



71st
ANNUAL MEETING
OF MEMBERS
September 9, 2021
Is Going
VIRTUAL!



Postcards were mailed to all active members in early April announcing that we will be holding the 71st Annual Meeting of Members virtually. This was a tough decision for your Board of Directors to make but felt it was best to make the decision early not knowing what requirements will be in place this September. The Board and Mid Century feel keeping everyone safe is of the utmost importance. It would be very challenging to try to hold a meeting in person with so many interactions, as serving a meal, technology stations and visiting with Directors and employees. We enjoy meeting with our members at the meeting and will truly miss it again this year, but safety concerns come first.

The meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7pm. Annual Report booklets will be mailed to all members in August like always. You will have a chance to go through the booklet and see what advances your Cooperative has made throughout the year.

We are continuing to work through the logistics of the Virtual Meeting so ALL members will have an opportunity to participate. As plans are finalized, we will keep members informed through bill messages, social media, newsletters, SmartHub and on our website midcentury.com.

In preparation for the Virtual Meeting, we request you contact our office to confirm we have your current email address on file. To verify your email or if you have any questions please call 309-778-8611 or send an email to info@midcentury.com. If you use Facebook we encourage you to join the [Mid Century Communications Group Facebook](#) page to stay informed.

We regret not being able to meet with you in person again but feel it is best for everyone's safety to hold the 71st Annual Meeting virtually.

Thank you,
Mid Century Board of Directors

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Nominating Committee and Elections

What is a Nominating Committee and why do we have one?

The Mid Century Telephone Cooperative bylaws require a Nominating Committee be appointed to nominate members for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The bylaws require at least five and not more than 11 members and at least one member from each district seeking election. The board will appoint the committee at the May 27th Board Meeting. The list of members will be posted on midcentury.com, the [group facebook page](#), or you can contact the office by phone at 309-778-8611 or send an email to info@midcentury.com.

Due to the Annual Meeting being postponed in 2020, the Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations for 2-year terms in the following districts:

- District 3 - Fairview, Gilson and Maquon
Incumbent - Donna Cecil
- District 5 - Victoria
Incumbent - Randy Hellyer
- District 7 - Altona and Bishop Hill
Incumbent - Dan Erickson

The Nominating Committee will also be seeking nominations for 3-year terms in the following districts:

- District 1 - Summum and Table Grove
Incumbent - Sheila Downin
- District 4 - Williamsfield and Yates City
Incumbent - Michael Gray

The Committee will provide nominations for each of the districts when they meet on July 8, 2021. Candidates will be posted on the website and social media or you may contact the office.



-  **Red** - Electric
-  **Yellow** - Gas, oil or petroleum
-  **Orange** - Communications
-  **Blue** - Potable water
-  **Purple** - Reclaimed water, irrigation
-  **Green** - Sewer
-  **White** - Proposed excavation
-  **Pink** - Temporary survey

Even the most basic digging project requires a call to JULIE. From planting a tree to installing a fence, you should know what is below before you dig. Utility lines could be buried just beneath your dig site. Hitting a utility line can cause serious harm, disrupt service and result in costly repairs and fines.

It is also important to pre-mark your project with white paint or white flags before notifying JULIE.

Please be safe and before any dig, call JULIE at 8-1-1 or 1-800-892-0123 or enter your locate request online at illinois1call.com.



Permissive 10-digit dialing for local calls started on April 24th in preparation of the mandatory 10-digit dialing that begins on October 24th. In addition to the way you dial local calls you will need to reprogram any automatic dialing equipment you may have. You will want to check your telephone number on your website, personal/business stationery and checks, advertising materials, contact information, personal/pet ID tags and other such items to

ensure the "309" area code is included.

Some examples of automatic dialing equipment are:

- Life Safety Systems or Medical Monitoring Devices
- PBXs or Fax Machines
- Fire/Burglar or Security Systems or Gates
- Speed Dialers
- Mobile or other wireless phone contact list
- Call Forwarding settings
- Voicemail Services and other similar functions

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please contact us by calling 309-778-8611, emailing info@midcentury.com or visiting our website midcentury.com.

You can also learn more about the 10-digit dialing by visiting the FCC website fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline.

2021 Telephone Directory

Just a reminder that the 2021 Mid Century Telephone Directory will be digital. Although the directories will not be produced as in the past, a PDF version will be available on our website. To view the PDF version visit midcentury.com and click on the 2021 Directory link located on the home page. This PDF version will appear in the same format as the former traditional version.



You can view a "Real Time" version of Mid Century directory listings using our SmartHub app. The SmartHub app is a mobile app that gives you the opportunity to view or pay your bill, report and track an issue, make inquiries, receive text notifications, view bill inserts and access real-time Mid Century Directory Listings.

To learn more about SmartHub call our office at 309-778-8611 or visit midcentury.com.

Monthly Bill Credit Winners

All members that pay their bill in full by the 25th of the month are automatically entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit.

Congratulations

- Keith Schmidt - LaFayette Exchange**
- Pat Donlan - Summum Exchange**
- John Quick - Williamsfield Exchange**