

Zipty Fiber Expanding Gig-Speed Fiber to Vernonia

Build is part of \$500 million investment in expanding broadband in the Northwest

Zipty Fiber has announced plans to build its ultra-high-speed, 100 percent fiber-optic network to and through Vernonia, Oregon. This construction will enable access to "Gig-speed" or Gigabit fiber internet, and fiber-based phone services to more than a thousand residences and businesses for the first time ever in the city.

The company's expansion effort is part of its \$500 million multi-year investment to improve its network and service in both rural and suburban settings throughout its four-state service area and to help bridge the digital divide that many communities like Vernonia have felt for years.

"Smaller cities with rich histories like Vernonia have routinely been overlooked by national providers when it comes to internet infrastructure," said Harold Zeitz, CEO of Zipty Fiber. "That's why, as a Northwest-based company, we're proud to be investing here in Oregon to bring fiber – the fastest internet technology there is – to rural towns, because you shouldn't have to live in a big city to have great internet."

Pre-construction has already begun, with network design and permitting underway. Residents soon will begin to see trucks and crews in the area running fiber both aerially between telephone poles, as well as underground in some areas. The build will take several weeks to complete and will include the installation of network equipment in a new Vernonia-based

Central Office that will house the infrastructure needed to run and manage the network in the area. The company expects to connect its first sets of customers in Vernonia in late January or February.

With no data caps and no annual contracts for residential users, Zipty Fiber's construction project comes at a time when more and more families and businesses are looking for fast and reliable internet to support the on-line needs of daily life in today's world. Those who wish to check their address for future fiber availability, or who would like to sign-up to be alerted when fiber internet is available at their home or business, can register at <https://zipty-fiber.com/vernonia>.

Zipty Fiber's primary service offerings are Fiber Internet and phone for residential customers; Business Fiber Internet and Zipty Voice services for small businesses; and a variety of Internet, networking, and voice solutions for enterprise customers. The company will continue to support Zipty Internet (DSL) customers, and its TV customers in Washington and Oregon. A full listing of products and services can be found at ziptyfiber.com.

Zipty Fiber is local in the Northwest, headquartered in Kirkland, Washington, and has major offices in Everett, Washington, Beaverton, Oregon, and Hayden, Idaho. Most of Zipty Fiber's executive team, which consists of former executives from AT&T, Century-Link, and Wave Broadband, either grew up in the Northwest or have spent the better part of 30 years living here. That local ownership and market familiarity is an important part of the company mindset and culture.

Weyerhaeuser donated 175 pounds of food to the Vernonia Cares Food Pantry December 21, just in time for the holiday season!

Pictured are Roy Behnke, a Vernonia Cares volunteer, and Micky Perry representing Weyerhaeuser corporate.



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