

# In Touch

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## Have a Ball This Fall

The fall season is full of opportunities to watch sports, whether it's from the stands of a local football field or in your home on the TV screen. Albany Mutual Telephone hopes you have fun cheering for your favorite teams. We also thank you for being on our team by choosing us as your communications provider.

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## HAVE MONSTROUS INTERNET DEMANDS?

Is too-slow internet driving you batty at your house? Are your little monsters complaining about the connection? Make no bones about it—you need an internet upgrade to handle all those devices.

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## Any Way You Slice It, October is National Pizza Month

Since 1984, National Pizza Month has been observed each October across the United States. It was started by Gerry Durnell, the founder of *Pizza Today* magazine and the owner of a pizzeria in the small (and jolly) town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

There's no doubt that pizza is incredibly popular:

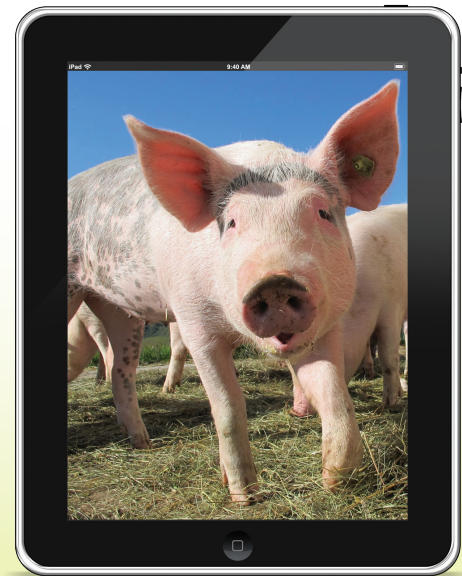
- There are an estimated 63,000 pizzerias in this country.
- 94% of Americans eat pizza at least once a month.
- The average consumption is about 45 slices of pizza per person each year.

There are many delicious ways to celebrate National Pizza month—whether you make it at home, have it delivered, or enjoy it at a local pizzeria. There's nothing quite like a few slices with your favorite toppings to top off a long day!

**What goes really well with pizza? Watching a movie with the family! Visit [www.albanytel.com](http://www.albanytel.com) to check out the premium movie channels we offer.**



## Don't Let Bandwidth Hogs Cause Household Battles



Does this sound familiar? Your son is making a hefty download of the latest video game while your daughter is watching YouTube videos and your wife is streaming a movie. Meanwhile, you're trying to get some work done from home, and notice that your laptop's internet connection seems to have slowed to a crawl when you attempt to Skype with a colleague. Before long, a bandwidth battle ensues over who's a bandwidth hog and which online activities should get priority.

As a reminder, bandwidth refers to the amount of data that may be transferred over an internet connection per second. Every internet connection has a specified maximum bandwidth—usually measured in bits per second, such as 10 Mbps—and this bandwidth is shared by all the users and connected devices in a household. This includes background internet usage such as software that automatically updates.

You can think of bandwidth as a highway with vehicles traveling on it; the highway is the internet connection and the vehicles are the data. The wider the highway, the more vehicles can travel on it at one time and the faster they get to their destinations. The same principle applies to data—the more bandwidth, the more information that can be transferred within a given amount of time.

When your home's bandwidth isn't adequate for simultaneous use by several bandwidth hogs engaged in streaming, gaming, and video chatting, everyone in the family may experience slower internet speeds. That's when frustrations can grow and bandwidth battles can occur.

In the interest of promoting family harmony, Albany Mutual Telephone recommends you upgrade your internet plan. That way, you can all get the speed you need and won't have to argue over who must curtail their online activity to free up bandwidth for someone else.

**Albany Mutual Telephone offers family-friendly internet plans with download speeds up to 1000 Mbps. To find out more, visit [www.albanytel.com](http://www.albanytel.com) or call 320.845.2101.**