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The Future Moves Fast(er)

Nuvera's Gig Cities construction is well underway for the second year.

Nuvera is investing \$200 million dollars into the largest infrastructure project in company history, building fiber connections that are fast, reliable, and ready for what's next.

Nuvera's teams are experienced experts at managing our network to deliver fast, reliable connections to our customers. When Nuvera's network experienced unprecedented shifts in demand during the pandemic, our teams proactively monitored network capacity and moved quickly to engineer and scale up the network in real-time to ensure the highest quality service to our customers.

The current data and trends show the steady growth in internet usage in everyday lives will continue to increase exponentially. Consider:

- Broadband usage has doubled in the last 5 years by consumers.
- Nuvera's average customer is increasing in use by 25% every year.
- The average home is predicted to have 20 connected devices by 2025.

Our investment in building a 100% fiber-optic network will meet these demands now and into the future.

The next big leap forward in unprecedented demand is probably closer than we think.



This year, Amazon streamed a series of NFL football games with a record 15 million streaming viewers. The Super Bowl had the largest streaming audience in history. As sports fans migrate to streaming and live events continue to attract the largest audiences in history, this will be a big test for wireless 5G and other internet providers who may not have the network capacity to deliver a winning performance.

Gamers already know, Nuvera's fiber is the way to level up. On new game release days, Nuvera's network is carefully monitored for increased activity. Nuvera's symmetrical speed means you get in the game fast without the latency lags that can cost you a win.

Nuvera is hard at work, connecting customers lives to the fiber network that's powered up and ready for today, tomorrow and the game days of the future.

Spring Has Sprung! Construction is Starting!

Customers in this year's fiber build areas have or will start to see our contracting partners roll into their neighborhoods to prep the ground and dive into the next round of Nuvera's \$200 million fiber internet project. Last year, Nuvera connected about 28% of our customers to fiber. This year, we're on target to double those efforts and reach at least 50% of our customers with fiber. Find out if your location is eligible for fiber by going to NuveraGigCities.com and searching your address or call 844.354.4111.



Is Your Phone Listening To You?

Virtual assistant apps like Siri, Google Assistant, Alexa, and Cortana do listen to users to provide assistance, such as making calls or sending texts. Additionally, phones track conversations to serve personalized ads, just like search engines track our activity.

Phones legally listen to us when we give consent through terms and conditions when downloading apps or software updates. However, some spyware or malware can illegally infect smartphones to listen to users. To limit permissions given to applications, users can review microphone permissions granted and disable virtual assistants.

To disable the microphone on an iPhone, go to Settings > Siri & Search and toggle off "Listen for 'Hey Siri,'" "Press Side button for Siri," and "Allow Siri When Locked." On Android devices, go to Settings > Google > Account Services > Search, Assistant & Voice > Voice > Voice Match and toggle off "Hey Google."

To disable microphone access across applications, users can navigate to the specific application settings and toggle off the microphone permission.

Here are some helpful privacy tips for smart phones:

- Verify the apps you download and only download apps from official stores.
- Review app permissions to determine whether or not specific applications really need access to your microphone and, in turn, access to your conversations.
- Delete your voice request history on Google Assistant.
- Consider using a VPN to encrypt your manual browsing activity.
- Keep your software up to date.

For these kinds of helpful, educational tips, follow Nuvera on Facebook!

Source: <https://us.norton.com/blog/how-to/is-my-phone-listening-to-me#>



Nuvera Wireless Offer

For a limited time, get a \$400 new device credit.*

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*New and current 4G HD or 5G customers receive up to \$400 credit on purchase of any new 4G HD/5G smartphone. Cannot be combined with other promotions or used on plans of 300 minutes or lower. Must finance for at least 30 months. Other exclusions may apply.

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Network New Ulm visited the Nuvera central office in New Ulm on April 12. The group was greeted by CEO Glenn Zerbe, who outlined Nuvera's fiber expansion project and then received a behind-the-scenes tour with Senior Network Manager Toby Hermel.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the R.T. Rodenberg Memorial Scholarship. The following is the list of recipients available as this newsletter went to print and may not be the complete list. Follow our Facebook page to see the full list once all the scholarship ceremonies are completed!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Ulm Public High School:
Dean Smith and Aiden Hendrickson• New Ulm Cathedral High School:
Carter Haala• Litchfield High School:
Natalie Randt• Minnesota Valley Lutheran:
Dora Grubbs• Redwood Valley High School:
Evan Cooper | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Springfield High School:
Madyson Dingmann• Hutchinson High School:
Brooke Johnson• Glencoe-Silver Lake High School:
Julia Rakow• Alta-Aurelia High School:
Carson Reinart• Goodhue High School:
Brianna Fitzgerald |
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Nuvera enjoyed participating in home shows and business expos in Redwood Falls, New Ulm and Litchfield this spring. Thank you to all those who stopped by our booth to visit us! Watch for our team at many of the community parades this summer.

If you are interested in purchasing Nuvera Communications, Inc. stock (NUVR), please contact our corporate office.