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MAY 2022

## 2022 Annual Meeting of the Members

*Alyssa Clemesen Roberts, CEO*

For the first time in three years, I'm excited to announce an in-person Annual Meeting of the Members. Mark your calendars for June 16, 2022. Meet us at the Montrose Community Recreation Center for a fun-filled evening of play, pizza, ice cream, and an update on your cooperative's recent challenges and accomplishments.

Most co-op CEOs don't get the pleasure of announcing that there will be cannonballs and climbing, pickleball and foosball, and pizza and ice cream at their annual meeting. But we're not most co-ops. This year's annual meeting is a night for all ages. In addition to our regular business meeting, there will be a free dinner and plenty of time to shoot some hoops, splash in the pool, or walk the track. Admission for DMEA members is free.

Putting it nicely, 2021 was a challenging year for everyone. Thankfully, for DMEA, it wasn't without several memorable achievements, including receiving a record amount in federal and state grants to keep extending Elevate's fiber network to our rural members. DMEA built back after a cyber-attack, and it was also DMEA's first full year working with Guzman Energy for our generation needs.

As always, the meeting will conclude the 2022 elections for DMEA's Board of Directors. This year, you're responsible for electing District 3, District 4, and the South Region representatives. Ballots will arrive this month. We encourage you not to take this member privilege lightly. Before you cast your vote, learn more about each candidate in their bios and interviews online at [www.dmea.com/2022candidates](http://www.dmea.com/2022candidates).

I hope you'll join us on June 16 to learn more about DMEA's major accomplishments over the past year, get to know all the new faces at DMEA, and enjoy a fun-filled evening for the whole family.

## 2022 ANNUAL Meeting

**JUNE 16, 2022**

*Montrose Recreation Center*

**16350 Woodgate Road, Montrose**

**Join us for rock climbing, swimming, pickleball, pizza, and ice cream.**

### *Event Schedule*

**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Registration, voting, and early dinner.**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**DMEA business meeting.**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**The fun begins, plus a late dinner!**



# DMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Ballots for the 2022 DMEA Board of Directors Election will arrive by mail this month. As a cooperative member, it is both your right and responsibility to vote for your board representatives.

This year's ballot will include candidates for District 3 (North Fork), District 4 (Montrose), and the South Region (Montrose County). Learn more about each candidate online at [www.dmea.com/2022candidates](http://www.dmea.com/2022candidates). Or stop by one of DMEA's Meet the Candidates nights.

## Meet the Candidates

Meet the 2022 DMEA board candidates in person. Come and go as you please. There is no formal presentation or debate. Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided while supplies last.

**MONDAY, MAY 16**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Camp Robber, Montrose

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Big B's Delicious Orchard, Hwy 133

## How to vote

Complete your ballot, place it in the secrecy envelope, seal, and sign. Then, choose one of the following options to return your vote.



Send it back by mail.



Drop it off in a locked ballot box at your local DMEA office.



Vote in person at the DMEA Annual Meeting on June 16, 2022.

All member votes will be counted by DMEA's independent election company, Survey and Ballot Systems. The election will conclude and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

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## SIPS ON MAIN

*The remote workforce Elevate has attracted to our area gave us the confidence to bring a concept like SIPS to Cedaredge.*

*Denise and Lana, co-owners*

## MORE THAN JUST INTERNET

New to downtown Cedaredge, SIPS is a luxurious yet approachable wine bar bringing locals together for everything from happy hour to date night. When they needed an internet partner that matched their same high standards, they chose the only truly high-speed internet in town, Elevate. Like the team at SIPS, we believe it's not just about providing an exceptional product, it's about the connections you make with it.

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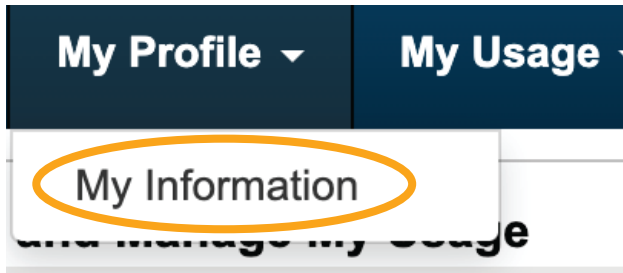
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# How to go paperless in SmartHub

Say goodbye to clunky paper statements, save \$2 per month, and get your bill sent directly to your email.

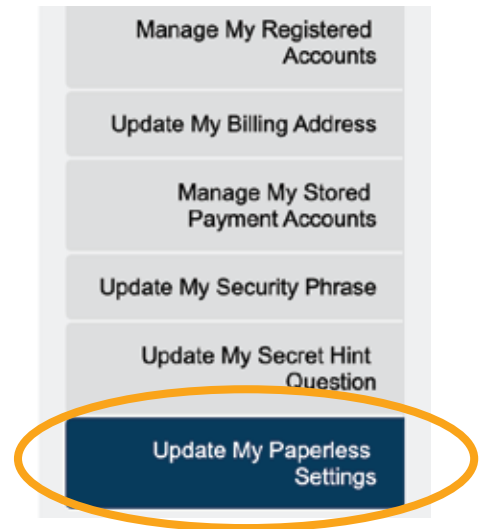
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Log in to your SmartHub account and select 'My Information' under the 'My Profile' tab.



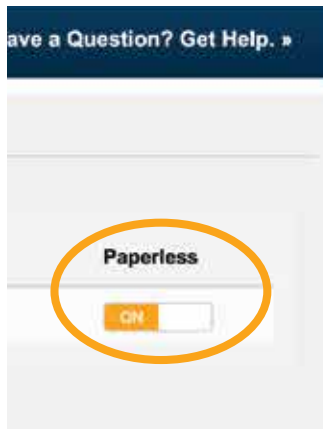
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On the 'My Information' page you'll see several account options listed. Select 'Update My Paperless Settings' on the bottom of the list.



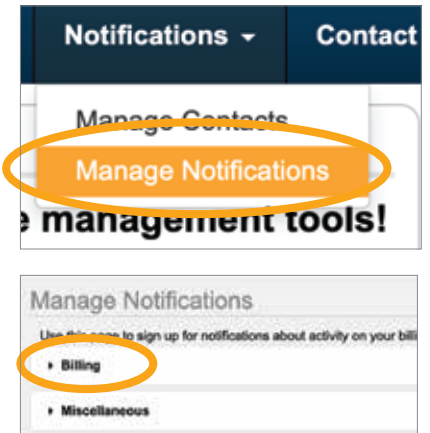
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Simply click the slider to the right to set your account to paperless. The next step is to ensure you receive an email moving forward.



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Under 'Notifications' click 'Manage Notifications.' Select the billing drop down menu. Then choose which billing notifications you want to receive and how you'd like them sent.



**Montrose Office**  
11925 6300 Road  
Montrose, CO 81401  
M, W, F; 8:00am-5:00pm  
T & Th; 8:00am-6:00pm

**Read Office**  
21191 H 75 Road  
Delta, CO 81416  
W; 8:00am-5:00pm

**Contact Us:**  
1-877-687-3632 | [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) |    

## Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, District 1  
Jacob Gray, District 3  
Kevin Williams, District 5  
Enno Heuscher, District 7  
Jock Fleming, South  
Kyle Martinez, District 2  
Ken Watson, District 4  
Damon Lockhart, District 6  
Stacia Cannon, North

DMEA Board Meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Tuesday monthly beginning at 3PM with the public comment period at 5PM. Call 970-240-1212 to confirm date, time, and location.

DMEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html) or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.instate@usda.gov](mailto:program.instate@usda.gov).



# DMEA Destinations



## MONTROSE

Dave Wood Rd.



### Hike Lower Spring Creek Canyon

Looking to stretch your legs without getting too far from town? Check out Lower Spring Creek Canyon. With miles of scenic hiking trails, it's the perfect spot for trail running, family hiking, or walking the dog.

N. Cascade Ave.



### Get crafty at Mosaic

Part boutique, part gallery, part craft bar, there's nothing in town quite like Mosaic. Browse their extensive collection of handmade jewelry, create your own succulent garden, design your own jewelry, and so much more!

Trout Rd.



### Sip wine at LaNoue DuBois Winery

There's a new winery in town, and it's a can't-miss destination. With wines ranging from a red blend to a ruby rosé, there's something for every wine lover to enjoy.

What's your local go-to for fun? Submit your suggestions to [communciations@dmea.com](mailto:communciations@dmea.com)

# SHOCK TALK

## TREE PLANTING

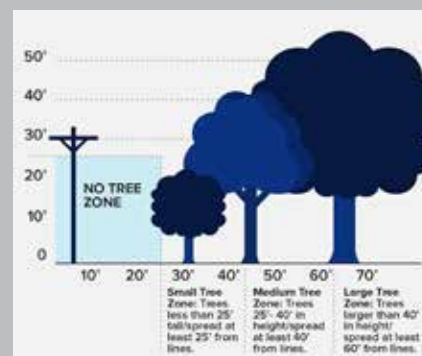
Hey! What are you up to this weekend?

I have a few trees I'm putting in the backyard. I want a little shade... eventually lol. 🌳

Don't you have a bunch of power lines in our backyard?

Yeah, I'm making sure to give a little room. Can you remember the guidelines?

I found a handy guide online.



Just make sure trees are at least 25 feet away from poles. And the bigger the tree, the further away it needs to be.

That is handy, thanks!

No prob! And if you need anything else there's lots of info at [dmea.com/trees-your-power](http://dmea.com/trees-your-power)