

Granite Broadband Newsletter

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About Granite Broadband



Think Spring!

Our Wireless Broadband is growing to Ripon, Green Lake, and Rosendale



Our Ripon tower is now active!

Call us today to sign up for a free site-survey!

Granite Broadband was created to provide high speed wireless broadband services to customers in rural Wisconsin. Trinidad Group, LLC and Mark Dodge established Dotnet Acquisition Company to purchase the assets of Dotnet Internet Services and create Granite Broadband, LLC.

Dotnet Internet Services was a ten-year old, Fond du Lac-based, Internet Service Provider that began by providing dial-up service to customers in rural areas. Throughout the years our mission has stayed the same, only slightly changed with advances in technology. Today, we are applying for stimulus dollars set aside to provide high-speed Internet service to, yet again, customers in rural areas. Our current goal is to bring high speed wireless Internet to all corners of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara County. We feel everyone should have the opportunity to access reliable and fast internet regardless of your location. We are also working with Ripon and Rosendale area schools to provide high-speed wireless Internet access and Netbooks for their students.

The new company has transitioned from providing Internet through phone lines such as dialup and DSL, to fast, reliable, and affordable wireless broadband service. We provide wireless Internet as well as many other Information Technology services to residential, commercial, and government marketplaces. Granite Broadband uses state-of-the-art WiMAX technology from Alvarion and Motorola, global leaders in the wireless Internet industry.

About our Newsletter

Thank you for reading our first Granite Broadband Quarterly Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our customers informed and updated.

This newsletter includes:

- **About Granite Broadband: Who we are & what we plan to do.**
- **What's new in wireless broadband technology: WiMAX**
- **Tech Talk: fun facts, e-mail scams**
- **Website of the Month**
- **Go Green with E-billing**

What is Wimax Technology?

WiMAX is a revolutionary new technology for wireless broadband Internet service covering a larger area than standard Wi-Fi. Each WiMAX tower can connect to a large number of customers at one time. At each customer's location, a device known as a CPE (Customer Premises Equipment) is installed on the side of the building, on the roof, or in a window with visibility to the WiMAX tower. WiMAX is able to provide customers with speeds up to 10Mbps without the use of underground cables, which eliminates the need for a conventional phone line at the service location. WiMAX technology allows Granite Broadband to bring cost-effective Internet to rural areas.



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E-mail Scams Alert

The Internet can be a great resource, but it has its downfalls. E-mail scams, or e-scams, are becoming more common and advanced every day. So, here are some tips to protect yourself:

- An e-mail requesting personal information such as your name, address, social security number, bank info, etc. could be a scam. NEVER e-mail this information.
- Attachments: Always be leery of attachments; make sure you know what it is before you open it, especially when the e-mail is from someone you do not know.
- A few of our customers have notified us of an e-scam from the email address: fdldotnet.com. This is not an e-mail from us, so do not click on the attachment or respond. If you have any questions about an e-mail you received you can always contact one of our tech support representatives at 920-273-0224.
- If you would like to learn more about e-scams, check out this helpful site: www.e-scams.org

Fun Tech Facts

Did you know?

- 88% of e-mails are junk mail, and about 1% of those are viruses.
- The first computer mouse was invented by Doug Engelbart around 1964 and was made of wood.
- E-mail has been around longer than the World Wide Web.
- Dialup speeds range from 24Kbps- 56Kbps, while our lowest high-speed Internet plan provides speeds up to 1024Kbps.
- 1 Megabyte = 1024 kilobytes
- 1 Gigabyte = 1024 Megabyte
- 1 Terabyte = 1024 Gigabyte

GO GREEN! The Convenience of E-bills

Do your bills and mail ever pile up on your kitchen table? Imagine a world with no piles of mail in your home. With e-billing, your bill is sent to your e-mail address each month. You can check it when you would like, and when you are done there is no left over mess. More and more people are reducing their carbon footprint by taking advantage of the convenience of e-billing.

Become even more eco-friendly and set your account up on our Autopay System. It is easy and only takes about 5 minutes. Your bill will be e-mailed to you on the 1st of the Month and your credit/debit card will be charged on the 15th of the Month. Please contact our office at 920-906-5700 if you are interested or would like more information on e-billing or Autopay.