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Computer-Help: Drop- In 2-4 PM August 22, 2022.

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on non-vaccinated
participants.

Next general meeting
will be **Sept 12, 2022, 1
PM**. Our speaker is **Vicki
Chavez** from the
**Sonoma County Library
Services, Windsor
Branch.**

**Sept Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday Sept 26,
2-4 PM. First come first
served.**

August 8, 2022: Today's meeting is moderated by Andrea & Ross. We will go over today's agenda, answers any questions and maybe discuss an article or two.

Then our guest speakers' presentation is "**Keep Safe from Scammers**". We are happy to welcome back **The Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force (NC3TF) team**. Our speakers today are **Investigators Patrick Fahy and Mike Mejia**

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In the News:

- a) [Windows 12 could be coming in 2024 as Microsoft shakes things up](#)
- b) [Update your browser! Chrome, Edge and Safari patched against zero-day flaw](#)
- c) [US CHIPS Act: What Is It, and Will It Make Devices Cheaper?](#)
- d) [6 Reasons There Are Still So Many Security Breaches](#)
- e) [Brain-computer interfaces have been implanted in humans for the first time](#)
- f) [What to expect in Windows 11's big '2H22' feature update](#)
- g) [How Close Are We to Uploading Your Mind?](#)

Articles for August

a) How will we know when an AI actually becomes sentient? by Luke Dormehl, 06.25.2022. Google senior engineer Blake Lemoine was forced to take a hiatus from his regular work after he claimed Google's LaMDA chatbot had developed sentience. "The prospect of self-aware AI raises all kinds of questions about artificial intelligence and its future. But before we get there, there's one question that towers over all others: Would we truly recognize if a machine became sentient?" The article discusses 3 poignant questions using the 'Skynet hypothesis', about AI sentience. Its an interesting article.

[digitaltrends.com/cool-](https://digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/recognizing-self-aware-sentient-ai)

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b) Spam texts never end! 5 sure signs to delete that message by Serena O'Sullivan, 08.03. 2022.

"Smishing scams are skyrocketing, so

b) watch out for spam texts hiding in your phone. A smishing scam is a random text message that urges you to click a link. Despite the silly name, smishing is serious." These are also called Robotexts. "Spam texts always have embedded links. They also have text specifically designed to trick you into clicking that link. Sadly, you can't trust random texts to be trustworthy. Imposter scams are the most common type of fraud the FCC heard about in 2020. They aren't going away anytime soon, so you must be on guard." They try to spur you to click on the links by "using fear and anxiety, sending false-but-believable claims about package delivery snafus or bank account problems, or texting confusing info as if they were texting someone else, or play upon our love of freebies." Bottomline: Don't click on links and don't respond to suspicious texts. komando.com/security-privacy/spam-texts

c) How Safe Is Two Factor (cont)

Thank you to our Welcome Coordinator, Audrey Leyhe.

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c) Authentication

Exactly? by Dave

McQuilling, 07.09.2022.

"Two-factor

authentication (2FA) is becoming mandatory on many websites...The term 'two-factor authentication' refers to a second step to confirm who you are. An additional layer of protection will, by default, provide more security than a single barrier.

However, there is more than one method of 2FA; all methods offer different levels of security, and some are more popular than others. So, can 2FA make your sensitive accounts invulnerable to hackers? Or is it just a huge waste of effort? Look at your life, assess

c) what you have to lose, and work out how much effort you want to put in. But pick at least one 2FA method (that isn't email-based) and make sure you have a different password for every account you care about." Read the article to find out about 4 different 2FA methods.

[reviewgeek.com/121722/how-safe-is-two-factor-authentication-exactly](https://www.reviewgeek.com/121722/how-safe-is-two-factor-authentication-exactly)

d) Need more storage? SD cards vs. micro SD cards and how to choose one

by Joshua Powers, 07.28.2022.

"Memory cards give you extra storage in your phone, DSLR camera, tablet or laptop. They're versatile, cheap ways to store more photos, videos and music on your device. SD cards have been around since the

d) 90s. In that time (as with all technology), they have evolved into different formats, memory capacities and designs. Now they fit in your phone and have other formats for different uses." From SD cards to micro SD cards, this all-in-one guide will help you shop smarter and understand what your memory is capable of.

[komando.com/amazon/sd-card-guide](https://www.komando.com/amazon/sd-card-guide)

e) Ransomware: 1.5 million people have got their files back without paying the gangs. Here's how

by Danny Palmer, 07.26.2022.

"The battle against ransomware is challenging because not only are ransomware attacks extremely disruptive, but in many cases, victims opt to pay the ransom demand for

e) a decryption key – fueling additional ransomware attacks because criminals know they can make easy money." No More Ransom, the European Union law enforcement agency's anti-ransomware initiative, has grown to offer "136 free decryption tools for 165 variants of ransomware, including GandCrab, REvil, Maze, and more. In the event of falling victim to a ransomware attack, Europol urges victims not to pay a ransom but to check the No More Ransom portal for help and report the incident to the police". [zdnet.com/article/ransomware-1-5-million-people-have-got-their-files-back](https://www.zdnet.com/article/ransomware-1-5-million-people-have-got-their-files-back)

Comments from Ross-- E-waste your old computer:

Are you one of those people who have an old computer or two sitting in a dusty dark corner of a closet or garage and are now ready to throw it away? Remember, don't give away that computer without **first removing the hard drive**. The drive has sensitive personal data on it that you don't want falling into the wrong hands. Removing a drive involves removing a few screws and pulling some wires. After you disconnect the drive, you'll want to either drill holes through the drive or open the drive and scratch the platters. Or give it to a trustworthy friend who can safely destroy the drive for you. **After the drive is removed**, bring the computer to the nearest e-waste vendor: two sources are [Santa Rosa Computers](#) and [Zero Waste Sonoma](#).



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Google's password manager gets killer upgrades for Chrome, Android, and iOS [pcworld.com/article/798773/google-strengthens-its-password-manager-with-touch-to-fill](https://www.pcworld.com/article/798773/google-strengthens-its-password-manager-with-touch-to-fill)

What's New in Chrome 104, Available Now [howtogeek.com/822483/whats-new-in-chrome-104](https://www.howtogeek.com/822483/whats-new-in-chrome-104)

Get rid of the paper towels – 3 better ways to clean screens and TVs [komando.com/amazon/ways-to-clean-screens](https://www.komando.com/amazon/ways-to-clean-screens)

The 5 Best Cloud Storage Services of 2022 [howtogeek.com/808192/best-cloud-storage-service](https://www.howtogeek.com/808192/best-cloud-storage-service)

Ask Woody Newsletter

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CRASH MITIGATION SYSTEMS

[learn.aarp.org/aarp-driver-safety-quick-learning](https://www.learn.aarp.org/aarp-driver-safety-quick-learning)

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The Beginner's Guide To Tabbed Browsing [howtogeek.com/127318/the-beginners-guide-to-tabbed-browsing](https://www.howtogeek.com/127318/the-beginners-guide-to-tabbed-browsing)

Organize your messy photo collection in 6 simple steps [komando.com/how-tos/organize-your-messy-photo-collection](https://www.komando.com/how-tos/organize-your-messy-photo-collection)

Ctrl+Shift+T: The Little Keyboard Shortcut I Use Constantly

[cnet.com/tech/computing/ctrl-shift-t-the-little-keyboard-shortcut](https://www.cnet.com/tech/computing/ctrl-shift-t-the-little-keyboard-shortcut)