

March 2022

THE CVT CONNECTION

# SAMSUNG Galaxy S22 Series



Galaxy S22, S22+, S22 Ultra are rated as IP68. Based on test conditions for submersion in up to 1.5 meters of freshwater for up to 30 minutes. Not advised for beach or pool use. S Pen and functionality only available with Galaxy S22 Ultra.

# THIS JUST IN...

The past few years have seen extreme chip shortages across the globe that have affected every industry. This shortage has led to reductions in smartphones being manufactured and resulted in a less diverse selection being made available to retailers.

We know that our customers have been longing for more choices when it comes time to purchase their next device, which is why we are incredibly excited to announce the enhanced selection now available at Copper Valley Telecom.

New devices in our lineup include Samsung's foldable Z Flip3 and Z Fold3, as well as the Samsung A42, which packs a lot of bang for your buck at only \$399, and CVT has secured all sizes in a large assortment of colors for the new Samsung S22 series phone. Additional iPhone 13 series devices and iPads of all varieties are also on their way!

So visit our website at [cvtc.org/](http://cvtc.org/) devices or stop by one of our stores today to find the device that's right for you!

## 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.

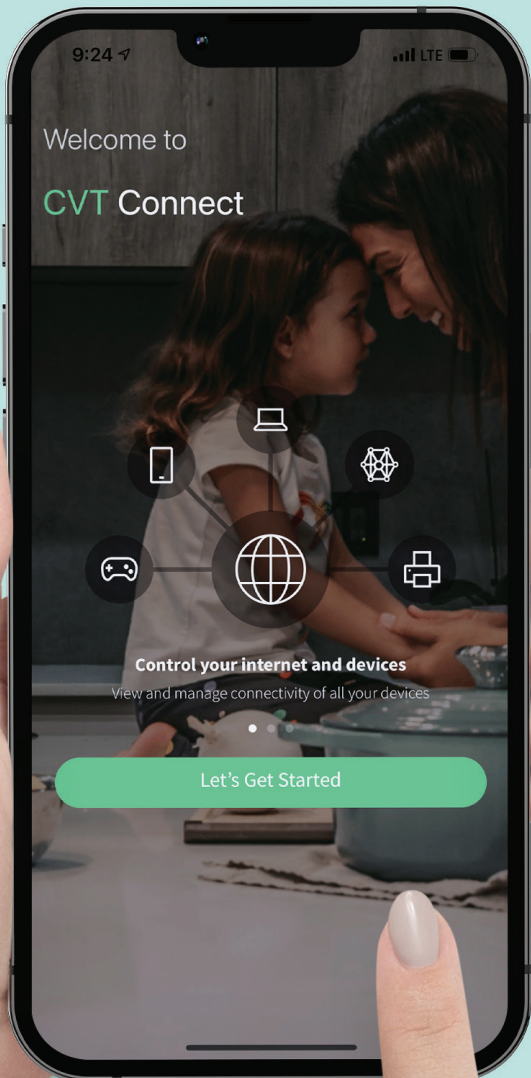
CVT Connect puts control of your whole-home network in the palm of your hand. Downloadable from both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store, CVT Connect easily links to your AURORA Tower just by scanning the QR code on the bottom of the device. Once linked, you will be able to manage users, devices,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



# 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 in the areas from Old Edgerton to lower Tonsina, including Kenny Lake area, and along Grizzly to Tiekkel. This will result in 483 new fiber install locations.

You can expect to see Copper Valley Telecom's outstanding teams of contractors and employees alongside the road system as early as March as we bring fiber internet to even more communities in our area. The early start to the season will allow us to use the frozen ground to our advantage to extend the construction season, reach more customers, and reduce our environmental impact by minimizing disruptions to the local ecosystem.

The construction 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](https://cvtc.org/construction) to learn more about these exciting projects.

In preparation for the 2022 construction season, Copper Valley Telecom is hosting a Fiber to the Home Public Meeting on March 1st at the Kenny Lake Community Hall. Stakeholders are invited join us from 6-8pm to ask meaningful questions and receive answers on how the construction plans will affect communities.

Please visit [cvtc.org/construction](https://cvtc.org/construction) for more details.

## CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Copper Valley Telecom is looking for CVTC Members interested in volunteering for several upcoming committees.

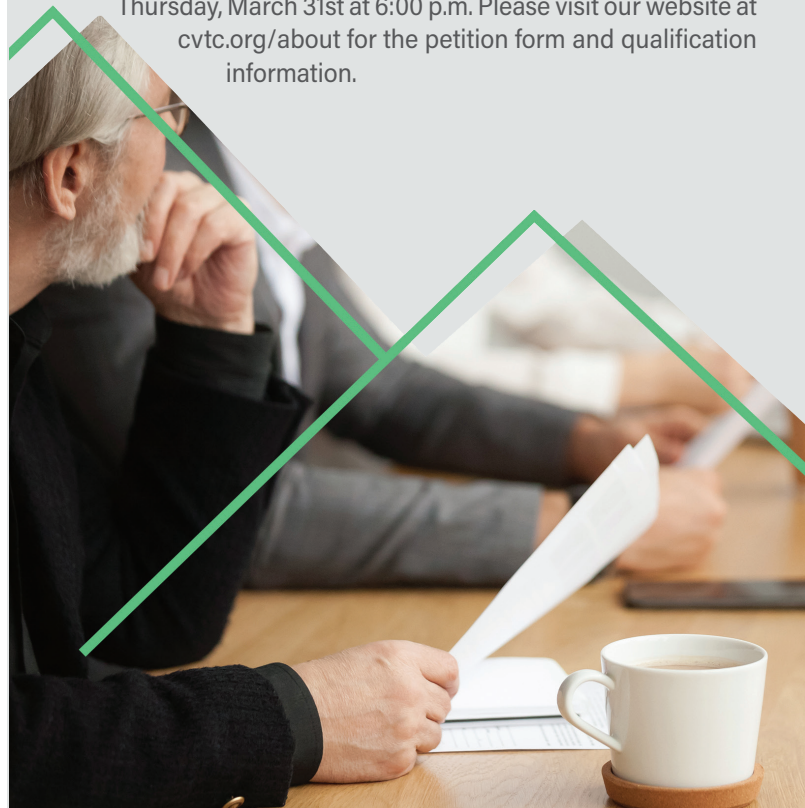
The 2022 Scholarship Committee is looking for four volunteers from Valdez and Glennallen. This committee is responsible for assessing scholarship applications and assigning the distribution of available funds.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to serve on the 2022 Annual Meeting Credentials and Election Committee. Per CVT bylaws, "The Committee shall consist of an uneven number of Cooperative members not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, Directors or known candidates for Director, and who are not close relatives as defined in Section 4.3[a] of the bylaws." Applications for the 2022 Annual Meeting Credentials and Election Committee must be submitted by March 15th.

Committee volunteers must be CVTC members in good standing without any conflict of interest. If you are interested in volunteering for either committee, please visit [cvtc.org/volunteer](https://cvtc.org/volunteer) to sign up today!

## JOIN THE CVTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Are you interested in joining the CVT Board of Directors? All candidates for election to the Board of Directors must be nominated by petition. The petition must be signed by fifteen (15) or more cooperative members and submitted no later than Thursday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. Please visit our website at [cvtc.org/about](https://cvtc.org/about) for the petition form and qualification information.





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Switch to an Unlimited Data plan and get one month FREE on that line. Both new and existing lines are eligible.



## COPPER VALLEY TELECOM SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, CVT will grant \$23,500 worth of scholarships to graduating seniors. In addition to the scholarship provided by Copper Valley Telecom, we also promote scholarships from The Alaska Telephone Association (ATA) and The Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) and sponsor up to two applicants for the FRS Youth Tour.

The student must reside within CVT's service area to apply for the CVT scholarship. Their parents or guardians must be current members of Copper Valley Telecom or be wireless customers in Cordova or another area where landline service is not offered. The deadline to apply for CVT scholarships is March 30, 2022. After that date, the scholarship committee will select the finalists based on the merits of their application and a possible interview.

Applications for ATA scholarships should be submitted by mid-April. Please visit [alaskatel.org/scholarships](http://alaskatel.org/scholarships) for further details. The application period for the FRS scholarship closed on February 25th.

The FRS Youth Tour brings students from rural communities across the nation to Washington, DC, for five days to learn about legislative and government processes and the importance of quality broadband connections. Copper Valley Telecom is proud to sponsor students to attend and see our nation's capital in action. Applications are available on our website.

Please visit [cvtc.org/scholarships](http://cvtc.org/scholarships) for more information on all of these exciting programs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIBER TO THE HOME PUBLIC MEETING:** March 1st. Community stakeholders are invited to join us for a public meeting on this seasons Fiber to the Home construction.

Visit [www.cvtc.org](http://www.cvtc.org) for more information.

**The CVT Connection Quiz**

**Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit**

**March 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, **GLORIA STICKWAN** (Glennallen) and **RONALD & BONNIE WOODS** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. How many members make up the Annual Meeting Credentials and Election Committee? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which color of the new Samsung Galaxy S22 are you most excited to see Black, White, Pink, or Burgundy? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of CVT's app for managing your wi-fi experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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