

# Transmitter

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## 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 or 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.



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## Reduce the Number of Annoying Calls you Get



The National Do Not Call Registry, managed by the Federal Trade Commission, gives you the ability to stop many unwanted sales calls by registering your home and/or mobile phone number. Registrations are free and do not expire.

Most telemarketers should not call your number once it's been on the National Do Not Call Registry for 31 days (the period telemarketers are given to remove the number from their call lists). However, other types of organizations are still allowed to call you – including charities, political groups, debt collectors, and survey companies.

Call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you want to register or visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)

## Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's

### 72nd Annual Meeting

August 14, 2026

Cupid's  
Perfect Match=  
**YOU+  
SPEED**



#### Fall in love with internet that's music to your ears!

Cupid's not just aiming for hearts this Valentine's Day — he's targeting slow connections too! If sluggish internet has been getting in the way of your online fun, you'll be lovestruck with our high speeds.

With internet faster than Cupid's arrow, you'll enjoy effortless browsing, smooth gaming, and video chatting with loved ones. Whether you're streaming music or watching your favorite rom-com, our lightning-fast connection will hit all the right notes!

**CALL 888-774-1638 FOR FASTER INTERNET**

*Happy Valentine's Day!*



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## 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 Patricia Walter, Donna Weiser, Gregory Crain, and Steve Asbury.

1. Egyptian's 72nd Annual Meeting will be held August \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.
2. Try to use at least \_\_\_\_\_ characters when creating passwords.

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



## Fiber Construction update

**O**ur fiber construction project continues throughout our exchanges. At this time, six of the cooperative's seven exchanges are completely fiber to the home. The remaining customers in our Glenn exchange are currently in the outside construction phase. Various factors impact the construction process, such as weather and other restrictions/disruptions. We continue to appreciate your patience with our construction projects.

Since fiber/copper terminal boxes are installed on the outside of homes, please contact Egyptian's business office prior to any outside home improvement projects such as siding removal if it requires removal of the utility box. This helps to minimize damage to the fiber/copper terminal.

Please call 888-774-1638 or email us at [fiber@egyptian.net](mailto:fiber@egyptian.net) if you have any questions on our fiber project.




### BIG FAN OF STREAMING FOOTBALL?

#### OUR INTERNET IS A BIG WINNER!

No self-respecting football fan can invite friends over to watch a big game without several things in place—a big screen TV, a big platter of chicken wings, and an internet connection with big speed. After all, the last thing you want while streaming football is too-slow internet that causes buffering and freezes the action at key moments.

To avoid this predicament, team up with Egyptian Internet. We offer super-fast internet plans that'll score big points with your family and guests.

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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  
Rice .....336-1234  
Glenn .....763-1234  
St. Libory.....768-1234

Blair.....774-1234  
Baldwin.....785-1234  
Venedy.....824-1234



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