

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT CHARITON VALLEY

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Labor Day celebrates and honors American workers for their daily contributions to our country's prosperity. It is considered the unofficial end of summer and is thought of as the last hurrah before fall begins. Whether you are hosting a backyard barbecue, attending a family gathering, enjoying time with friends or going on an end-of-season vacation, make the most of it. Here's to hoping you enjoy your long weekend, after all you deserve it!

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## NOW TRENDING

Stay on top of what's trending with one of our top internet speeds. You'll have the coolest house on the block, for example, with our 300 Mbps plan for multiple users, multiple devices, and multiple applications.

Slow internet speeds are so yesterday. Chariton Valley has the speed you need for today (and tomorrow).

**CALL 660.395.9000**  
**FOR WHAT'S WOW AND NOW**

\*Service availability and internet speeds will depend on location. Call us for complete details.

## Raise Your Cup to National Coffee Day

Whether you are getting one to go or lingering over your second cup, on September 29th, be sure to observe National Coffee Day! Excitement is brewing about the annual event and many restaurants, coffee shops, and convenience stores offer special deals including free cups of coffee on this day. Don't forget to use [#NationalCoffeeDay](#) to celebrate on social media!

### Ah, the perfect cup of java.

According to an expert cupper (a professional coffee taster), there are four components to the perfect cup: aroma, body, acidity and flavor.

To say coffee is a popular beverage is an understatement. Over 400 billion cups of coffee are consumed world-wide each year. In fact, coffee is the 2nd most traded commodity in the world, after oil.

While you're sipping your cup, ponder the history of coffee. As legend has it, an Ethiopian farmer discovered his goats frolicking from one coffee shrub to another. He realized the coffee berries had a stimulating effect and he began to experiment with the seeds. Years later, brewed coffee emerged in Arabia and the popularity of coffee grew at an exponential rate. So, it's safe to say that coffee could have been discovered by a goat!

**By the way, if your Internet speeds could use some perking up, call Chariton Valley at 660.395.9000 and ask about upgrading to a faster plan.**



## 5 Vintage Tech Gadgets That We No Longer Use



With ever-changing advancements in technology, gadgets from not too long ago have become obsolete. Back in the day, you were "hip" or "cool" if you had any of these devices, but now if you were seen with one, you might get a few raised eyebrows. For many of us, they create a sense of nostalgia. For others, primarily the younger generation, some of these technologies are unrecognizable.

Now, the functionality of these gadgets lives in smartphones. Oh how times have changed.

1. **Pager** – Used from the 70s to the 90s, pagers, also known as beepers, were small devices that received text messages. Eventually, they were replaced with mobile phones.
2. **Walkman** – This very popular gadget made it possible for listening to music while on the move. It was introduced in 1979 and remained a have-to-have device until the 90s when the Discman finally became prevalent.
3. **Boom Box** – This portable music gadget allowed users to either listen to the latest hits on the radio or their own cassettes. It inundated the market in the 80s but was introduced in the 1970s. The boom box eventually lost popularity largely due to its bulky size, the amount of batteries it used and, of course, the advancements in other musical devices.
4. **Analog Phone** – Before the days of push button phones, we had rotary dial models. The first patent was issued in 1876 to Alexander Graham Bell, and these phones were widely used for decades. Today, smartphones can make those important calls and surf the world wide web too.
5. **Film camera** – Before digital cameras or smartphones, film cameras were a staple in most homes. The practice of taking photos was entirely different with these devices. Photographers had to really consider the photo being taken as there were only 36 pictures per roll of film. And, let's not forget about sending the photos off for development just to find out most were out of focus.

So, did you walk home from school with a Walkman blaring in your ears? Did you take vacation photos with your film camera to later discover your sister, who should've been in the photo, was now just a blur? How about a boom box? Did you have one, and did it make you feel "cool"?

If you still have some outdated gadgets and want to upgrade to an all-inclusive smartphone, contact Chariton Valley. We are here to help you make the most of technology!

**"KEEPING YOU CONNECTED."**

# CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Welcome to the "Construction Zone," your destination for updates on the progress of Chariton Valley Fiber-to-the-Home construction projects.

## Project: Brookfield

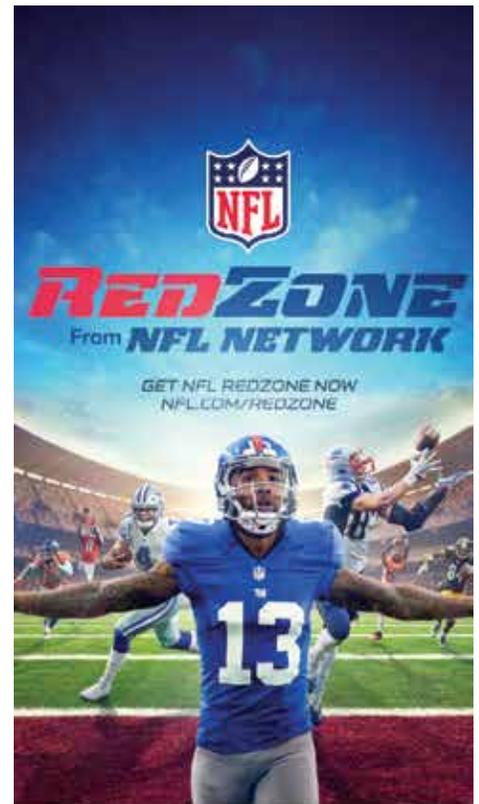
**Update:** Chariton Valley is excited to expand our state-of-the-art fiber to Brookfield. To learn more about how to support this project and to sign up for service, visit [cvfiber.cvalley.net](http://cvfiber.cvalley.net).

## Project: Highway BB

**Update:** The Board of Directors approved a fiber extension for Macon. This project has the potential to pass 61 homes in Southwestern part of Macon. CV will commit to bringing fiber in the area if support reaches the "zone" goal. The more backers in the zone, the more likely we are to bring fiber to your home. To learn more about this project visit, [cvfiber.cvalley.net](http://cvfiber.cvalley.net).

## Project: Highway DD

**Update:** Project is underway. Plans call for installations to begin in September.



EVERY  
TOUCHDOWN  
FROM  
EVERY GAME  
SUNDAY  
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# APPCORNER

## Student Planner Apps

With several assignments and exams, not to mention extracurricular activities, students are often overwhelmed and have a difficult time keeping track of their daily tasks. Key to any student's success is organization, and student planner apps help them do just that. **Timetable** and **My Class Schedule** for Android phones and **Class Timetable** for IOS are three popular paper saving apps that keep students on schedule. Many of the student planner apps available will also send alerts as reminders.

Be sure to check out the many apps that can keep you and your student more organized. It just makes life a bit easier!



My Class Schedule



Timetable



Class Timetable



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# Ditch the Dish and Choose Chariton Valley Video

Are you getting what you want from your satellite dish TV?  
Switch to Chariton Valley Video and enjoy:

- 100% digital programming
- Over 300 channels, most in high definition
- Interactive programming guide
- Restart TV (Missed the beginning of your favorite TV program? No problem, just restart it.)
- Whole-home DVR
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- A clear signal that isn't determined by weather conditions
- Simple, straightforward in-home installation by experienced technicians
- A dish free roof and no chance of roof damage
- Local customer and technical support ready to help you answer any questions you may have

Chariton Valley also offers phone, internet and wireless service in most areas so the more you add the more you save.\*  
Plus, you will appreciate the convenience of getting one bill from just one company.

What are you waiting for? Ditch the dish and experience the many benefits of being a Chariton Valley Video customer.  
For more information call 660-395-9000.

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## Battery Backup

Maintain your phone service during a short-term power outage with Chariton Valley's battery backup.

During a power outage, with a battery backup, customers will have up to 8 hours of standby service and 6 hours of talk time using a corded phone connected directly to a phone outlet.

Without a battery backup or alternate backup source such as a generator, customers with fiber or fixed wireless based residential telephone service will not be able to receive or place any calls, including emergency calls to 911. The only way to maintain the ability to use your telephone is by using some form of backup power.

## Pricing

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## There's No Such Thing As a Dumb Question

As our communities' classrooms once again become alive with learning, Chariton Valley wishes students, teachers and administrators a successful school year. Since questions are a key part of education, this is a good opportunity to remind all of us to ask questions without hesitation. Whether you're six or sixty, if you don't understand something, ask!

**Chariton Valley would be happy to answer your questions about our communications services or the devices used with them. Stop by any of our locations or call 660.395.9000!**