



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Copper Valley Telecom started in 1961 as ten incorporators seeking to offer telephone services to their community and has grown into a flourishing cooperative that continues to provide essential state-of-the-art communication services (telephone, long distance, internet, wireless & Small Business IT Solutions) in Valdez, Glennallen, Cordova, and in between.

That same dedication and spirit of perseverance continue to drive us into the future as we work to bring you even greater advancements in the New Year!



THE DIRT ON CONSTRUCTION

In the summer of 2016, the FCC adopted the Alaska Plan, which provides funding to drastically improve and expand broadband and wireless services throughout our state. Copper Valley Telecom is proud to be not only meeting but exceeding the goals outlined in this ten-year program.

Over the past two years, we have laid the groundwork to bring fiber internet to over 1700 new households and businesses. Copper Valley Telecom started the 2022 construction season with frozen ground, eager to lessen our environmental impact and complete 483 new fiber install locations! We conducted construction along the New Edgerton 0-20 mile, Old Edgerton 0-10.5 mile, and Richardson Highway 54-91 mile. We use directional drilling to cross streams, rivers, and highways to reach all those new fiber drops across the rugged Alaskan wilderness.

The construction completed in 2022 will allow for in-home installations this summer, and our staff will contact current customers when installation becomes available in their area.

Get ready for yet another busy construction season coming 2023! You can expect to see Copper Valley Telecom's outstanding teams of contractors and employees alongside the road system again as we bring fiber internet to even more communities in our area. Give us a call at 800.235.5414 or visit cvtc.org/construction to learn more about these exciting projects as we continue to build connections that matter!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Community connection is a strong focus here at Copper Valley Telecom!

We are proud to support our service communities in a variety of ways. From scholarships for graduating seniors to donations in support of athletic and activity programs, local preschool, safety bags, and more, we love to see our youth thrive!

This year alone, Copper Valley Telecom supported over 20 different programs and events such as the 300 Copper Basin Sled Dog Race, Project Santa,

Valdez Museum, Kenny Lake Community League, American Cancer Society and many others with a combination of cash donation, in-kind phone service, WIFI, speakers, iPad, AirPods & more. We look forward to expanding our support even more in the year to come. Contact us at marketing@cvtc.org to learn how CVT can donate to your nonprofit, athletics and activities programs, fundraisers, and charity events!

Copper Valley Telecom has also come together to be a part of community events for over 60 years. Whether it is Valdez Gold Rush Days, Cordova Ice Worm

Festival, volunteering for ROAR recycling, or festivals in the Copper Basin area, CVT is always excited to get involved.

This year, we had a Family Fun Picnic in Valdez and Glennallen to show our appreciation to our customers! Fun was had by all ages with hot dogs, bounce houses, cotton candy and games. Preparations are already underway to grow the fun and bring our

community together again for 2023!

Your local Co-ops also joined forces on the first successful pumpkin patch in Valdez and the second in Copper River Basin! We handed out over 500 pumpkins to family's and donated over 824 pounds of food to local food banks!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Copper Valley Telecom is looking for volunteers for the 2023 Scholarship Committee to assess the scholarship applications. Scholarship Committee volunteers must be CVT members in good standing without conflicts of interest. Volunteers will also be reimbursed for eligible mileage expenses. Please visit cvtc.org/volunteer to apply today!

WE'VE GONE **INTERNATIONAL** SO THAT YOU CAN TOO!

At Copper Valley Telecom, we know that when you travel, you want your wireless service to travel with you. This is why we were so excited to announce that all of our Unlimited Nationwide Data plans now include FREE calling and texting from Canada and Mexico! If you need to use your data while roaming in Canada or Mexico we have you covered with the first gigabit of data on us. A nominal fee is charged per

every gigabit used after.

That's not all, though! This year also saw the launch of our international dialing plans so that you can add to your wireless service to keep in touch with your friends and loved ones who are located all across the globe! Visit cvtc.org or call 800.235.5414 to learn more about our world-class wireless service, now with a worldwide reach!

WHAT'S UP WITH *WIRELESS*

You don't just want the best service living in our beautiful and remote corner of Alaska; you need it! We work to serve your needs by continuing the expansion of our VoLTE network adding new cell sites every year. This year we added multiple new cell sites!

A new cell site at Gulkana Airport provides coverage along the nearby stretch of Richardson Highway as well as to the previously underserved airport area. Tolsona Creek cell site now fills coverage in the significant dip in the road by the Ranch House RV Park and Tolsona Wilderness Campground. Thompson Pass cell site behind the DOT station has been constructed and awaits the placement of fiber after the arrival of early winter conditions.

Copper Valley Telecom has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon, so stay tuned to find out what's planned for the 2023 construction season!

The CVT Connection Quiz

Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

January 2023

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, **Catherine Perrett** (Glennallen) and **Crista Andersen** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. How many pounds of food was donated to the food bank? _____
2. Which cell site adds coverage to the Ranch RV and the Tolsona Wilderness Campground? _____
3. What data plan now includes free texting and calling in Mexico and Canada? _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

