



BUSY LINE

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REQUIRED NOTICE: The New 861 Area Code is Coming to the Illinois 309 Area Code Region

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the Illinois Commerce Commission has approved an all-services overlay for the 309 area code. The 309 area code serves the west-central portion of the state, including all or part of Bureau, Dewitt, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Knox, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Mercer, Peoria, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, and Woodford counties. The 309 area code serves cities and communities such as Bloomington, Canton, East Moline, East Peoria, Galesburg, Macomb, Moline, Normal, Pekin, Peoria, and Rock Island, as well as many other smaller communities. The new 861 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served by the 309 area code.



What is an Area Code Overlay?

An overlay is the addition of another area code (861) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (309). **The overlay does not require you to change your existing area code or phone number, or how you dial your calls.** You will continue to dial the area code and phone number for all local calls, as you do today, within and between the 309 and 861 area codes.

Who is affected and when does the new 861 area code become effective?

Beginning **February 24, 2023**, customers in the 309 area code region may be assigned a number in the new 861 area code when they request new service or an additional line. Customers receiving the 861 area code will be required to dial the area code and phone number for all local calls, just as customers with telephone numbers from the 309 area code do today.

This will not affect the way you dial, as you should ALREADY be using 10-digit dialing. Contact the MTC Business office with any questions.

What's HAPPENING



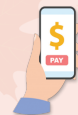
Join us for our **Holiday Open House & Collection Drive**, Friday, December 2nd.



Happy Thanksgiving! We are closed November 24th & 25th!



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Holiday Open House
More info coming soon!

Save - The - Date

& Collection Drive

Friday, December 2nd



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11/2: Macomb Day of the Dead Festival, Downtown Macomb, West Side Square

11/5: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7am-1pm, Emmet – Chalmers Firehouse

11/5: Bowl for Kids' Sake, 10am-5pm, Digger's College City Bowl

11/5: The Bishops, 5:30pm, The Wine Sellers

11/11: YFC Fundraising Banquet, 6pm, Spoon River Outreach Center

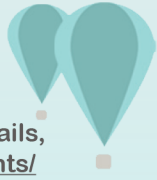
11/12: Altrusa Holiday Bazaar, 9am-5pm, Macomb Jr/Sr High School

11/12: Woodland Wonders Nature Hike, 10-11:30am, Argyle Lake State Park

11/12: Boy Scout Chili Supper, 4:30-7pm, Wesley United Methodist Church

11/17: Macomb Merchant Mingle, 4pm, Macomb Downtown Square

11/17: Free Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30pm, The Crossing



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McDonough 411

If you need to update your Directory Listing, updates need to be submitted by December 31, 2022. Please call the business office at 309-776-3211, and one of the CSRs will assist you in correcting your listing from the 2022 McDonough Directory.

Free Calling

FREE MTC Long Distance calling anywhere in the continental U.S.,
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th.



McDonough Telephone Board Election 2022

At its September meeting, the McDonough Telephone board held elections for officers for the 2022-2023 business year.

Leroy Tappe, director from the Smithshire/Swan Creek/Raritan exchanges, was elected to remain as the board chairman. Leroy joined the McDonough board in 2011.

Randy Grove, representing the Good Hope exchange, was elected to remain in the office of vice chairman. Grove has been a member of the board since 2010.

Jay Morrison, representing the Colusa/Lomax exchanges, was elected to remain in the office of treasurer. Morrison has served on the board since 2010.

Rose Marie Lynn, serving on the McDonough board since 1994, representing the Bardolph/Adair exchanges was elected to remain in the position of secretary.

Recipe Of The Month

Recipe: Apple Buttercream Icing



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter salted or unsalted softened
- 5 cups powdered sugar
- ¼ cup apple butter
- 2 tablespoons apple cider

Directions:

In a medium mixing bowl or stand mixer, whip butter, apple butter and apple cider until smooth.

Gradually add powdered sugar until smooth and just combined.

Tips

-Bring butter to room temperature before making this icing.

-Use frosting at room temperature. If you have made it ahead of time, take it out of the fridge 30 minutes before using it.

*Pairs perfectly with your favorite sugar cookie or fall scone!