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My neighbor told me that thanks to Amazon Sidewalk, a shared network, her outside camera now works much better. I've noticed that some of my outside devices are working better too. What is Sidewalk and why would I want to share my broadband Internet services?

The Network Guy:

Amazon Sidewalk creates a low-bandwidth network with the help of Sidewalk Bridge devices including select Echo and Ring devices. These Bridge devices share a small portion of your Internet bandwidth which is pooled together to provide these services to you and your neighbors. Essentially, you are likely both benefiting from sharing your bandwidth services.

There are always pros and cons to any situation, but if you are concerned about sharing your bandwidth, you should know that this setting is automatically set through Amazon to allow access. According to Amazon, the maximum bandwidth of a Sidewalk Bridge to the Sidewalk server is 80Kbps, which is about 1/40th of the bandwidth used to stream a typical high-definition video. Today, when you share your Bridge's connection with Sidewalk, total monthly data used by Sidewalk, per account, is capped at 500MB, which is equivalent to streaming about 10 minutes of high-definition video. Ring customers who own an eligible device can choose to update their Amazon Sidewalk preferences anytime from the Control Center in the Ring app or Ring website. Echo customers who own an eligible device can update their Amazon Sidewalk preferences anytime from Account Settings in the Alexa app. If you have linked your Ring and Amazon accounts, your Sidewalk preferences on either your Alexa or Ring app will apply to all your eligible Echo and Ring devices.

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Have you ever stopped to consider the impact a company can have on the community where it is located? Sure, the company pays taxes that help the area, but the effects are even more far-reaching than that.

The word community is derived from the Latin *communitas*, which is derived from *communis*, which means "common, public, shared by all or many". Our customers are our families, neighbors, and friends, and since summer is for community events, PenTeleData is proud to sponsor the Bloomsburg, Allentown, Carbon County, and West End Fairs, along with the A-Town Throw Down Hoops Tourney, Musikfest and several golf events.

Here's a fun fact about our sponsorships: It's hard to believe, but PenTeleData has been supporting ArtsQuest and Musikfest since the mid-1990s. Time sure flies when you're having fun! This year, we're a proud sponsor of the sold-out Darius Rucker concert.

The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge by July 31, 2021 to answer the question below. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Amazon Sidewalk shares your bandwidth with your neighbors. If you allow access to your devices, what is the maximum total monthly data per account that it may use?



"Luck's a revolving door, you just need to know when it's your time to walk through."

– Stan Lee

Best Summer Apps for 2021

Google Maps

Google Maps can help you plan your summer trips around congested roads or travel to a new destination.

Bandsintown Concerts

Bandsintown Concerts tracks your favorite bands to find concerts in your area. (What's better than an outdoor concert to make some summer memories?)

Kindle E-Reader

Kindle E-Reader is the Kindle app that allows you to download and read e-books without hauling a stack of books to the beach, pool, or wherever your summer travels take you.

AccuWeather

AccuWeather offers long-term forecasts and other weather-related information, including humidity and UV index.

Surflife

Surflife tracks the important factors to surfers, including beach conditions and waves, so you can find the ideal time and place to get in the water.

Spotify

Spotify helps you find the perfect soundtrack for summer and play it wherever you are.

ParkAdvisor RV Parks and Campgrounds

ParkAdvisor RV Parks and Campgrounds tracks hundreds of campground and RV parks across the country.

AllTrails

AllTrails brings the best of nature from exploring and identifying plants to hiking and biking. It is a searchable list of trails across the United States.

(Selected apps are listed as mentioned at lifewire.com)

IronPigs Baseball Trivia

Some Interesting Stats and Facts about the Lehigh Valley IronPigs

PenTeleData is a proud sponsor of the Lehigh Valley IronPigs! Even if you're not a fan of baseball, we think you'll find these facts and stats from their 2020 History Book rather interesting.

IronPigs All Time Attendance Records:

Total Fans: 7,295,413

Total Fans (Average Per Game): 8,936

Total Openings: 822

Largest Single-Game attendance (vs. Phillies, 3/30/08): 10,188

Largest Two-Game Series (3x; Last: 8/29-8/30/14 vs SWB): 20,200

Largest Three-Game Series (vs. GWN, 5/8-5/10/15): 30,223

Largest Four-Game Series (vs. DUR, 6/14-6/17/12): 40,167

Regular Season Sellouts, All-Time (Crowds over 8,089): 560

Most Consecutive Sellouts (5/3/11-4/6/12): 55

Regular Season Sellouts, Maximum Capacity: 210

The Lehigh Valley IronPigs became the first minor league baseball team to have its entire 72-game home schedule televised live in 2008. For the tenth consecutive season, all IronPigs home games air on a four-station network created with Service Electric Cable TV, Inc. In addition to the games airing on SECTV (TV2), the telecasts are also carried live on Service Electric Cablevision, Blue Ridge Cable, and WYLN 35.

The network airs each home game to more than 900,000 households in Eastern PA and Western NJ.

WFMZ Channel 69 televises all IronPigs home Saturday games in addition to other select games. The partnership will allow for the entire Lehigh Valley to receive IronPigs telecasts, as WFMZ is carried on all local cable stations and satellite providers and can be picked up by antenna.

All games on the IronPigs TV Network powered by Service Electric feature a 35-minute pre-game show and a post-game show.