

# Transmitter

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**Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's  
69th Annual Meeting**  
August 11, 2023

## Don't Let Security Problems Leave You Out in the Cold

**C**omputer viruses and spyware are more than just annoying. They can leave you out in the cold by damaging your computer or compromising sensitive financial information. If you don't have time or technical expertise to stay on top of security issues, let SecureIT Plus from Egyptian do it for you. SecureIT Plus provides guaranteed fully automated computer protection for just \$5.95 per month.

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visit us online at [egyptian.net](http://egyptian.net) or give us a call at 888-774-1638**

## Don't Pass By This Password Reminder

**It's important to have strong passwords and change them regularly to help keep your accounts safe. Here are the basics:**

- Don't use personal information. This includes names of people in your family, your address, or birthdays, since this information can be publicly available to hackers.
- Don't use real words. Password cracking tools can process every word in the dictionary until a match is found. Instead use uppercase and lowercase letters combined with special characters such as "&" or "#".
- Create longer passwords. The longer it is, the better. Try for at least 10 characters.
- Don't use the same password for multiple websites. If one website has a data breach and you've used that password elsewhere, it's easier for hackers to steal more information.
- Change your passwords. Get in the habit of changing them twice a year.





## Win a \$10 Bill Credit



**C**orrectly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners in March. Last month's winners were Bruce Warchol, Jim Kozuszek, Patty Schmidt, and Carol Schulein.

1. SecureIT Plus provides computer protection for only \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
2. Egyptian's 69th Annual Meeting will be held August \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



**NEW 730  
Area Code**

### New 730 Area Code is Coming to the Illinois 618 Area Code Region

**T**o ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the Illinois Commerce Commission has approved an all-services overlay for the 618 area code. The 618 area code serves southern Illinois including the larger cities of Belleville, O'Fallon, Alton, and Carbondale in addition to many smaller communities. The new 730 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served by the 618 area code. An overlay is the addition of another area code (730) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (618). It does not require you to change your existing area code or phone number, or how you dial your calls.

Beginning July 7, 2023, customers in the 618 area code region may be assigned a number in the new 730 area code when they request new service or an additional line. Customers receiving the 730 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 618 area code do today.

The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay. You will continue to dial 10 digits for local calls within and between the overlay area codes, and 1 + 10 digits for long distance calls.

More information will continue to be provided as the overlay effective date becomes closer.

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### IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale.....	329-1234	Blair.....	774-1234
Rice.....	336-1234	Baldwin.....	785-1234
Glenn.....	763-1234	Venedy.....	824-1234
St. Libory.....	768-1234		



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