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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Dec 12, 2022.

Masks are only required on
non-vaccinated attendees.

Next general meeting will be Jan 9, 2023 1 PM, at Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation Center

Then we start our first
new after-meeting Drop-
In computer help
session, (2-4 PM) Please
use the sign-up sheet.
Hope to see you there.

Jan Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday Jan 23, 2-4
PM. First come first
served.

Dec 12, 2022: Drop-In computer
help, 2-4 PM, **at the temporary
Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation
Center (BWSRC).**

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vaccinated participants.

**Wishing you all the happiest
holidays and a wonderful New Year**



In the News:

- [Intel Introduces Real-Time Deepfake Detector](#)
- [NASA's next-gen robo](#)
- [Three tech trends on the verge of a breakthrough in 2023](#)
- [Windows spyware from North Korea steals data from your phone](#)
- [TikTok privacy chief: China's not the only country that can access your data](#)
- [Epson is going to stop selling laser printers.](#)

Articles for December

a) How to use the new File Explorer features in Windows 11

22H2 by Mark W. Kaelin, 11.15.2022.

"The first time you open File Explorer after installing Windows 11 22H2, you will likely notice several changes to the look and feel of the application." There is a new Home icon and a new Favorites area. The OneDrive icon is more accessible and the biggest change is the ability to open tabs in File Explorer. Read the article to learn more about these new changes and view the images showing the details of these features. techrepublic.com/article/how-to-use-new-file-explorer-features-windows-11

b) Is this Dell laptop hiding the future of PC memory? Meet CAMM

by Michael Crider, 11.15. 2022.

While this article may be a little more technical than you are used to, it is important to be aware of changes in

b) hardware so you will have the information you need when buying new computer equipment. The article explains what the new Dell standard for memory is and its advantages. There is also a short video which shows you this new memory in a Dell laptop. pcworld.com/article/1380608/is-this-dell-laptop-hiding-the-future-of-pc-memory

c) **SSD vs HDD: What's the difference, and which should you buy?** by Adrian Kingsley-Hughes, 11.15.2022. This is another hardware article. It explains the difference between the old style hard drive (HDD) and the newer Solid State Drive (SSD). There are advantages to both. Read the article to learn which is best for you when considering a new computer. zdnet.com/article/ssd-vs-hdd-whats-the-difference-and-which-should-you-buy

d) **10 tips to secure your accounts with strong passwords** by Kim Komando, 11.17.2022. "Two decades

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d) ago, you had a single password to keep in mind, maybe two. But these days the list of sites and accounts you might want to sign up for is nearly endless. It's time to get serious about account security". The article suggests 10 'ground rules' to help. komando.com/safety-security-reviews/creating-the-best-passwords

e) **What's the Difference Between Laptops and Chromebooks?** by Sarah Chaney, 11.16.2022. "...there are some unique differences between Chromebooks and other laptops. The biggest difference

e) between a Chromebook and a traditional laptop—or a laptop running Windows or macOS—is the operating system. Any time you see a device marketed as a Chromebook, you'll know it's running Chrome OS, which is a minimalist Linux-based operating system created by Google. Because Chromebooks rely on cloud storage and web-based programs, there's not much going on internally. A Chromebook usually lacks an SSD, relying solely on cloud storage or adding some extra via a microSD card, and has LPDDR4X RAM rather than DDR4, which saves space and costs less. However, this makes

e) Chromebooks incapable of running games, powerful programs, or really any app that can't be downloaded from the Google Play Store." Read the article to learn if a Chromebook is a good option for you.

reviewgeek.com/121728/whats-the-difference-between-laptops-and-chromebooks

f) **How to scan a QR code with your iPhone or Android phone (no apps needed)** by Kim Komando, 11.12.2022. "Quick Response codes, better known as QR codes, are those pixelated squares you see in restaurants, advertisements, stores, food packaging, business cards, airline tickets — you name it. QR codes were

f) initially created to track automotive parts, but now they're used for much more. Here's how to use this helpful feature without third-party software." This article explains how to use your iPhone, Android, or Samsung smartphones using the camera app to scan QR codes, as well as Google Lens or Bixby. "While convenient and entertaining, scanning a QR code can expose you to malware and scams." The article also provides a link to tips on what to look out for when scanning QR codes.

komando.com/kims-column/how-to-scan-qr-code

Comments from Ross-- Clean the fan! I got a call the other day saying that one of the fans failed in a client's PC. I took the side panel off (this was a tower, not a laptop) and there was 10 years of dust and gunk clogging the fan. Using a can of air, I blew out all the dust on both internal fans and surrounding hardware. The fans came back to life and the client didn't have to buy any replacement parts. Moral of the story: Clean the inside of your tower at least once a year. If you have a laptop, turn it completely off (using the Start button!) and blow air into all of the vents. Make sure your computer is OFF, not asleep, when you do this.



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5 signs you need a new laptop
komando.com/kims-column/signs-you-need-a-new-laptop

Framework Chromebook review: The most repairable, future-proof laptop yet
zdnet.com/article/framework-chromebook-review-the-most-repairable-future-proof-laptop-yet

Here's how to recover your account if you're locked out of your Apple ID account
komando.com/tech-tips/apple-account-recovery-contact

LastPass got hacked again, and this time it affects customers
pcworld.com/lastpass-got-hacked-again-and-this-time-it-affects-customers

How Do I Tell If My Hard Drive Is Too Old?
askleo.com/how-do-i-tell-if-my-hard-drive-is-too-old

Use Emergency SOS via satellite on your iPhone 14
support.apple.com/en-us/HT213426

The best Windows feature you're not using yet
komando.com/tech-tips/windows-steps-recorder

Microsoft is dropping these Office Mobile app features
zdnet.com/article/microsoft-is-dropping-these-office-mobile-app-features

Internet Outages Could Spread as Temperatures Rise. Here's What Big Tech Is Doing
cnet.com/tech/features/internet-outages-could-spread-as-temperatures-rise-heres-what-big-tech-is-doing

Please Set Up and Maintain Account Recovery Information
askleo.com/account-recovery-information