



CITY OF VALPARAISO

AT HOME IN PARADISE

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VALPARAISO CABLE LOOKS TO FUTURE

Video "Future" - Since we have freed up our bandwidth the question becomes what to do with it. Well three of the big things for the future in video are HD, Whole Home DVR, and new programming. We will be adding HD receivers as deals for the receivers become available. The cost of the receivers do make it a little hard to go all HD at one time with some of them running between 6 – 8k new. We will be budgeting at least one or more a year. Some of these receivers may be able to handle more than one channel since we are all digital.

We are in the process of testing and researching the Whole Home DVR system and its implementation on our system. Whole Home DVR works on MoCA (Multimedia over Coax Alliance). Our current Arris DOCSIS 3.0 cable modems have built in MoCA filters so as not to be disrupted by communications between boxes. All MoCA capable boxes communicate in the 500 to 1675 MHz range. The major hold up is the purchase of equipment stock. We do have a few test boxes and have verified that they will work on our system to include our present IGuide.

New programming such as NFL, NFL Redzone, Fox College Sports, and E! Entertainment are a few that we are looking into adding now that we have space to spare. There are a few capabilities that we have no plans to pursue at this time. However, they are there if at some time in the future the need arose. These would include VOD video on demand, SDV switched digital video, and IPTV internet protocol television.

Internet "Future" - With the addition of the UBR10012, future internet upgrades will simply be a matter of planning. When we determine that capacity needs to be increased we will just add another UBR-MC20X20V card. This provides an immediate addition of 20 channels more of both downstream and upstream load per card and gives us the ability to increase speeds without an increase in cost to the customer.

We would like to plan on adding at least one card every two years or as necessary to meet demand. Our infrastructure along with the UBR10012 makes our overall network prime to move toward DOCSIS 3.1 compliance as well as migrating to a Converged Cable Access Platform (CCAP). All of which will allow us to move to an all-IP infrastructure platform in the future.

Infrastructure "Future" - The only thing left to upgrade our current infrastructure is to take existing fiber to the house. Our plan is to keep adding transmit lasers to increase the number of service groups available throughout the City. Right now we have two. The more service groups we have the more download and upload speed is available to all users. The intention is to add a few every two years, thereby; allowing better utilization and efficient use of the system.



CALENDAR

- July 3—City Hall Closed
- July 4—Independence Day Celebration
Duathlon Lincoln Park 7:00AM Paddle-
Board Race 10:00 AM—Fireworks 8:45
PM
- July 13—Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
- August 10—Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
- September 14—Commission Meeting, 6:00
pm
- September XX—Final Budget Submittal
- October 1—New Fiscal Year Begins

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TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS

On behalf of the Valparaiso Cable Company we would like to sincerely apologize for any inconveniences caused by our recent system outages. It is true we were faced with some significant challenges which all involved were working diligently to bring to resolution. One thing we can assure you is we were doing everything possible to continue to bring you the quality service you demand back online as quickly as possible. Again, we apologize for the disruption and difficulties.

VALPARAISO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Valparaiso Community Library

The library has a lot of fun activities for your children this summer. Come by and sign-up your child in our Summer Reading Program. For every 10 books they read, a prize or incentive will be forthcoming. Our library prize partners this year include the Dollar Tree, MacDonald's, Taco Bell, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Pizza Hut, What-A-Burger, Papa John's Pizza, and Chick-fil-a. Here is a run-down of our summer programs:

Family Story Time

Dates: Friday mornings at 10. (July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31/August 7)

Ages 3 – 10. Age appropriate story with activities based on *Every Hero Has A Story*. On July 17 the Florida Department of Health will present "Healthy Heroes"

Thursday Afternoon Kids and Family Movie

Dates: July 2, 23/August 6 at 2 p.m.

Family movie (all children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by adult).

A newly released, age appropriate movie will be shown. Snack will be provided.

Lego Club

Dates: July 7, 21/ August 4 – Rotating Tuesday afternoons at 2.

Ages 5 – 13. Bring your own Lego bricks and compete in challenges for prizes. Snacks provided.

Gaming Club

Dates: July 14, 28 – Rotating Tuesday afternoons at 2.

Ages 12 – 17. Come and play the Nintendo Wii, Gamecube or bring your own handhelds. Door prizes and snacks will be provided.

Children's Story Time

Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10.

Ages: newborn – 4. Age appropriate stories and activities for children and their caregivers.

Lap Sit Story Time

Wednesday mornings at 10.

Ages: newborn – 2 ½. Age appropriate stories and activities for children and their caregivers.

Library Matinee and Movie

Thursday afternoons at 3 (July 9/16)

For Adults (please no children under the age of 13)

We will be showing newly released and classic movies.

Where can you go in Valparaiso and find the latest books, books on CD, music CDs and recently released DVDs and Blu-rays motion pictures? Where can you go in the Twin Cities to attend free French and Spanish classes? Where can your children visit and receive a first class story time with arts & crafts that expands the imagination? The answer is the Valparaiso Community Library. Our little library has more adult, teen and children's programs than the largest libraries in Oka-

loosa County. During the month of June we circulated over five thousand items and had over 4,600 visitors with 849 people attending our programs. Your home town library is growing and we want you to become part of the excitement.

Our Assistant Library Director, Tony Shipley, has redesigned the library website to give you one of the best tools to expand your quality of life. Not only can you find a calendar of library events, but you can link up to various state and county governmental agencies to help you with home repair, job services, voter registration, and the newly developed state-wide program called the Right Services at the Right Time. Our web-site also provides a link to the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative where cardholding patrons can search all 6 OCPLC libraries' card catalogs and make request for up to 15 library items.

The traditional library which once housed dusty books is long gone and your hometown library is expanding well ahead of the new trends with cutting edge technology and informative programs. Today we are striving to become the educational and cultural center of the community. With your patronage this exciting agenda will flourish. We invite all of the community's residents to come by and tour the library, attend one of our programs, and become a card holding member of a great American institution, the public library.

FIREWORKS REPORT

Again the Fireworks Committee is striving to make the Boggy Bayou fireworks extravaganza a resounding success.

Our goal has been and remains to ensure continued funding for this spectacular community event. The City of Valparaiso and the City of Niceville have partnered in several ways. A space is being provid-

ed on your utility bill from the City that affords you the opportunity to contribute to this fund strictly on a voluntary basis. One dollar a month from every household would allow the 4th of July Celebration to continue without worry for generations to come.

Additionally, we are encouraging all our citizens to save their aluminum cans and place them in a containers located at City

Hall and Lewis School. The revenues generated from this recycling effort will be donated to the firework's fund. Between personal contributions, recycle revenues, t-shirt sales, Boston Butt sales and the interest earned from the late Pat Hemby's Fireworks Trust Fund, we are confident with your support the 4th of July will remain a continued success. Thank you for your help.

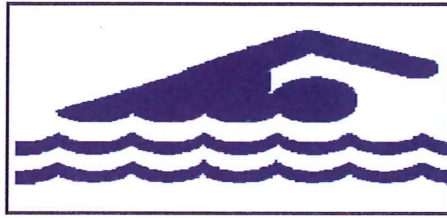


VALPARAISO 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

City of Valparaiso, Florida's 4th of July Activities

Duathlon/5K Walk

On Saturday - July 4, the City of Valparaiso will host the 37th Annual 4th of July Duathlon (5K run/200m swim). The Duathlon will begin at Lincoln Park and participants should assemble around 6:15 a.m. with the race beginning promptly at 7. A few minutes after the runners depart Lincoln Park, the Walkers will begin their 5K course. Both Runners and Walkers will have



26th). To register for the 5K Duathlon and 5K Walk go to our city website (www.valp.org) or visit our Face book account <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Valparaiso-4th-of-July-Duathlon/560651367382859>.

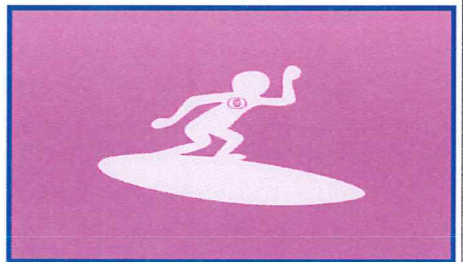
Family Fun Run

The Family Fun Run will take place at 8:15 at the south end of Lincoln Park near the boat dock. Runners will travel down North Bayshore Drive to T-Pier and back to the park. Sorry, no pets are allowed in our city parks and they cannot participate in this activity. For additional information go tour city website (www.valp.org) or visit our Face book account <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Valparaiso-4th-of-July-Duathlon/560651367382859>.

Paddle Board Race

The Paddle Board Race will begin at the north side of Lincoln Park with partici-

pants lining up near the bathhouse at 9:50. The race begins at 10. The race course will run southward down Boggy Bayou and past T-Pier into Tom's Bayou. The turnaround point will be past Toms Bayou Bridge and the racers will proceed back to Lincoln Park to the beach where the race began. The race course will be 3.2K and will be marked with vivid buoys. Watercraft will be stationed along the course for assistance and refereeing. The competition will take place between Surf-style boards and Race-style boards with a male and female winner in each competition with recognition for second and third place finishers. This year's race will be limited to adults over the age of 18. To register for the Paddle Board Race go to our city website (www.valp.org) or visit our Face book account <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Valparaiso-4th-of-July-Duathlon/560651367382859>



overall winners, with the duathlon winners divided between first through third place with age-group categories. All winners will receive an award. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and every pre-registered participant will be eligible for a cash drawing. Pre-registration is \$20 for applications received by June 26 (\$25 fee after the

SANITATION

Summer is here and for many Valparaiso residents, this often means lawn and garden days are plentiful. This year, prepare your yard waste in the appropriate manner to ensure it is properly collected curbside each week without any additional charges. Here are a few guidelines:

SEPARATE - Separate yard waste from other types of waste (i.e. bulk, household garbage).

PLACEMENT - Place debris at a curbside location clear of fire hydrants, sewer cleanouts, storm drains, overhead power lines, etc.).

LIMITS - Items may not be larger than 4'

in diameter and may not be over six feet in length. Volume may be no greater than two cubic yards. Acceptable yard waste **does not include** debris generated by landscapers or lawn maintenance services. **It is the responsibility of all contracted services to properly dispose of any waste generated.**

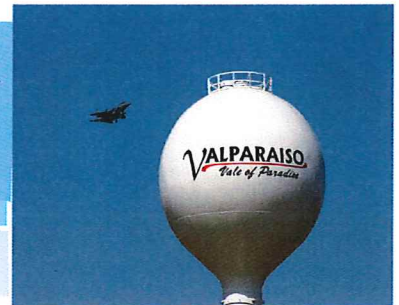
96 GALLON CARTS - Please use your City owned cart to its full potential by placing all household garbage inside (preferably bagged) but NO hazardous materials please!

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Hazardous materials such as car batteries, rechargeable batteries, computer components, mobile phones, fluorescent tubes,

latex and oil based paints, pool chemicals and pesticides are accepted **FREE of charge Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the Okaloosa County facility located at 84 Ready Avenue in Fort Walton Beach.** Valparaiso residential customers may use the alternate site of Public Works located at 600 Valastics Avenue Monday through Friday 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

Used oil, gas, and diesel may be deposited into the specially designed container located just outside the fence of Public Works any time. Please remember to close the lid when finished and please do not leave containers (filled or empty) outside the fence line.

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PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

10 Things You Can Do:

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
2. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard
4. Compost your yard waste
5. Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
9. Pick up after your pet
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or-
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

Clean Water is Everybody's Business

Notice of Public Disclosure of the Full Cost of Solid Waste Manage- ment within the City Of Valparaiso, Florida for the fiscal Year 2014

Florida Statute (403.7049) requires that local governments annually calculate and inform users of the full cost of solid waste management. Accordingly, you are thereby notified of the following average monthly costs for this service, on a per customer basis.

	Residential Customer*	NonResidential Customer*
Collection	\$24.423	\$36.634
Disposal	5.433	8.150

* The cost information provided above is on an average monthly basis per account and may not exactly reflect your individual billings.

