

SAVE THE DATE! ***ANNUAL MEETINGS***

MAY 10TH

GLENNALLEN
DISTRICT

MAY 12TH

VALDEZ

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and stand against child abuse and neglect. Copper Valley Telecom is committed to building a brighter future for all members of our communities. To help bring awareness, we will be displaying installations provided by the Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center of blue pinwheels (the symbol of

National Child Abuse Prevention Month) outside of storefronts in both Glennallen and Valdez.

If you would like to learn more about what you can do to help prevent child abuse in our communities, visit the Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center's website at crbcac.org, or visit Alaska Children's Trust at alaskachildrenstrust.org.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

In September of last year, Copper Valley Telecom launched AURORA Wi-Fi, which is an enhanced approach to leasing and managing your internet equipment. AURORA Wi-Fi includes many services, from Wi-Fi mapping and equipment placement to 24/7 remote assistance and troubleshooting. One of the benefits is access to the CVT Connect app.

CVT Connect puts control of your whole-home network in the palm of your hand. Downloadable from both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store, CVT Connect easily links to your AURORA Tower just by scanning the QR code on the bottom of the device. Once linked, you will be able to manage users, devices, and passwords at the touch of a button.

Copper Valley Telecom also offers some exciting add-on features to AURORA Wi-Fi that can be accessed

through your CVT Connect app. For just \$8 a month, Experience IQ offers easy-to-use in-app parental controls with real-time alerts and provides an internet experience tailored specifically to each user in your home. Protect IQ provides an innovative solution to increasingly sophisticated viruses through network-level malware protection for only \$5 a month. You can purchase these powerful add-ons separately or save by adding the AURORA Experience Bundle to your AURORA Wi-Fi for an additional \$10 a month.

If you already have an AURORA Tower in your home, download the CVT Connect app today to maximize your AURORA Wi-Fi experience.

Still need to switch to the AURORA Tower? Please reach out to our customer service department at 800.235.5414 to talk about signing up for AURORA Wi-Fi and experiencing internet at northern light speed!



ANNUAL MEETINGS ^{OF} THE MEMBERS

Copper Valley Telecom is excited to announce that this year's Annual Meetings of the Members will be held in person, once again! Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative membership is defined by an active subscription to a landline. Members of the Glennallen District are invited to join us on May 10th at Glennallen High School. Members of the Valdez District are invited to join us on May 12th at the Valdez Civic Center.

The Meetings of the Members are a great place to get updates on what your local telecom cooperative has been doing in the last year and make your voice heard. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear important announcements, recognize scholarship winners, learn the Board of Director election results, and even win some fantastic prizes! This year's meetings will feature a buffet-style

dinner provided by incredible caterers who are local to the district they will be serving.

Leading up to the meetings, watch for the CVTC ballot packets to arrive in the mail. The ballot packets contain information on the Board of Director candidates up for election in your member district. Ballot packets are scheduled to arrive in the mail the week of April 11th. Ballots can not be returned to the stores and must be mailed back to Copper Valley Telecom by 5 pm on May 3rd.

We look forward to seeing you all in person! Copper Valley Telecom will provide face masks and hand sanitizer for those who would like to utilize them. For more information, please call us at 800.235.5414 or visit cvtc.org, and follow us on social media for upcoming details.

THE DIRT ON CONSTRUCTION

Copper Valley Telecom is gearing up for another monumental year of Fiber-to-the-Home construction to achieve our Alaska Plan goals. The Alaska Plan is an FCC program that provides funding to drastically improve and expand broadband and wireless services throughout our state. CVT is proud to be not only meeting but exceeding the goals outlined in this ten-year program.

This season, Copper Valley Telecom will conduct Fiber-to-the-Home construction along the New Edgerton 0-20 mile, Old Edgerton 0-10.5 mile, and Richardson 54-91 mile. This will result in 483 new fiber install locations.

Copper Valley Telecom's outstanding teams of contractors and employees have already begun the process of clearing and surveying as we prepare to bring fiber internet to even more communities in our area. The early start of the season allows us to use the frozen ground to extend the construction season, reach more customers, and reduce our environmental impact by minimizing disruptions to the local ecosystem.

The construction that was completed in 2021 will allow for in-home installations this summer, and our staff will contact current customers when installation becomes available in their area. Likewise, this year's construction will allow for in-home installations in 2023.

During this busy construction season, CVT will also be expanding LTE coverage throughout Thompson Pass and in areas between Sourdough Creek and Paxson. Additional projects will fill in gaps in connectivity along Richardson Highway south of Willow Mountain. We are excited about this new construction season as we continue to build connections that matter.

Give us a call at 800.235.5414 or visit cvtc.org/construction to learn more about these exciting projects.





BOGO SALE!

Buy any device and get the next **FREE!***

*Must be connected to a line of service. Some restrictions apply. See store for details.



Hunt-Around-Town EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Join Copper Valley Telecom in an Easter celebration egg-stravaganza! We will be celebrating with a Hunt-Around-Town scavenger hunt April 11th-15th! In Valdez, Glennallen, and Cordova CVT will hide five eggs daily at various locations around town. Be sure to check out our website daily at cvtc.org for our hints and clues to where you might find them. Win anything from discounts to prizes. Find the golden egg and win a free phone of your choice! You won't want to miss this; it's bound to be an egg-cellent time!

UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER HUNT-AROUND-TOWN: April 11-15. In celebration of Easter which is April 17th.
EARTH DAY: April 22. CVT volunteers will be participating in a Valdez session of Adopt-A-Highway.
ANNUAL MEETINGS: May 10 in Glennallen & May 12 in Valdez.

Visit www.cvtc.org for more information.

The CVT Connection Quiz

Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

April 2022

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, **ASHLEY M. HICKS** (Glennallen) and **WILLIAM SMITH** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. What are the dates of CVT's Annual Meetings? _____
2. What is the name of Copper Valley Telecom's app for managing your home network? _____
3. Where is the golden egg hiding in this Newsletter? _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____



CVTC Board Members: Trish Stowe (P), Ryan Morgan (VP), Karen Linnell (Sec/Tres), Odis "Scott" Brawner Jr., Scott Malone, Mike Rego, Jennie Sodergren, and Terry Valentine