### THE COPPER WIRE



# CONSTRUCTING THE FUTURE

Copper Valley Telecom is dedicated to bringing you the best services available. Over the summer, our crews are tirelessly at work to build and upgrade the infrastructure that provides you with state-of-theart technology throughout our wild and spectacular region of Alaska. CVT contractors and crews will be alongside the road system and on and around properties within the service area.

This season CVT is working on an unprecedented number of new Fiber-to-the-Home builds, bringing fiber internet to over 1300 new households and businesses! Crews are now working in all of the areas slated for Fiber-to-the-Home construction, including Valdez Mobile Home Park, Zook Subdivision, Valdez Airport Area, Glennallen Proper, Sourdough Camp Area, Gulkana Village, Gakona Area, Mentasta Village, Tazlina River to Klutina, Klutina River to Grizzly, Chitina Area, and the Serendipity Area.

As for construction projects on CVT's wireless services, installation of a new Advanced Wireless Service system (AWS) in Glennallen wrapped up in July, bringing faster data speeds to the Glennallen area. Since the beginning of the year, CVT has implemented AWS to the Heney Ridge, Ocean Beauty, & Tripod Hill cell sites which drastically increased wireless speeds throughout Cordova.

Two new solar and propane-powered buildings have been added to the infrastructure of the incredible new off-the-grid Paxson cell site, and the site continues to undergo construction. Work on the new Rendezvous site has just begun, and six additional new cell sites are currently in various stages of design, procurement, permitting, and construction.

Additionally, wooden pole towers are being replaced by taller, steel monopoles towers and are scheduled to be completed and active in August throughout the Nelchina, Glennrich, Tazlina, Silver Springs, Heidenview, and Robe River areas.

The phased shutdown of the aging CDMA network continued when the Cannon Hill, Silver Springs, and 7-Mile cell sites were converted to VoLTE only during the past month. The Robe River, Nelchina, and Glennrich cell sites are also set to sunset CDMA in August. Please visit cvtc.org/construction or call 800.235.5414 to learn more.





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## **2021 BOARD** ELECTION RESULTS

Visit cvtc.org/VoLTE to learn more.

Copper Valley Telecom would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Odis Scott Brawner Jr., Mike Rego, and Trish Stowe on their election and re-elections to the Board of Directors.

We would also like to thank Joey Virgin and Rob Chaffin, who retired from the Board of Directors at this time, for all of their many contributions to Copper Valley Telecom over the years. Thank you to all the candidates who ran for a Director seat, and Congratulations to those elected to represent our members.



#### CVT's 24th Annual High-Five Triathlon

August 7th, 2021. Visit cvt.org to register for this event

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**The Copper Wire Quiz** 

Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

August 2021

Answer all three questions below correctly, tear off, then mail or drop off at the Glennallen or Valdez business office. Return by the 10th of the month to ensure your entry is included in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to the last issue's winners, **JASON SEVERS** (Glennallen) and **HOPE VANDERMEULEN** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!** 

| 3. List one of the amazing positions CVT is currently hiring for?                |  |
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| 2. Name two areas that are slated for Fiber-to-the-Home construction, this year? |  |
| 1. Name one of the four cell sites that recently recieved an AWS upgrade.        |  |

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