



September 2021 Cable Co-op Newsletter

A Message from John Memmott, President of the Oberlin Cable Co-op Board of Trustees

We thought 2020 was an exceptional and interesting year and 2021 has become even more exceptional and interesting! We thought all would have been resolved in 2020 and yet the trials and tribulations have continued. And Oberlin Cable Co-op worked resolutely through 2020 and continued without a break into and through 2021. Service and connectivity have progressed to meet the demand; our organization continues to proactively address the needs of our community. Oberlin Cable Co-op has maintained our positive and interactive connection to the city, our businesses, and our schools. The Board of Trustees would like to again commend the Oberlin Cable Co-op staff who kept operations going, who answered and solved the distress calls of subscribers, and who made our co-op better even under the stress of an endless pandemic. Hopefully and eventually our world will become more "normal?" and Oberlin Cable Co-op will continue to provide excellent service to the Oberlin community.

Rate Changes Effective October 1, 2021

Our contracts ABC/Disney and other providers have been re-negotiated and there will be cost increases associated with the new carriage agreements for channels they own. These include, among others, Disney, ESPN, ESPN2, National Geographic, FX, Freeform, Hallmark, and NBC/Universal. Unfortunately, this increases the rates we must charge you to be able to maintain these channels in your cable service. Every dollar of your cable TV bill is used to pay these fees and help maintain our network.

Listed below are the new rates effective October 1, 2021:

	Current	New
Basic Service Only (Select)	\$30.95/month	\$33.95/month
Expanded Basic (Prime)	\$81.95/month	\$86.95/month
Economy Basic (Preferred)	\$63.95/month	\$66.95/month

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Cable Co-op Annual Membership Meeting

The 33rd Cable Co-op Annual Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM. We had hoped we would be able to have this year's meeting in person, but because of the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, your Board of Trustees felt that it would be safer for all to conduct it virtually again this year. As last year, you must preregister to attend the webinar. Registration for the webinar will begin on Monday, September 13, 2021. If you would like to join the meeting you must preregister by going to our website (www.oberlin.net) and click on the link named "2021 Annual Meeting Webinar Registration". You will be asked to fill in the appropriate information and a confirmation email will be sent to you within three (3) business days with the meeting login credentials. To be authorized, you must register by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 8, 2021. Please note that only current members of Oberlin Cable Co-op will be authorized to join the meeting. If you have any questions about how to register or have difficulty registering, please do not hesitate to contact our office. At this meeting, the Board and Staff will give their reports for Fiscal year 2020/21 and will provide the Board election results for the newly-elected Board members from the ballots that were sent to you in September. We sincerely hope you will plan to attend.

Special Announcement from the General Manager

After 34 years as the GM of Oberlin Cable Co-op, I have announced to the Board of Trustees of my intention to retire in June 2022. I will be 68 years old and am now ready to spend the rest of my days with my wife of 42 years, Maureen, my 3 children, and 9 grandchildren.

When I came to Oberlin in 1987, I had worked for the third largest Cable TV Company in the country for 15 years. My dream was to find a "small town" where I could work to provide a service to the community, for the benefit of the community, and not a bunch of investors that had only their wallets at heart. I found that "small town" in Oberlin. When I was recruited to come to Oberlin, I could see the enthusiasm that the Board and other community members had in getting the organization up and running. I so wanted to be a part of that enthusiasm that I made my decision to be a part of it in less than 24 hours. In all of these years, being a part of the success of Oberlin Cable Co-op was not my job, it was my mission. In all this time, I have never regretted making the decision to come here.

I have met and worked with so many great people in this town; my list would be miles long if I wrote down the names. These people and the members our organization has served all these years helped to maintain my enthusiasm to continue to fulfill the mission of this organization and that of the community we serve.

As with any organization, no one person can do it alone. The working relationships I have enjoyed with past and present Board and Staff members have been everything in the success of Oberlin Cable Co-op. Without their hard work and support the organization would not be what it is today. I was just lucky enough to be here and share in the success.

Over the next few months, the Board will be tasked to find my replacement. I am sure they will do their job to make the right decision and choose someone that will have the commitment to carry on the mission of Oberlin Cable Co-op that I am so proud of.

In my departure, I will miss not having a specific daily purpose each day, but will find a way to enjoy the "Me" time. However, I will truly miss working with the people that have been a huge part of my life and I consider as "Family".

I wish the best for the Community and its future, but especially to all of the Oberlin Cable Co-op members and organizations that have been my life since 1987.