



# City of West Allis Matter Summary

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Time Warner Cable communication regarding changes to be made to their basic, standard and digital channel line-ups on December 1, 2004 and rate changes to take effect December 2004 and January 2005.

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Bev Greenberg Vice President Public Affairs



October 28, 2004

Mr. Paul M. Ziehler City Administrative Officer City of West Allis 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214



Dear Mr. Ziehler:

Time Warner Cable has continued to remain focused on meeting our customers' needs by offering them viewing convenience, choice, and state-of-the-art broadband and interactive products. We believe our customers want the ability to bundle these advanced services with one company. Through our sophisticated cable platform we are able to deliver new product package options that include cable television, high-speed data, and our new Digital Phone service. This bundling of all three services is yet another example of Time Warner Cable's commitment to give our customers the technology, service and convenience they've come to expect from us.

This year alone Time Warner Cable has added and enhanced the following products:

- Digital Phone, introduced in July of this year is now available to over 60% of our customers in Southeast Wisconsin, and is expected to be available to all our customers in 2005.
- "Wisconsin On Demand", the country's first local on demand channel (digital channel 1111), is free to all Digital Cable customers and home to 24/7 exclusive local programming including: the world premiere of "Spirit the Seventh Fire", the Rock Star Project, Battle of the Bands, travel destinations, and high school sports.
- Digital Cable service added 17 new channels. (See attached sheet)
- Further enhancing our HD Package, Time Warner Cable rolled out 4 more high definition (HD) channels, which includes the most recent addition of ESPN HD. Time Warner Cable carries a total of 15 HD channels. They are HBO, Showtime, Discovery HD Theater, WISN-TV12 (ABC), WTMJ-TV4 (NBC), WDJT-TV58 (CBS), WITI-TV6 (FOX), MPTV (PBS), Fox Sports Net, TNT HD, iNHD, iNHD2, HD Net, HD Net Movies, and ESPN HD.
- The HD Digital Video Recorder is now available.
- Five Internet Service Providers are offered to our customers.

In keeping with our efforts to improve our customers' television viewing experience, I have attached a sheet outlining the changes Time Warner Cable will make to our basic, standard and digital channel line-ups on December 1, 2004.

Throughout the year we've offered a variety of cable and high-speed data packages at money saving competitive prices even though our costs associated with delivering high quality entertainment and information to our customers continued to dramatically increase. In fact, we have seen a double digit increase in license fees we pay to programming networks for the fifth year in a row. These are costs directly related to pay for athletes and entertainers associated with popular programming channels. Like you, our business has also been impacted by the dramatic increase in costs we do not control such as taxes, fuel and power. Over the years, Time Warner Cable has worked to minimize the impact to our customers by keeping our rates as low and as competitive as possible.

Cable service alone offers thousands of hours per day of around-the-clock educational, informational and entertainment programming. Ten years ago the average cost for cable service was approximately \$0.50 per channel. Today, it is still approximately \$0.50 per channel due to our ability to add and enhance our programming. Bev Greenberg Vice President Public Affairs



Most consumer goods like gasoline and milk remain static in quantity and quality, whereas cable is constantly increasing the quantity and quality of our services. When the cost of cable television increases over time, the quality of picture, the quality of programming, the quantity of channels, and the reliability of service also all increase, and the value of cable is more evident.

Effective December 2004, the Standard Package, which includes 80 channels including, Disney, CNN, ESPN and Discovery Channel, will cost \$43.95 per month (or \$0.54 a channel). Effective January 2005, Basic cable service, which continues to be regulated by the FCC, will be \$12.00 per month. Our Basic service includes 27 channels such as: ABC Family, Univision and CSPAN (or \$0.44 a channel). Enclosed you will find a sample brochure that will be sent in November and December bills notifying customers of all channel and rate changes.

Time Warner Cable supports our superior products with a dedicated team of local employees committed to providing outstanding customer care. Our Customer Call Center is open 24 hours per day 7 days per week. We provide two hour appointment windows, an "On Time Guarantee" program, Answers On Demand on channel 1999, product information on Digital Channel 1, eCustomer Care and Internet Online Order Service, all of which has been designed and implemented as part of Time Warner Cable's goal to remain a "Customer Centric' organization.

Time Warner Cable also invests heavily in our future and in our communities by providing free cable service and free high-speed cable modems and Internet access to all schools and public libraries in our service area. Our unique educational initiatives such as: Time Warner Cable's Hang Tough Video Contest, Time Warner Cable's Kidz Biz program, Time Warner Cable's Road Runner Club, Time Warner Cable's Scholarship Program, Teaching Creatively with Cable Awards, Crystal Apple Awards, the Ready to Ready program, and the hundreds of organizations we partner with each year, permits us to positively impact the lives of thousands of Wisconsin residents, educators and students.

We recognize that your residents and our customers have a variety of entertainment options. We want you to know that we value the opportunity to serve them and you. As always, I will be happy to answer any questions. Please feel free to contact me at 414/277-4190.

Sincerely.

Bey Greenberg



# Inside Front Cover TIME WARNER CABLE DIGITAL ACCESS PACKAGE

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| STANDARD      |  |
| BASIC/        |  |

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### **Time Warner Cable** announces the following changes to our lineup in December 2004:

### **NEW** to DIGIPIC 1000



MTV Hits . . . . . . . . . . . . 185 When MTV's TRL goes off the air, MTV Hits

picks it back up with its all hit format for teens. Look for the best in pop music videos. To accommodate this change, VH1 Classic moves to Channel 186.



GoodLife TV . . . . . . . . 162

A 24-hour service dedicated to improving the quality of American life through informative and entertaining programs.



NBA TV

NBA TV is your ultimate destination for all things basketball.

To accommodate these changes, Ovation will be deleted from our lineup.

# MOVING

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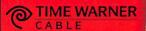
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(Moves to the Digital Movie Lovers Package.)

### ADDED to the HD Package in September 2004



Digital Cable Channel 530



### **EQUIPMENT & INSTALLATION RATES**

| Standard, Digital, HDTV or DVR Converter\$7.65   |
|--|
| Remote Control   |
| Cable Card (per month)   |
| Installation of Unwired/Pre-wired Home\$40.50/\$27.00  |
| Additional Outlet Connection at the time   |
| of Initial Installation (each)\$18.00  |
| Truck Trip\$29.50  |
| Office Change of Service Fee\$1.99   |
| Hourly Service Charge\$38.00   |
| High Speed Online Installation\$79.95  |
| High Speed Online Install of   |
| Additional Computer (each)\$49.95  |
| Network Interface Card (each)\$20.00   |
| USB Adapter (each)   |
| Do-It-Yourself High Speed Online Install\$14.95  |
| Wireless Road Runner Installation \$99.95  |
| All outlets with premium channels, Pay-Per-View, digital channels and On Demand services require a Digital converter. Digital Remote Control required to receive Digital Interactive Program Guide and On Demand services. HD converter required to receive HD channels. |

December 2004 Central

# Got a new HDTV?

Time Warner Cable provides the easiest solution to get HD programming.





You'll be blown away by the theater-like picture quality and sound that only the Time Warner Cable HD Package can offer.



# Road Runner High Speed Online

Access the Internet in an instant without ever having to wait to log on.

- No dialing in
- · No busy signals or hang-ups
- No tied-up phone lines
- · Up to 75 times faster than dial-up
- . Up to 2 times faster than DSL
- · Download photos and more in seconds
- Choose your Internet Service Provider -Earthlink, Athenet, Max.inter.net and Road Runner

### WIRELESS ROAD RUNNER

Now everyone in the house can enjoy Road Runner High Speed Online Service at the same time, with a single connection.

- No expensive equipment to buy
- · Set-up is quick and easy using existing wiring
- · 24/7 customer service and support



## **Digital Phone**

A better choice in home phone service has arrived.

Digital Phone delivers all this for one low monthly price:

- Unlimited calling throughout Wisconsin and the United States
- Caller ID, Call
   Waiting and Call
   Waiting ID
   included at no extra
   charge
- Keep your same phone number
- Enhanced 911
- Works with existing phones and jacks
- FREE Installation



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Upgrade to the Digital Difference.

- More than 200 crystal-clear channels
- Including 46 Music Choice channels
- Interactive Programming Guide
- Movies and Favorites On Demand

Equipment priced separately.

### DIGIPIC 2000

\$6995

### Add the Premium Experience!

- More than 225 crystal-clear channels
- All the services of DIGIPIC 1000, plus
- Choose 2 premium channels with Premiums On Demand - HBO, Cinemax, Showtime or TMC

Equipment priced separately.

# DIGIPIC > 4000

ONLY

\$7995

### Add the Ultimate Premium Experience!

- More than 240 crystal-clear channels
- All the services of DIGIPIC 1000, plus
- All 4 premium channels with Premiums On Demand - HBO, Cinemax, Showtime and TMC

Equipment priced separately.

### DIGIPIC LATINO

With the DIGIPIC Latino Package, you'll receive our Basic service, plus 18 Spanish language video channels and 46 music channels.

Video channels include: Canal Sur, Cine Latino, CNN Español, ¡Sorpresa!, Discovery Español, MTV Español, Fox Sports Español, Video Rolla, VH Uno, TV Puma, Weather Now Español, Mun2, TVE, Canal24, Grandes Documentales, EWTN Español, Utilisima and Infinito.

Or add the channels above to our Standard Service for just \$4.95/month. Equipment priced separately.

### OPTIONS DIGIP

### DVR

\$5<sup>95</sup> Add the power to pause live TV and come back where you left off. Record your favorite shows every day ... all year long, automatically. If you are not a DIGIPiC customer, you can subscribe to DVR service for \$6.95/month.

Equipment priced separately. Monthly service charge applies to each outlet.

### HD DVR

Serves both HDTV and DVR functionality. Pause, rewind, fast-forward and record both regular TV and HDTV signals.

If you are not a DIGIPIC customer, you can subscribe to HD DVR service for \$8.95/month.

Equipment priced separately. Monthly service charge applies to each outlet.

### **HD Package**

iNHDI, iNHD2, HD Net, HD Net Movies, and ESPN HD all in crystal-clear high definition.

Equipment priced separately. Requires minimum Digital Access Package.

### Digital Sports Package

Includes FOX College Sports Atlantic, FOX College Sports Central, FOX College Sports Pacific, Speed Channel, The Outdoor Channel, Tennis Channel,

FOX Sports World, ESPNews, NBATV, CSTV and Fuel. Equipment priced separately. Requires minimum Digital Access Package.

Road Runner High Speed Online

Add Road Runner to DIGIPiC 2000 or DIGIPiC 4000 for just \$40 per month and save \$60 per year.

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### Wireless Road Runner

Add Internet access for every computer in the house. A single connection creates your own wireless home network. Road Runner service priced separately.

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### Premium Networks

Add an additional Premium network: HBO, Cinemax, Showtime or TMC.

If you are not a DIGIPiC customer, you can subscribe to one premium network for \$12.95/month, and each additional for \$7.00/month.

Equipment priced separately.

### Ist Premium \$1000 monthly

Each Additional monthly

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### Channel Changes Effective December 1, 2004.

### Digital Service channel changes:

- MTV Hits will join Time Warner Cable's Digital line up on channel 185.
- GoodLife TV will join Time Warner Cable's Digital line up on channel 162.
- IFC on Digital channel 439 will join the Digital Movie Lover's Package.
- To accommodate these changes, VH1 Classic will move from channel 185 to channel 186, and Ovation will no longer be available on channel 180.

### 17 Channels Added to Digital Cable Service in 2004!

| Channel Name                                 | Channel | Package Information                    |
|--|---------|--|
|  | Number  | Divide De la constant                  |
| 1. College Sports TV - offers rivalries,     | 118     | Digital Sports Package                 |
| passion, the human stories and everything    |         |  |
| else that makes up the world of college      |         |  |
| sports.                                      |         |  |
| <b>2. RAI</b> - provides 24-hour top quality | 450     | A la Carte Digital Premium \$9.95/mo.  |
| entertainment live from Italy. Enjoy         |         |  |
| European soccer, live news and much          |         |  |
| more.  |         |  |
| 3. TV Asia – offers incredible television    | 460     | A la Carte Digital Premium \$14.95/mo. |
| that includes news, education, dramas,       |         |  |
| music and movies in Hindi, English and       |         |  |
| Gujarati languages.                          |         |  |
| <b>4. German TV</b> – offers a variety of    | 470     | A la Carte Digital Premium\$14.95/mo.  |
| entertainment programs, as well as           |         |  |
| breaking news, documentaries, sports and     |         |  |
| children's favorites.                        |         |  |
| 5. Court TV                                  | 145     | Included with DigiPic 1000             |
| 6. Fine Living On Demand                     | 1104    | Favorite On Demand                     |
|  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 7. Oxygen On Demand                          | 1106    | Favorite On Demand                     |
|  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 8. Speed Channel On Demand                   | 1109    | Favorite On Demand                     |
|  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 9. National Geographic On Demand             | 1122    | Favorite On Demand                     |
| 1100000                                      |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 10. Anime On Demand                          | 1151    | Favorite On Demand                     |
|  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 11. PBS Kids On Demand                       | 1152    | Favorite On Demand                     |
|  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 12. MyMC On Demand                           | 1181    | Favorite On Demand                     |
| -  |         | Free to all Digital Cable Customers    |
| 13. Passtime Games                           | 1200    | Included with Digital Access           |



| 14. R&B Hits                  | 908  | Included with Digital Access        |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 15. 90's                      | 922  | Included with Digital Access        |
| 16. Radio Disney              | 940  | Included with Digital Access        |
| 17. Great American Country On | 1182 | Favorite On Demand                  |
| Demand                        |      | Free to all Digital Cable Customers |

### 4 High Definition Channels Added in 2004!

| Channel Name    | Channel<br>Number | Package Information          |  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. HD Net -     | 547               | HD Package                   |  |
| 2. HDNet-Movies | 548               | HD Package                   |  |
| 3. TNT HD       | 533               | Included with Digital Access |  |
| 4. ESPN HD      | 530               | HD Package                   |  |

# Thank you for choosing Time Warner Cable

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please refer to the enclosed brochure for important information on other rates, Digital Packages and exciting new products.

### 2005 MONTHLY CABLE PRICES

**Effective December 2004:** 

Senior Standard Package (Includes over 75 of the most popular channels) \$36.47

Effective January 2005:

**Basic Service** Senior Basic

\$12.00

\$ 9.96

Rates do not include franchise fees, FCC regulatory fees, Community Requested Community TV fee, or state and local taxes. The rates become effective with your billing statement listed above. Prices are subject to change. Annual rate adjustments reflect year-to-year changes in programming and operating costs. To qualify for a senior discount, you must be 62 years of age or older.

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### www.timewarnerwi.com

or complete and sign this form, then return to: Automatic Payment Program, Time Warner, P.O. Box 511700, Milwaukee, WI 53203

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