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**320.587.2323**

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## Nuvera Gig Cities Ready to Ramp Up in Spring

Winter can be a time of hibernation for many construction projects. However critical behind-the-scenes planning and prep work is still taking place on the Nuvera Gig Cities project so that our crew and our construction partners are ready to hit the ground running once it thaws.

The transformation from copper to broadband is a monumental project but Nuvera made great strides in the past year and looks forward to continuing the momentum this year. Nuvera doubled our fiber passings in 2022 and will double them again in 2023.

Our engineers and construction partners are looking ahead to the coming season, reviewing maps, organizing plans, and making sure all the elements are in place for a productive season.

In addition, we have maintained communications with our partners in cities and counties across our construction areas.

We are thankful for their collaboration and assistance in keeping our communities informed of our plans and progress.

At the end of 2022, Nuvera was excited to announce our investment of \$200 million is getting additional momentum to go further into rural areas with more than \$8.6M in grants from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Applications for the next round of DEED grants have now been submitted and we are optimistic about those grant requests, also.

It's impossible to pinpoint the exact timeframe in which the ground will be thawed enough for Nuvera's construction partners to be in the field again, working to bring blazing-fast fiber internet to our communities, but when it is, we'll be ready.

Learn more about our fiber internet project and check for availability at your address at [NuveraGigCities.com](https://NuveraGigCities.com) or call 844.354.4111.

## Small Business Saturday Winners

Congratulations to Nuvera's Small Business Saturday Grand Prize Winner: **Royal Auto Service**, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Goodhue! Entrants were asked to follow Nuvera's Facebook and LinkedIn pages and complete a survey.

Royal Auto Service is an automotive service station and they perform light repairs on vehicles. They offer pay at the pump 24/7 on fuel. During summer months, they also serve eight different flavors of soft serve ice cream. Royal Auto Service is locally owned by Luke Richardson and Ryan Meyer since 2020. You can reach Royal Auto Service by phone at 651.923.4525 or by email at [royalautoservicemn@outlook.com](mailto:royalautoservicemn@outlook.com).

Our runner-up winners of Small Business Saturday were:

### PCA of MN:

[pcaofmn.com](https://pcaofmn.com)  
507.233.7300  
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### The Drapery Place:

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# Cybercrime On the Rise: Protect Yourself With a Few Simple Steps

Cybercriminals are getting smarter and more sophisticated in the ways they target individuals and companies. There are several simple steps you can take to ensure your safety online at home or in the office.

## Passwords

A strong password is your best defense against hackers and is one of the easiest steps you can take.

- Don't use the same password for multiple accounts. Using the same password makes it easy for cybercriminals to gain access to multiple accounts if they are able to crack one password.
- To create a strong password, use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters and avoid using easily guessable information, such as your name or birthdate.
- Use a long passphrase, not just a word or two. For example, you can use a news headline or the title of a book you read. Then add some punctuation and capitalization.
- Don't make your passwords easy to guess, such as the name of your children or pets, or their birthdays.
- Substitute letters with numbers and punctuation marks or symbols.

## Avoid Phishing Scams

Phishing scams are attempts to trick you into giving away personal information by pretending to be a legitimate source.

- Be cautious of unsolicited emails or text messages, and never click on links or provide personal information unless you are certain of the source's legitimacy.
- When you receive an email, call, or a private message on social media claiming to be a government official, family member, or friend requesting personal or financial information, it is more than likely a cybercriminal trying to get sensitive



information from you.

- It is never a good idea to give out your social security number or financial information to anyone unless you are positive it is a source you can trust.

## Other Cyber-Safety Tips Include:

- Be cautious when using public Wi-Fi. Never access sensitive information such as online banking or shopping sites from public Wi-Fi. Using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) while on public Wi-Fi can add an extra layer of protection.
- Be mindful of the personal information you share on social media and other online platforms. Cybercriminals can use this information to steal your identity or target you for a phishing scam.
- Keep your computer and other devices updated with the latest security patches and software updates.

If you have issues with malware on your computer or want to ensure that your device has adequate protection, the tech experts at Nuvera are ready to help you. Call our tech support line at 844.354.4111 or visit [nuvera.net/technology-solutions-support](https://nuvera.net/technology-solutions-support) to learn how we can help you.

Source: [cisa.gov/cybersecurity](https://cisa.gov/cybersecurity); and [ready.gov/cybersecurity](https://ready.gov/cybersecurity)



## Nuvera Wireless Offer

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

[nuverawireless.com](https://nuverawireless.com)

\*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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Nuvera representatives (l-r) Ryan Lohman, Kathy Lund, Greg Gaalswyck, and Nancy Blankenhagen attended the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet where we were honored to be a nominee for Business of the Year.



Thanks to generous donations from community members and employees, Nuvera's Prior Lake location donated 110 toys and 10 books to Toys for Tots this year! Thank you to all who donated and helped to make the holidays a little brighter for children in need.

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