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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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**Computer-Help: Drop-
In 2-4 PM Apr 25, 2022**
Masks are only
required on non-
vaccinated
participants.



**Next general meeting
will be May 9, 2022, 1
PM. Our guest speaker
will be Sam Neylon
from Redwood Credit
Union.**

**May Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday May 23,
2-4 PM.**



Apr 11, 2022. At 1 PM, Jim will moderate
General Questions & Answers.
Then our guest speaker will be **Jim Tubb.**
His presentation is "Windows 11".
Erin will give updates for the Senior
Center.
Masks are only required on non-
vaccinated participants.

In the News:

- [Why Apple Should Launch an iPhone Subscription Program](#)
- [DuckDuckGo changes its RULES](#)
- [Microsoft says we weren't supposed to see those ads in Windows File Explorer](#)
- [iPhone factory in Shenzhen hit by new COVID-19 lockdown](#)
- [White House warns: Do these 8 things now to boost your security ahead of potential Russian cyberattacks](#)
- [Live in Arizona? You can now use your iPhone as your ID](#)
- [This modular laptop promises sustainability and DIY upgrades](#)

Articles for April

a) Tips to protect your data, security, and privacy from a hands-on expert by Malwarebytes Labs, 03.04.2022. The article contains a list of security tips with links to further information on how to protect yourself. Please review the whole article to help you stay safe on the internet.

blog.malwarebytes.com/malwarebytes-news/2022/03/tips-to-protect-your-data-security-and-privacy

b) 5 clues that your email has been hacked by Komando Staff, 01.29.2022. "Scams are rising, and more people are falling for phishing attacks and email hacks than ever. here are five clues to check for

1. Did you actually send these?
2. Did you actually change your passwords?
3. Did you actually read those emails?
4. Did you actually trash these emails?
5. Did you actually log in?"

b) Read the article to see what actions you could take for each of these clues.komando.com/privacy/clues-your-email-has-been-hacked

c) What's a QR Code? by Leo A. Notenboom. "A QR (for Quick Response) code is nothing more than text encoded in a machine-readable way. QR codes are intended to be scanned by apps on smartphones and other devices. You can't tell what a QR code contains before you scan it. Blindly scanning and using a QR code is like clicking on a link you can't see. You have no idea where it will take you. You have no idea whether it's legit or dangerous. Be skeptical. Like any URL you click on, make sure you trust the source. If you don't — if you're not sure — then don't. Get to the information it purports to represent some other, safer, way."



askleo.com/whats-a-qr-code

Thank you to our Welcome Coordinator, Audrey Leyhe.

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d) Top 5 things to know about Microsoft's Pluton Security Processor by Tom Merritt, 03.31.2022.

"Intel's Trusted Platform Module has been good at improving security by creating a Secure Enclave for things like encryption keys, but it has had a few flaws. And now it has a successor: Microsoft's Pluton Security Processor. AMD and Qualcomm are making chips with Pluton in them, and Intel says it's working on it. So, it should be easy to find a machine with Pluton if you want it." To learn about Microsoft's Pluton Security Processor, read this short article.

techrepublic.com/article/top-5-things-know-microsofts-pluton-security-processor

e) How Long Does It Take to Charge an EV? by Cory Gunther, 03.22.2022. "...how long does it take to charge an electric vehicle? The answer is, it's complicated." The article explains the details on how long it takes to charge an EV.

reviewgeek.com/112961/how-long-does-it-take-to-charge-an-ev

f) 5 quick tips for better Android phone security now by Jack Wallen, 04.05.2022. The article gives tips for keeping your Android phone secure with updates being one of the most important. Be sure to update both the Android operating system and the apps you use.

zdnet.com/article/5-quick-tips-for-better-android-phone-security

g) Your Digital Footprint: It's Bigger Than You Realize by Bree Fowler, 04.04.2022. The article follows the journey of a computer programmer to try to delete his personal information from the internet. Your online posts as well as all of your social media accounts become part of your digital profile. "...there's no shortage of companies looking to profit from it. At last count, there were about 540 data brokers operating in the US... The skyrocketing amount of consumer data online has also given cybercriminals new opportunities to exploit your personal details for identity theft, online scams or other kinds of fraud....the vast majority of information comes from voter

registration rolls, property and court records, and other conventional public sources." Read the article to learn about what is being done to protect our privacy. cnet.com/your-digital-footprint-its-bigger-than-you-realize

h) Search engine comparison: Google vs. Startpage vs. DuckDuckGo vs. Bing by Komando Staff, 03.31.2022. Read the article to learn how they measure up. komando.com/tech-tips/search-engine-comparison-2022

Comments from Ross-- Microsoft OneDrive: Did you know that you have a built-in way of backing up files (up to 5GBs) called **OneDrive**? For those of you who don't have a lot of documents or pictures, you can easily back them up by copying them to OneDrive. OneDrive appears under File Explorer as a separate drive, similar to how an external drive would appear. All you need is a Microsoft Account and be logged into OneDrive. When you put a file in OneDrive, it is automatically and securely saved to the Microsoft cloud. You get 5 GBs of free space, and for \$20 a year, you can save up to 100 GBs of documents. The nice thing is if your PC dies or is stolen, you can still access your documents from any other computer by logging into OneDrive.

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Windows 11 cheat sheet: Everything you need to know

techrepublic.com/article/windows-11-cheat-sheet-everything-you-need-to-know

Every iPhone and Android user should know these genius commands

komando.com/kims-column/iphone-android-voice-commands

Why Microsoft slipping 'ads' into Windows is a good thing—if it's done right

pcworld.com/article/623446/why-i-think-there-should-be-ads-within-windows

5 hidden Google Assistant tricks for your Android

komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/google-assistant-tricks

Scams & Fraud aarp.org/money/scams-fraud

How to use Apple AirPlay and AirPlay 2 digitaltrends.com/home-theater/how-to-use-airplay

Windows 11's File Explorer Is Getting Tabs, for Real This Time

howtogeek.com/795998/windows-11s-file-explorer-is-getting-tabs

Apple's Hide My Email Feature Can Help Stop Spammers. Here's How

cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/apple-hide-my-email-feature

Is it OK to use text messages for 2-factor authentication?

zdnet.com/article/is-it-ok-to-use-text-messages-for-2-factor-authentication

The Best Smart Plugs of 2022

howtogeek.com/739326/best-smart-plugs

Keeping You Tech Savvy

AARP offers help navigating the digital world

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA channels. Constantly upgraded smartphones and computers. A profusion of new apps and tools. To assist members with today's ever-advancing digital world, AARP has launched the **Personal Technology Resource Center**, an online digital hub designed to answer the many questions older Americans have about using the internet to thrive in today's digital age.

The new center, which can be

found at aarp.org/tech/#resources, responds to the need for quick, accurate information about the digital technology that has become increasingly critical to our lives since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It helps users organize their digital lives through readable guides on topics such as cleaning up email inboxes and simplifying digital communications with friends and family.

The resource center is just the latest effort introduced by AARP to

help you stay on top of technology.

AARP joined forces last year with OATS (Older Adults Technology Services), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving older adults' relationship with technology.

Its flagship program, Senior Planet (seniorplanet.org), is among the available resources. It provides remote and in-person training on technology such as tablets and smartphones, along with virtual events about topics like how to safely store digital data and navigate websites such as YouTube. AARP members can attend free virtual events on personal finance, health and cybersecurity.

AARP offers other resources to help you master new technology

To find out more, simply scan the QR codes on this page with your smartphone



In November, AARP launched the **AgeTech Collaborative**,

to help generate new ideas and products for meeting the needs of older Americans, an industry worth an estimated \$8.3 trillion. By helping to bring together leading start-ups, investors and industry leaders, AARP can drive innovation as well as work to ensure that its members can access the kinds of technology that will meet their needs today and in the future. For more information, go to agetechcollaborative.org.



AARP's **Virtual Community Center** is another resource for tech education. Among its wide range of entertainment and education programs, the VCC provides free interactive online Tech Help events hosted by Senior Planet and AARP state offices around the country. Find out what's available at the VCC by visiting aarp.org/vcc.



The **AARP Bookstore** features a number of tech books on topics such as mastering your mobile device, navigating social media, using video chat and following safe internet practices. Check out what's new at aarp.org/techbooks.



And AARP's **Fraud Watch Network** has the latest updates on how to avoid online scams and frauds. Learn more at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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