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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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**There is no April
general meeting.**

**Computer-Help: Drop-In
2-4 PM Apr 24, 2023** at our
newly renovated **Windsor
Senior Center**. Please use
the **signup sheet** when
you arrive.

**Next general meeting
will be May 8, 2023, 1
PM**, at our newly
renovated **Windsor
Senior Center**.

**May Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday May 22, 2-4
PM**. First come first
served.



Apr 10, 2023: There is **no general meeting** this month because of the **move back** into the **Windsor Senior Center on 9231 Foxwood Dr.**

April's Drop-in Computer Help will be back at our newly renovated **Windsor Senior Center on 9231 Foxwood Dr, on April 24, 2023 from 2-4.**

Masks are only required on non-vaccinated participants.

In the News:

- a) [Why Countries Are Trying to Ban TikTok](#)
- b) [Windows 12 may be stripped down to enable frequent updates](#)
- c) [Musk, Wozniak, and other tech leaders sign petition to halt further AI developments](#)
- d) [9 million AT&T customer accounts breached](#)
- e) [Audiobooks Are Thriving, but Could AI Take Over?](#)
- f) [Microsoft 365 Copilot Will Add AI to Word, Outlook, and More](#)
- g) [FCC Adopts Its First Rules Focused on Scam Texting](#)

Articles for April

a) **Here's how to mute those loud and annoying tabs in a cinch** by Albert Khoury, 03.15.2023. "You're browsing the web on your computer at home or work and open a tab that starts blasting music or an ad. Many websites have autoloading ads or music that start as soon as you visit them and can pop up again anytime. Let's say you open a tab and it immediately starts playing a video ad with music and dialogue. You quickly stop the video and return to whatever you are doing, but another video begins playing. There's a quick way to mute any tab without leaving the page you're on." Read the article to learn how to mute the annoying sounds in Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari and Opera. komando.com/tech-tips/mute-browser-tabs

b) **Why Every Photo You Take Is "Fake" by Andrew Heinzman** 03.15.2023. "...every photo in existence is 'fake.' It doesn't matter if it was shot on a smartphone from 2023 or a film camera from 1923. There is always some trickery going on behind the scenes. Smartphones use multiple computational photography techniques to produce a high-quality image... a phone will automatically adjust the color and white balance of a photo, or it may 'beautify' a subject by sharpening and brightening their face. Some people believe that computational photography is 'cheating'... we ask our cameras to capture a good image, even in unfavorable circumstances—we ask for fakery. But every photo in existence contains some fakery, and it's not a bad thing." The article explains in depth and easy to understand language about the 'real' and 'fake' concepts in photography. reviewgeek.com/148335/why-every-photo-you-take-is-fake

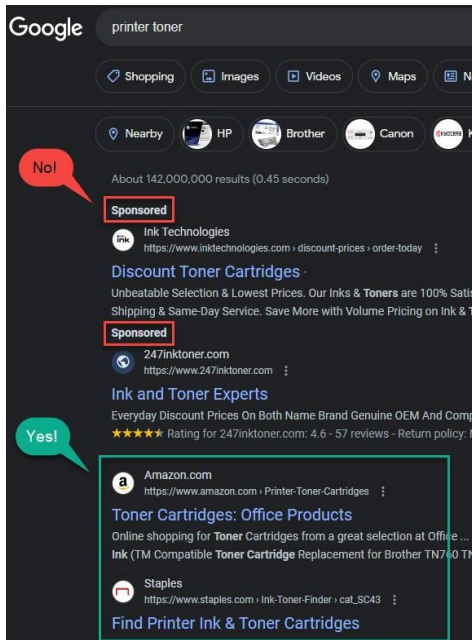
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Comments from Ross: Internet Searches--No matter which search engine you use (Google, Duck Duck Go, Bing, etc) there is one important rule to follow: **Never click on the first few items** in the search results or anything with the word Sponsored or Ad above the link. The companies of these **'Sponsored'** links pay Google to put their items at the top of the list strictly for marketing purposes and almost always take you to a page full of ads. **Skip these first few items** and click on the first item that is **not labeled** as an **'Ad'** or **'Sponsored'** for a more informative and pertinent result.



c) New password rules to secure your accounts by Albert Khoury, 03.18.2023. "Strong, unique passwords is your first defense against unauthorized access to your devices and personal information. The better the password, the more secure your computer or device will be from threat actors." Read the article to learn 6 rules for creating better passwords. komando.com/safety-security-reviews/new-password-security-rules

d) Why You — Yes, You — Are a Target of Hackers by Leo A. Notenboom, 03.20.2023. "Many people feel that because they don't have lots of things they think a hacker would want, they're not a target. Wrong. Everybody's a target. Why? Because by stealing your personal information, they can make money no matter how much is in your bank account. Do you have a bank account?"

d) Then you bank online. Banks are all online in one form or another. Be it a customer portal you're choosing not to use or their own back-end computing system that is connected to the internet, your choice not to bank online doesn't really reduce your exposure that much." If you only use the internet for email, you should still read this very informative article. askleo.com/why-you-yes-you-are-a-target-of-hackers And a link to Ask Leo's Internet Safety article.

e) Is TikTok banned? Everything you need to know to protect yourself by Albert Khoury, 03.20.2023. "TikTok has been under scrutiny for its dangerous privacy practices since its inception, and things are reaching a boiling point. TikTok collects search and browsing history, facial ID, voice prints, texts, location and photos. It's all in black and white as part of TikTok's privacy policy."

There is a lists of states that have "a full or partial ban on the use of TikTok by government officials." The article recommends: "Stop using TikTok right now. While your information has already been collected, you can at least stop it from going any further." Steps to remove TikTok from your phones are given. komando.com/security-privacy/is-tiktok-banned

Internet

Hiding your email address is smart if you care about privacy
komando.com/privacy/hiding-your-email-address

DuckDuckGo Unveils a Level-Headed AI Search Feature
reviewgeek.com/duckduckgo-unveils-a-level-headed-ai-search-feature

Let Apple's Reader Mode Save You From Those Annoying Ads

cnet.com/tech/mobile/let-apples-reader-mode-save-you-from-those-annoying-ads
Social media sites are going to charge for what was free komando.com/money-tips/social-media-fees

The Fight Continues
blog.archive.org/2023/03/25/the-fight-continues

Take this important security step to protect your Apple account now
komando.com/privacy/apple-account-security
Live Online Classes for Seniors
seniorplanet.org/classes

8 cybersecurity tips to keep you safe when travelling
malwarebytes.com/blog/news/2023/03/9-cybersecurity-tips-to-keep-you-safe-when-travelling

As voice-cloning becomes easier, take this one step with your family members to stay safe komando.com/security-privacy/ai-voice-cloning

Tested: Should You Unplug Chargers When You're Not Using Them?
howtogeek.com/231886/tested-should-you-unplug-chargers-when-youre-not-using-them