



What are the Walden Internet Villages?

Walden Internet Villages is an exciting integration of today's leading computer and networking technologies into a vibrant and dynamic cyber-savvy community of outstanding individuals. Imagine a home of the highest quality, crafted with the highest standards of design; both aesthetical and practical. Add a high-speed switched Ethernet network that enables you to communicate, collaborate and contribute with your employer or with family and friends, -- all from the comfort of your home.

It's not just the bandwidth, its the community also!

What do we mean by community, you may be asking? Simple. People are neighborly. People work together, play together, hang out together. Why? Because they share the same interests, same passions, same professional interests. That's what our community is all about, the coming together of like people.

There is a lot of rhetoric about how the Internet brings people from far and wide closer together. But for many in today's city life, there is no greater stranger than the one who lives next door. We think that's wrong. We are uniquely using the Internet to bring people who are close together geographically closer together socially.

What do Walden Residents do?

While many of the residents at Walden Internet Villages share a passion for computers, they use them for many different things. Some for design and multimedia, some for programming and some for composing music. Whatever their talent, Walden has an environment that encourages them to share their skills and even collaborate.

"I've only lived here a month and I can't see why I would ever leave. The Internet connection is faster than my office, and has possibilities I'm sure I can't even think of. But that's not all; the community is great. The Users' Group helps bring us together and find out about each other, making your neighbor a friend instead of just another stranger, that's the best form of security. The management actually cares, and listens, and makes a concerted effort to constantly improve the complex. The management's attentiveness together with the Users' Group allows the residents to actually participate in the evolution of the community."

-- Reverend Joe, resident, Network Administrator, Multimedia Publishing

What can I do with Walden's high-speed network connection?

PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS

Walden's high-speed Internet connection opens up a whole universe of opportunities to explore. From starting your own home business to learning how to run a network, Walden's unique environment empowers you to achieve in ways not imagined. Many current residents have used Walden's fast connection to pursue a home business on the Internet. If it were not for living at Walden, this entrepreneurial dream would not be within their grasp.

"Walden of Westchase's high-speed Internet access allows me to host my organization (ZiaNET) and its projects with minimal downtime and amazing throughput for member access. It is rare to see an apartment complex with such a forward-thinking management that they offer you [such fast] Internet access at... such an affordable rate."

-- Reagen Ward, resident

- n **Information Professional:** If you rely on the rapid access to and exchange of information to succeed, then Walden is right place for you. Graphic artists living at Walden frequently connect directly to their service bureau and transfer large files in just minutes, allowing them to focus less time on communication and more time on designing.
- n **Computer Consultant:** Imagine instant access to betas, patches, demos, hardware drivers, technical support in addition to the incredible technical support available free of charge both from Walden's community and from the Internet online community.
- n **Financial Professional:** the NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, BOLSA, TSE and NIKKO index are just a click away at any time. Run neck-and-neck with the big bulls on Wall Street by rapidly gleaming information from World news sources, corporate web sites, regulatory agencies and global financial markets. Walden's Internet connection can empower you to attain the financial prosperity you seek and rightly deserve.



ENTERTAINMENT

If you have surfed the 'Net on a mere 56 Kbps connection, you know that outrageous lag and low bandwidth can put a damper on anyone's interactive enjoyment. That's not the case at Walden. Using our 'Big Pipe,' discover games and multimedia as they were meant to be. For example, enjoy:

- n LAN multi-player games
- n Listening to on-line radio & music streams
- n Real-Time multimedia chatting
- n Streaming multimedia entertainment
- n Videoconferencing with distant friends
- n Hosting your own hobbyist/SIG web site
- n Perusing 17,000 newsgroups

"Quake2 absolutely rocks at 100 Mbps!(I thought T1 speeds were fast...) Thanks to Walden Internet Villages, I'm that LPB I used to hate!"

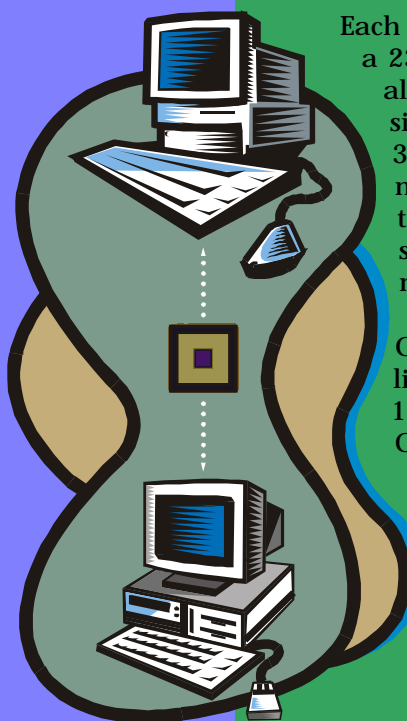
*-- Christian Carroll, resident,
Graphic Designer, BSI Consulting*

WALDEN INTERNET VILLAGES CAFE AND MEETING AREA

- n Spacious hi-tech computer lab
- n 60+ 100Mbps connections to our Internet T3
- n Meeting and conferencing area
- n Coffee, beverage and snack bar
- n Multimedia theater with a 120" screen & 500 watt sound system to watch movies, Internet broadcasts, and, of course, Star Trek & The X-Files

CUTTING EDGE SERVICES

- n 10/100 Mbps switched Ethernet connections
- n Dedicated T3 (45 Mbps) to the Internet
- n Prewired LAN/Internet, cable and telephone connections in major living areas
- n Customized concierge (Intranet) site
- n DNS entries
- n Static IPs
- n Multiple e-mail accounts
- n Community news groups
- n Mailing lists
- n Access to color laser printers and other high-end peripherals
- n 84+ gigabyte central file server and file servers on each property
- n Quake II (and other) games servers
- n Monthly LAN gaming parties
- n Monthly users group meetings



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Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

What makes or breaks an internet service is always the bandwidth. How fast can you really go. Our goal in the design of Walden's MAN and Internet backbone was simple enough: "Lets give em so much bandwidth that its their computer that becomes the bottleneck". We think we did that.

Each principal Walden property scheduled to go online will have a 45 Mbps ATM connection, over fiber, to the Network Operation Center of Time Warner Telecommunications. There they will share a 45 Mbps capacity to the Internet and enjoy 45 Mbps access to each other. Yes, while most companies are expounding the joys of the mighty T1, Walden internet Villages put you in the driver's seat of a T3 -- thirty T1s put together!

Walden Local Area Network (LAN)

Knowing that Walden would attract many hardcore computer enthusiasts who routinely push their PC to its limits, we sought to design a Local Network that could stand being pushed 100% 24/7. How did we do this? Gigabit backbones and Layer 3 10/100 switches.

Each XYLAN Omniswitch Chassis at Walden has a 23 gigabit per second backplane at its core, allowing for up to 224 100Mbps connections simultaneously. These chassis also boast Layer 3 switching (aka hardware routing). This means that rather than route local traffic through software, special chips have been designed to route packets at speeds of up to 2 million packets per second.

On properties where the network diameter limits our use of a central chassis, Omnistack 10/100 Layer 3 switches are employed, with OC-3 (155 Mbps fiber) uplinks to a switch with a 4 gigabit per second backplane.

Regardless of the property you choose, Walden Internet Villages puts you on a fast, bleeding edge network, engineered with excellence and overkill in mind.

Five Convenient Locations

Walden Internet Villages are conveniently located throughout the Houston area. Presently we have communities in the Westchase, Galleria, Westheimer Corridor, Medical Center and Southwest areas. Virtually any location in Houston is rapidly and conveniently accessible from one of our communities.

WESTCHASE 2828 ROGERDALE

n Lush tropical paradise in the heart of Houston

GALLERIA 5151 RICHMOND

n Live in the Galleria area near the hustle & bustle of Houston's upscale district.

WESTHEIMER CORRIDOR 2530 BRIAR RIDGE

n Nestled conveniently between the Memorial and Galleria areas

MEDICAL CENTER 3822 N. BRAESWOOD

n Minutes to Rice University & Houston's world renowned Medical Center

SOUTHWEST HOUSTON 5900 RANCHESTER

n Affordable housing and high-speed 10 megabit Internet access

10/100 Mbps LAN

**T3 Internet Connection
(45 Mbps)**



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