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Labor Day Started With a Parade

The first Labor Day celebration was the Labor Day parade in New York City on September 5th, 1882. Oregon was the first state to pass it as a legal holiday in 1887, and President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a federal holiday in 1894. Whether you'll be attending a Labor Day event or just relaxing on the patio, enjoy the unofficial end of summer!

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Closures: Monday, September 7th
for Labor Day
Thursday, November 26th and Friday,
November 27th for Thanksgiving



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PLAY LIKE A PRO With Legendary Internet

In golf and in life, you have to be equipped for success. On the golf course, you need well-made clubs that fit you correctly. Inside your home, you need reliable internet that's fast enough to perform well during intense online activity.

Are you ready to move up from an amateur internet plan to the pro level? USA Communications has the speed you need to ace it all—streaming, gaming, conferencing, and more.

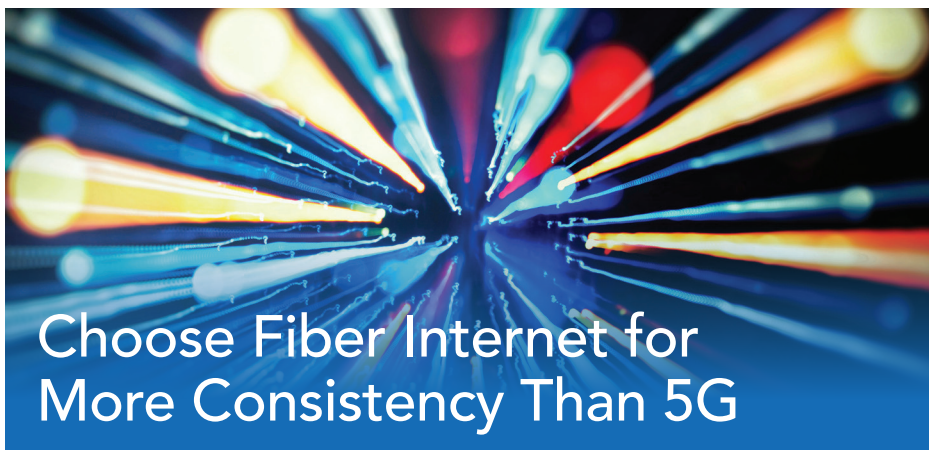
**CALL 1-800-248-8007
TO TEE UP FASTER INTERNET**

Be a Fan and Keep Rooting for the Home Team

When you buy local and choose to get your communications services from USA Communications, the benefits go well beyond your home or business to places throughout our community—including ball fields, classrooms, food pantries, and more. Because you support us, we can more generously support our neighbors.

Year after year, we make many financial and in-kind donations to a variety of local nonprofit organizations. Our team has also worked as volunteers at many community events and charity fundraisers. This area is our home, and we want to help make it the best it can be for today's residents as well as future generations. Unlike our national competitors, we care about more than just making a profit. We care about making a difference.

Thanks for being a loyal customer, and thanks for all you do to give back to our community. Please follow USA Communications on social media to stay updated on our community activities.



Choose Fiber Internet for More Consistency Than 5G

One of the biggest advantages of fiber internet over 5G home internet is the consistent speed and reliability fiber provides. Unlike 5G technology—which can be adversely affected by factors including distance from the tower, signal interference, and network congestion—fiber-optic cables deliver much more consistent internet performance.

Why is fiber internet more consistent than 5G home internet? Here are the key reasons:

- **Dedicated Infrastructure** – Fiber uses dedicated, physical, underground cables, which eliminate the environmental interference and signal degradation that can take place with 5G. As a wired, light-based technology, fiber provides lower latency and prevents the bandwidth congestion, speed dips, and shared tower traffic issues common with 5G.
- **No Interference** – Fiber signals are transmitted via light through cables, making them immune to interference from weather (rain/wind), trees, or thick building materials, which significantly degrade 5G signals.
- **Lower Latency** – Fiber provides consistent low latency (ping), which is essential for video calls and gaming, while 5G is prone to packet loss and jitter.
- **Symmetrical Speeds** – Fiber internet typically offers the same high speed for both uploading and downloading, ensuring consistency during heavy internet usage, such as video conferencing. By contrast, 5G home internet typically offers much slower upload speeds.

Keep in mind that with 5G home internet, the speed and reliability can fluctuate depending on how far away a customer is from the nearest 5G wireless tower and the number of people using the network. A 5G home internet connection is shared by many users at once, so during peak usage times, your connection can be deprioritized and your speed slowed down. If your household supports heavy data use with multiple users and connected devices, you may be frustrated by the inconsistency of 5G home internet.

Given the importance of internet service to so many parts of life these days, you need to be able to count on its speed and reliability. You'll get consistently impressive results with fiber internet from USA Communications. For all the details, call 1-800-248-8007.