



A monthly newsletter for BELD customers, March 2008

Big savings and extra features are really good reasons to subscribe to BELD Broadband's digital phone service

"I would much rather give my money to the town of Braintree than to a huge company like Verizon," said Braintree resident Carol-ann Murray, who tried Verizon's much-hyped phone service and then switched back to BELD Broadband.

Mrs. Murray discovered that Verizon would have charged her \$80 every time they came to her house—even if the issue was on their end. She was thrilled to learn that **BELD Broadband makes FREE service calls** for visits relating to wiring, equipment, and customer education.

Loaded with features

Along with significant cost savings over traditional phone service, BELD Broadband's digital phone service is loaded with extra features. **For one low monthly fee, you can call anywhere in the continental U.S. and Canada** and get popular extras such as voicemail, caller ID, call waiting, three-way calling, call forwarding, call transferring, call blocking, do not disturb and more.

BELD Broadband's digital phone service also includes voicemail to email, web-based account management, and voicemail retrieval. **You can listen to your calls from anywhere, on any phone, or via any web browser.**

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Forward incoming calls or make them ring simultaneously at home, work, on your cell phone or any phone you'd like.

You can even set up your system to send you an email message when someone leaves you a voicemail. And these are just a few of the innovative features you'll enjoy with BELD Broadband's digital phone service!

No special software

No special software is required to get phone service from BELD Broadband—in fact, **you don't even need a computer.** Installation is simple—you can either do it yourself or our technicians can do it for you for a small fee. And as with all of BELD Broadband's services, **there are no yearly contracts and no hidden fees.**

BELD Broadband digital phone calls travel securely over our reliable cable and fiber optic network. Other digital phone providers are not able to guarantee end-to-end call quality because they use the crowded public Internet.

We appreciate your support of your hometown electric and broadband department. **Call BELD Broadband at 348.BELD (2353) to sign up for digital phone service today.**

How to dispose of used Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

BELD encourages all our customers to consider converting high-use standard light bulbs to CFLs. Benefits include significant energy savings and greatly increased operating life over standard bulbs.

Concerns about the small amounts of mercury found in CFLs, however, have led to new guidelines for disposal. The Recycling Committee instructs users to handle used CFL's as hazardous waste and NOT put them in the trash.

The bulbs, along with the old fluorescent type, can be dropped off during normal business hours at the Salvaggio Recycling Center on Ivory Street: Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri, 1-4 p.m., or Sat, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Or they can be turned in at any household hazardous waste event—the next one is May 17. There is no cost for disposal.

Call 781.794.8237 with your recycling questions.



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Braintree Choral Society Scholarship

High school seniors from Braintree public and private schools may apply now for the third annual \$500 music scholarship being awarded by the Braintree Choral Society. The award will be presented to a high school senior who intends to continue his/her education in a music program. **Postmark deadline for applications is March 31.** Information is available on the Choral Society's website www.braintreesings.org or by emailing braintreechoral@yahoo.com. Applications are available from music directors at area high schools. The award will be presented at the Choral Society's spring concert on Saturday, May 3. Information about the Choral Society and its spring concert is available on the website or from Choral Society president Paula Tennant at Braintree Choral Society, P.O. Box 850182, Braintree, MA 02185.

Benefit for Dianne DeVanna Center

Please join us on **Saturday, April 5**, for an Italian Dinner to benefit the Diane DeVanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The dinner will be held at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, at the corner of Church and Elm Streets, Braintree, and there will be two seatings—at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for those under 12 or over 65) and may be reserved by calling 781.843.1388.

Ross Elementary School Fundraiser

Join us for a comedy night, silent auction, raffles, dinner & dessert on **Saturday, April 5**, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty Street. Comedy by Braintree's own Mark Riley. Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table for 8. For tickets, call Chris McAuley at 781.843.1449. To place an ad, call Katie McMullin at 781.849.0107.

Braintree Autism Network meeting

Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons, BANDS Together, will meet **Monday, April 14**, 7:30 p.m., at Emmanuel Parish, 519 Washington Street, Braintree. The meeting is open to all parents or guardians of children who live in Braintree and have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or live elsewhere but attend school in Braintree and have an ASD. This is an opportunity to network and support one another—there is no cost or obligation, and membership is confidential. Please call Natasha Chomas at 781.356.4740 for more information.

AARP meeting April 15

Braintree AARP Chapter #4042 will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, April 15**, 1:30 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty Street. The guest speaker will be Diane Donnarumma from the Red Cross. She'll highlight the benefits provided by the Red Cross—including disaster relief, recruitment of donors, blood donations, and other volunteer services. Call Frank Bocchino at 781.848.4293 for additional information.

First Annual Spring Auction at Union Congregational Church

Union Congregational Church will hold its First Annual Spring Auction and 50/50 Raffle on **Saturday, April 19**, 5-8 p.m., preceded by dinner at 4 p.m. catered by Maria's Restaurant. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Call the church at 781.843.1333 for more information.

Braintree Women's Club Fashion Show

Braintree Women's Club will hold its annual fashion show on **Sunday, April 20**, 12-4 p.m., at Lombardo's in Randolph. A complete luncheon will be served. Fashions from Coldwater Creek will be shown, and there will be many gifts and prizes. Tickets are \$35 each—all proceeds will benefit the BWC scholarship fund and many other charitable organizations. For ticket information, call Marta Googins at 781.848.4768 or Carolyn Loud at 781.380.0130, ext. 112.

Friends of the Braintree Council on Aging hold 2nd Annual "Senior Prom"

Make your reservations now for the 2nd Annual "Senior Prom," to take place at noon, **Sunday, April 27**, at the Weymouth Elks Club, 1197 Washington Street, Weymouth. There will be dinner and dancing to the music of 'The Swingin' Seniors, and tickets are \$25 each. **Reservations are due no later than April 9**—call Bertha Tuerck at 781.848.5849.

Stepping Out for Hospice Walk

The Stepping Out for Hospice 10th Memorial Walk will take place **Sunday, April 27**, at the Irish Cultural Centre, Canton. Registration begins at 11 a.m., and the walk takes place at noon. Old Colony Hospice—your Community Hospice—needs walkers, volunteers, and corporate sponsors to help us reach our fundraising goals. For more information, email Linda Werman at lwerman@oldcolonyhospice.com or call her at 781.341.4147, ext. 204.

Free evening legal clinic

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic at the Quincy District Court on **Tuesday, April 29**, 6-8 p.m. Area residents seeking legal advice can meet with an attorney in a confidential, one-on-one consultation. Contact Adrienne Clarke at 617.471.9693.

Hazardous Waste Collection May 17

Hazardous waste, TVs, and computer monitors will be collected **Saturday, May 17**—watch for more information or call 781.794.8237. You can also take your hazardous waste to the Clean Harbors facility off Quincy Avenue any Saturday morning, 8 a.m.-noon, April through November. Call during the week for pricing, hours, and directions—781.380.7177.

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PAYMENT LOCATIONS

150 Potter Road

Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customer Service is open until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Drop boxes

Top of Potter Road & Town Hall.

Braintree Cooperative Bank

1010 Washington St.
372 Washington St.

Direct Payment

Call BELD at 781.348.2353.

Online payments

www.beld.com

BROADBAND HELP DESK

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Public Meetings are usually held monthly. Call 781.348.2353 or check www.beld.com to confirm time and date.

COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Reynolds, Chair
Anthony Agnitti, Vice Chair
James Regan, Secretary

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, April 21
Patriot's Day



Save a bundle!

BELD Broadband bundles digital phone and high-speed Internet for just \$50 a month for three months—with free installation. (Restrictions apply.) Give us a copy of your current phone bill and enjoy the benefits of BELD Broadband's reliable phone and 15 Mbps Internet service for the lowest price in town. Call customer service at 348.BELD (2353) to sign up today.