerton Telephone that comes around every year. Between mid and late May, a crew of our Field Service Technicians hang American flags from each of the street light poles in Palmerton as a way of honoring and remembering our Veterans for Memorial Day. The flags fly all summer, so they serve us well for Independence Day too.

There are a few locations where the United States flag is flown 24 hours a day, by either presidential proclamation or by law. These include Fort McHenry, National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Maryland; Flag House Square in Baltimore, Maryland; United States Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima) in Arlington, Virginia; On the Green of the Town of Lexington in Massachusetts; The White House in Washington, D.C.; United States Customs ports of entry; and the Grounds of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge State Park in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The name Old Glory was given to a large 10-by-17-foot flag by its owner, William Driver, a sea captain from Massachusetts. This inspired the common nickname for all American flags. Driver's flag is said to have survived multiple attempts to deface it during the Civil War. He was able to fly it over the Tennessee Statehouse once the war ended and it is now a primary artifact at the National Museum of American History.

Amateur post Francis Scott Key was so inspired by the sight of the American flag still flying over Baltimore's Fort McHenry after a British bombardment that he wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" on September 14, 1814. It became our national anthem in 1931.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for choosing Palmerton Telephone Company and allowing us to be part of the community. We wish you and your families a safe summer filled with priceless memories.

As always, if you have questions about your telephone services, you are welcome to call the Business Office at 610-826-6650, email at ptcbusinessoffice@ptelco.com or stop in our Business Office for assistance.

Best Regards,

Tim Hausman

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Do you know that Palmerton Telephone has been serving the area since 1900?

NOTICE:

Palmerton Telephone Company charges a fee of \$20.00 for returned checks.

JULY 2019 RECIPE

Red, White and Blueberry Trifle

Ingredients:

- > 10 oz angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes
- > 2 pints strawberries, sliced
- > 2 pints blueberries

For the cream filling:

- > 6 tbsp fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- > 1 1/2 cups cold water
- > 1 4 oz package white chocolate or cheese-cake instant pudding mix
- > 12 oz frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

Whisk the condensed milk and water in a bowl.

Whisk in the pudding mix for 2 minutes.

Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set; fold in the whipped topping.

Arrange half of the cake in the bottom of a 14-cup trifle dish.

Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries.

Spread half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread (you can pipe it using a plastic bag and cut the corner off).

Top with a layer of strawberries.

Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then add more blueberries and top with the remaining cream mixture.

Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a pretty pattern.

Cover and refrigerate at least one 1 hour.

Featured Feature Unified Messaging

You've got Voice Mail in Your Email!

You can unify your home phone and email with one convenient feature from Palmerton Telephone!

We offer a feature that allows you to get your phone messages in an email. Unified Messaging sends your Voice Mail messages to your email address, where they appear as a .wav file. That way, all messages are stored in one place, and you have the choice of listening to Voice Mails from either your telephone or computer.

This great service is available as a FREE feature to all Palmerton Telephone Voice Mail customers, so call today at (610)826-6650 to add Voice mail with Unified Messaging to your phone line.

Do you know that Palmerton Telephone copper wires, connected end to end, circle the earth 4 times at the equator?

Brain Teaser May 2019 Winner

Congratulations to **Jean Guldner of Palmerton, Pa.** Jean was the winner of a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, Pa.

If you have tachophobia, what is it that you fear?

Answer: fear of speed

What's Happening in the Palmerton Telephone Company Serving Area?

Would you like to know what's going on near your home or business? We can help! Just visit the **Community Events Calendar** at www.ptelco.com to see what's happening to benefit the non-profit groups in our area. To visit the **Community Events Calendar**, select the 'MENU' at the top of our homepage, then select the 'Community Calendar'.

Would you like to share an event for your local non-profit group? This page also provides a link to submit your non-profit group's upcoming event dates!

Our website also contains a wealth of information, including current and past issues of our newsletter, directory book listings (both white and yellow pages), money saving promotions, detailed product information and much more.

The screenshot shows the Palmerton Telephone Company website's Community Events Calendar for July 2019. The calendar is organized by date, with events listed for each day. The events include: July 4th: Rumage Room @ First United Church of Christ (9:00 am - 8:00 pm) and Bowmansdown Vol. Fire Co. Wing Night (8:30 pm - 9:30 pm); July 6th: Bowmansdown Rod & Gun Club Black Shoot (12:00 pm - 5:00 pm); July 7th: Perryville Vol. Fire Co. Breakfast (9:00 am - 12:00 pm); July 9th: Bowmansdown Municipal Authority Mtg. @ Borough Hall Council Chambers (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) and Bowmansdown General Business Mtg. (7:30 pm - 9:00 pm); July 11th: Bowmansdown Vol. Fire Co. Wing Night (8:30 pm - 9:30 pm) and Palmerton Borough Council Mtg. @ Borough Hall (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm); July 14th: St. Matthew's UCC Alternative Service with Live Band @ St. Matthew's UCC in Kunkletown (10:00 am - 1:00 pm); July 16th: Palmerton Area School Board Mtg. @ Parkside Education Center (8:00 pm - 8:30 pm). The website header includes the company logo, contact information (610-826-6650), and a 'MENU' button. The footer contains the company address (465 Delaware Avenue) and office hours (Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday - Closed).

July 2019 Product Feature

Easy Pay

Save Time with Easy Pay!

If you'd like to have your monthly payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, then Easy Pay is for you. It's free and it's easy. There are no checks to write, no postage fees, and your telephone bill will always be paid on time.

How does Easy Pay work?

Simple: Just fill out the Easy Pay form at www.ptelco.com/ebill. It asks for information like your Palmerton Telephone account number, your bank account number, bank name, bank account type, and the transit or routing number for the bank. Then mail that form back to us or drop it off in our office, and we arrange for the amount of your invoice to be deducted automatically from your checking or savings account.

For additional details or to sign up, please call our Business Office at (610)826-6650 or visit our website at www.ptelco.com/ebill. While you're at it, go green with E-Bill and receive your monthly billing statement in an email!

Brain Teaser

Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, PA.

To enter, e-mail the correct answer to ptelco@ptd.net or send a 3" x 5" index card to 465 Delaware Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number (to call only if you win), and the Brain Teaser answer. All entries must be received by 7/20/19.

Good Luck! Palmerton Telephone

An instrument through
which sounds are made,
and yet, not something
that can be played.
What am I?

FUN FACTS

The Mercedes-Benz logo is one of those meaningful ones. In 1926, Emil Jellinek, Gottlieb Daimler, and Carl Benz founded what would become one of the world's foremost luxury car companies. The logo is a three-pronged star meant to symbolize universal motorization. The three prongs stand for land, water and air.

Peanut Facts. While "nut" is in their name, peanuts are in fact legumes. Peanuts actually grow underground, as opposed to nuts like walnuts, almonds, etc. that grow on trees (and are sometimes referred to as "tree nuts"). Peanuts, along with beans and peas, belong to the single plant family, Leguminosae.

The earliest recorded evidence of the production of soap-like materials dates back to around 2800 BC in ancient Babylon. A formula for soap consisting of water, alkali, and cassia oil was written on a Babylonian clay tablet around 2200 BC.

Paper cuts can be surprisingly painful as they can stimulate a large number of skin surface nociceptors (pain receptors) in a very small area of the skin. Because the shallow cut does not bleed very much, the pain receptors are left open to the air, ensuring continued pain.

In football, the goal posts must be 18 feet, 6 inches wide and the top face of the crossbar must be 10 feet above the ground. Vertical posts extend at least 30 feet above the crossbar. A ribbon 4 inches by 42 inches long is to be attached to the top of each post.

While Evel Knievel never actually broke "every bone in his body," ultimately, the 433 broken bones he suffered during his career earned an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records as the survivor of "most bones broken in a lifetime."