afn Has All the Right Connections

Portland, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Jose, Atlanta, Charlotte, and other major metropolitan cities are all hoping Google announces plans to build a fiber network in their cities.

Ashland created the Ashland Fiber Network in 2000 and our technologically innovative community has relied on AFN for business and residential broadband connections for the past fourteen years. AFN's 1 Gigabit direct fiber service is the envy of large metropolitan cities across the nation.

Ashland is an amazing place to live and work and that sentiment was recently validated by the world's most popular online search engine. Google presented Ashland with their **Google ecity** award recognizing our community as the digital capital of Oregon for 2013. Ashland businesses have embraced AFN, connecting to the internet to acquire new customers and communicate with existing customers. This connection ultimately grows their businesses, and fuels our local economy.

Conducting business online requires bandwidth, or a big communications pipe to the internet world. Ashland businesses large and small rely on AFN for direct fiber-to-the-premise 1 Gigabit connections. AFN has over 25 miles of fiber optic network reaching every corner of our community.

To complement its fiber services, AFN built a 120 mile HFC network to provide homes with competitive and affordable cable modem services of up to 60Mbps download speeds. Residential internet activities continue to grow and flourish and AFN stays ahead of growing new applications with ongoing development of robust technological solutions to meet the changing needs of our customers.

Another advantage of relocating or starting a business in Ashland is our city is a vital member of the Jackson County Electronic Commerce Zone. Qualifying businesses receive income tax credits and other incentives towards infrastructure to conduct the majority of their business online.

AFN's community broadband services enhance the livability and productivity of our schools, community organizations and local businesses, enticing everyone from artists to entrepreneurs to relocate to our wonderfully unique community.

Moviemaker magazine recently ranked Ashland second in their ratings of small towns ideal for film productions. Movie directors and editors require a 'large pipe' internet connection to transfer digital film files and Moviemaker magazine recognized AFN's exclusive fiber optic network as the ultimate connection to meet the needs of the movie production industry.

Owned and operated by the City of Ashland, AFN's robust services equal or surpass the services available in most major metropolitan areas and are backed by friendly local customer service and an expert technical support staff. New residents are pleasantly surprised with AFN's superior service and are amazed how inexpensive AFN services are compared to what they were accustomed to in a larger city. AFN's 1 Gigabit fiber-to-the-premise service is readily available and amazingly affordable.

AFN works closely with the Ashland Chamber of Commerce to quickly and cooperatively meet the demands established and new businesses in our community.

Current AFN and partner services include:

- Fiber-to-the-Premise
- Small Office Internet
- Residential Internet
- HD and Digital Cable Television
- Home Telephone
- Business Telephony Solutions
- Computer and Network Support

AFN encourages prospective Internet customers to explore their service options with AFN and its retail partners. There are several ways to connect to AFN services. Contact information listed below:

AFN
Municipal Telecommunications Utility
541-552-2222
ashlandfiber.net
(Portal to all AFN retail partners)

Ashland Home Net
AFN's official television partner Internet, telephone, and support services
541-488-9207
ashlandhome.net

InfoStructure
Internet, telephone, user support, and business services
541-488-1962
infostructure.net

JeffNet
Ashland's National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate. Internet and user support services
541-482-9988
JeffNet.org

Computer Country
Internet and user support services
541-772-2170
ccountry.net