

About Oberlin Cable Co-op

Cable Co-op was started in 1986 to provide cable television service to the Oberlin community. The creation of the organization was led and funded by the community and the result was, and remains, a membership owned and membership directed non-profit 501.C12 with a primary focus on cost-effective service to its community. In 1997 Oberlin Cable Co-op created Oberlin.net to also provide Internet access to the community over its existing data infrastructure.

Today, Oberlin Cable Co-op services over 2400 residences and businesses and is the only comprehensive provider of Internet and CATV services in the City. OCC provides both CATV and Internet services over a single data infrastructure that utilizes both fiber-optic and coaxial cable modes of transmission. OCC maintains fiber-optic connectivity to the City's business centers, the Industrial Park and maintains a dense concentration of fiber strands in a 5 mile loop around the City for ready access and deployment. Currently, residential access is provided using easy to service coaxial cable deployed in a sub-net architecture and running under DOCIS 3.1. Residential data services are currently offered at up to one gigabit per second download and 20 megabit per second upload speeds. Businesses have the option of fiber-optic connectivity to meet customized needs or plans that mirror residential connectivity for more modest needs. OCC currently maintains 30 Gigabit per second trunk capacity utilizing several carriers over differing physical paths. As of the summer of 2021, networking servers and software are in the process of being upgraded. With all this, OCC is a financially stable organization.

Oberlin Cable Co-op is, first and foremost, a community-focused organization that attempts to: anticipate the community's diverse needs; understand the equally diverse financial realities of the city's residents, businesses and organizations; understand and communicate the capabilities of an evolving data communications world to the community; provide contemporary services at, or whenever possible, below market pricing norms and; recognizing the crucial role of data services in today's world, resolve all service problems as soon as possible, typically the same day a problem is reported. Oberlin Cable Co-op works closely with City Government, City Public Schools, Oberlin Business Partnership, Oberlin businesses, Oberlin College, and the various non-profit service organizations within the community.

All individuals who subscribe to OCC's services automatically become members of the organization and pay a small monthly membership fee. Oberlin Cable Co-op is governed by a Board of Directors, who are members of OCC and who are elected by the membership at large. OCC is led by a General Manager who reports to the Board and serves as the chief administrative officer and point-of-contact for the organization. The GM in turn, leads a six member staff of technical and customer support staff.