

BUSY LINE

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ATTENTION MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS: DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ON SMARTHUB!

The McDonough Telephone Directory is available on SmartHub! We're excited to integrate our phone directory into SmartHub to make it even more easily accessible for our customers.

When you log into SmartHub, you'll notice the "MTC Online Phone Book" link in the second grey box in the left column. Click that link to access the directory, and then select "Person," "Business," or "Reverse Phone" to look up a person's phone number or business phone number by name or address, or if you know the phone number that you're wanting to call, select "Reverse Phone."

Directory Listing

Person Business Reverse Phone

You can also access [MTC'S ONLINE DIRECTORY](https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html) directly through the SmartHub Directory link: <https://mdtc.smarthub.coop/DirectoryListing.html>

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What's HAPPENING

Donate to our MEG Food Drive! Ending December 1st

Happy Holidays! We are closed for Christmas, December 25th.

Happy New Year! We are closed for New Year's, January 1st.

Welcome Winter! Winter arrives Thursday, December 21st.

24/7 Pay by phone!
833-699-1832

New! Non-Residential Internet Package Speed Increase!

We have increased the internet speeds for all our non-residential customers! You read that right--more speed, for FREE! This upgrade is part of our commitment to delivering top-quality service and ensuring that your business runs efficiently.

Standard 50/25 Mbps increases to	Standard 100/25 Mbps
Standard+ 100/25 Mbps increases to	Preferred 200/50 Mbps
Preferred 200/50 Mbps increases to	Premium 300/100 Mbps
Premium 300/100 Mbps increases to	Prestige 500/150 Mbps

What this means for you:

- Faster download and upload speeds to help your business thrive.
- Enhanced productivity, making your online tasks quicker and more efficient.
- The same reliable price for even better service.

New! THE GIG **The Gig** 1,000/250 Mbps

We understand that a fast and reliable internet connection is essential for your business operations. That's why we're making this improvement to support your success.

Our Board of DIRECTORS

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12/2: Young VanGogh, 9:30-10:30am, Create Art Studio for Kids

12/2: "Arts in Nature" Painting Class, 10am-Noon, Argyle Lake State Park

12/2: Shimmering Snowflake: Day in Clay Workshop, 12-1pm & 1:30-2:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

12/3: Sunday Funday Music Bingo, 3-5pm, (Every Sun.)
Forgottonia Brewing

12/7 & 15: Small Dishes & Ornaments for Gifting Workshop, 5:30-7:30pm, Macomb Park District Ceramics Studio

12/7: Wednesday Wine Run/Walk, 6pm, (Every Wed.) The Wine Sellers

12/9: Planted Paperwhites: Nature Makers Workshop, 12-1pm, Lakeview Nature Center

12/9: Winter Wonderland Wonders Nature Hike, 1-3pm, Argyle Lake State Park

12/14: Stuff Your Stockings, 10am-6pm, Nostalgia Decor + Gifts

12/15: Noticing Nature, 3:30-4:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

12/21: Winter Solstice Lantern Walk, 2-3:30pm, Lakeview Nature Center

For more events or details, visit macomb.com/events/

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The board approved a **\$25 Holiday Credit** to all of our McDonough Telephone member customers!



Welcome Jared Little

McDonough Telephone would like to welcome our newest employee, Jared Little! Jared joined our installation team as an Installation & Repair Technician in October. Jared is a native of the Hancock County area, and he went to school in Hamilton. Jared comes to us with a background in construction and time as a line clearance groundman. He is also a recent graduate of lineman school at Lincoln Land. In his free time, he likes to golf and spend time with his friends.

We are happy to welcome Jared to the MTC team.

An Important Message About Illinois Relay

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) provides telecommunications relay service in Illinois to people who are Deaf, Hard-of-hearing, Speech-Disabled, or Deaf-Blind and allows them to place and receive calls to standard telephone users via a keyboard or assistive device. Illinois Relay is a free service, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Trained operators type the hearing caller's spoken words to the TTY caller and speak the typed words to the hearing person. Calls are billed at regular telephone company rates. ITAC also distributes TTYs at no charge to qualified Illinois Residents.

For more information or to apply for Illinois Relay service, call ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 or visit the ITAC website at www.itactty.org. To place a call using Illinois Relay, dial 771 or use one of these 10-digit numbers:

800-526-0844 TTY Users
800-526-0857 Voice Users
800-501-0864 TTY Spanish
800-501-0865 Voice Spanish
877-526-6680 American Standard Code for Information Exchange (ASCII)
877-526-6690 Speech-to-Speech (STS)
877-826-1130 Voice Carry Over (VCO) Users

For quickest response in an emergency, dial 911 directly rather than using the relay service to complete the emergency call.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Cheesy Southwestern Chicken Tortilla Soup

Ingredients:

3 Chicken Breasts
15 oz. Tostitos Salsa Con Queso
10.5 oz. can cream of potato soup
1 Cup Sour Cream
1 ¾ Cups Chicken Broth
2 oz. can Green Chiles
2 Cups Frozen Corn
1 Packet Taco Seasoning
¼ Cup Chopped Cilantro, plus more for garnish
Tostitos Scoops Chips

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Sprinkle salt & pepper on each side of the chicken & place in a baking dish. Cover with foil & bake for 30 mins. Remove from the oven, using 2 forks, shred the meat and set aside. In a large pot over medium heat, add the salsa con queso, cream of potato soup, sour cream & chicken broth. Whisk to combine. Switch to a spoon & stir in the chiles, corn, taco seasoning, cilantro & chicken. Bring to a simmer & serve or keep on low for an hr. or 2. Serve with Tostitos Scoops chips. Store in a plastic container, sealed in the fridge for up to 1 week. Do not freeze.

