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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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There is NO general meeting in December.

Instead we have Computer-Help: Drop-In 1-3 PM Monday Dec 11. Please use the signup sheet when you arrive.

Everyone at WSCUG wishes you Happy Holidays and Safe Travels.



Dec 11, 2023: There is **NO** general meeting in December. We will use Dec 11, 1-3 PM for our **last help desk** session of the year.

Jim, Ross and Andrea will be available to help with your computer/smartphone problems.

Our next meeting will be **Jan. 11, 2024**. It will be **Computer Drop-In Help from 1-3 PM**.

We will be sending out an email to all WSCUG members with **details of how we will be changing our second Monday time slot general meeting (1-3 PM) going forward**.

In the News:

- [Judge rules it's fine for car makers to intercept your text messages](#)
- [Google DeepMind's weather AI can forecast extreme weather faster and more accurately](#)
- [Apple's Bringing RCS Support to iPhone Next Year](#)
- [Meta sued over forcing users to pay to stop tracking](#)
- [Microsoft Brings Its AI Copilot to Windows 10](#)
- [How AI will fool voters in 2024 if we don't do something now](#)
- [PCs are back, baby](#)

Articles for December

a) How to avoid losing your unused Google accounts next month

by Lance Whitney, 11.13.2023.

"Starting in December, Google will begin removing accounts that haven't been used in two years. Here's how to prevent yours from getting the heave-ho. This policy applies not only to the account itself but to any content used in Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Drive, Meet, Calendar), YouTube, and Google Photos." This only applies to personal accounts not businesses or schools.

"Google said that it will adopt a phased approach. The company will first look at accounts that were created and never used again. Further, any user whose account is on the hit list will receive notifications sent to the associated Gmail address and to any recovery addresses." Read the

a) article to learn 5 steps you can take. zdnet.com/article/how-to-avoid-losing-your-unused-google-accounts

b) How Close Is That Photo to the Truth? What to Know in the Age of AI by Stephen Shankland, 11.18.2023. "AI can let you lie with photos. How much can you edit a photo before it stops becoming true?" This article explains how smartphone manufacturers already use AI for every photo you take. "Photoshop, generative AI and other image editing technology can take a photo far beyond a camera's starting point. Just how far to go can be a contentious issue." This is a very interesting article about photos, sharing and photo processing. If you take many photos with your smartphone and share them with family and friends, you should read this article. cnet.com/tech/mobile/features/how-close-is-that-photo-to-the-truth

Thank you to our Welcome/Refreshments Coordinator Sandy O'Halloran.

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f) Services Standard in 2024." (the blue bubble vs the green bubble) cnet.com/tech/mobile/apple-bringing-rcs-support-to-iphone-next-year

c) What Kind of Processor Should You Look for in a Laptop?

by Ismar Hrnjicevic, 11.22.2023. "Your laptop's processor, or CPU (central processing unit) for short, is your laptop's brain that controls all essential operations. A more powerful CPU means a faster laptop, but you don't want to overpay for something you don't need." If you are thinking of buying a new laptop, this article will help you understand the differences between Intel and AMD processors and learn what their naming conventions mean in easy to understand language.

howtogeek.com/what-kind-of-processor-should-you-look-for-in-a-laptop

d) How to Back Up Windows by Leo Notenboom. "As of sometime in 2020 (or even earlier), Microsoft decided to pull the plug on the Windows 7 Backup and Restore tool. At the least, it has been 'deprecated' and will likely be removed in a future Windows update. The official word from Microsoft is that you should use third-party utilities to back up instead." There are 8 steps and 3 tools recommended. He uses a free tool, EaseUS ToDo for image backups, as well as Windows File History and OneDrive.

askleo.com/how-to-back-up-windows-10

e) External Storage: Should I Buy an HDD or an SSD? by Bemfica de Oliva, 12.1.2023. If you backup locally to a drive, this article helps you decide which kind of storage, HDD (hard disk drive) or SSD (solid-state drive), is the one for you. howtogeek.com/external-storage-should-i-buy-an-hdd-or-an-ssd

f) Apple's Bringing RCS Support to iPhone Next Year by Imad Khan and Mike Sorrentino, 11.16.2023. Apple is making a big step toward "improving texting between iPhone and Android devices by adopting the Rich

Comments from Ross-- Saving your address book:

How many of you have backed up the address book in your email account? If you use an email client like **Thunderbird or Sonic's web-mail program**, you can EXPORT your addresses to a spreadsheet file, then back up this file to an external drive for safekeeping. Open your Address book and look for the word Export, it may be under a menu item entitled Tools. In Sonic for example, in my Address book there is a button that says Export. Clicking it allows me to save the file as a spreadsheet and then I can back up that file or import my addresses into another email program. You can also use the file in conjunction with your word processing program to create labels or envelopes. For **Gmail contacts**, use this URL:

support.google.com/contacts

For **ATT yahoo** accounts:

help.yahoo.com/kb/att

For **comcast webmail**: [export contacts from comcast webmail](https://export.contactsfromcomcast.com)

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howtogeek.com/753238/how-to-turn-any-ebook-into-an-audiobook

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askleo.com/how-do-i-tell-if-an-email-address-is-fake

Vehicle Technology: Smart Headlights

elearn.aarp.org/Public/Catalog/Details

Why Does My Phone Charge Slowly on Some Chargers?

askleo.com/why-does-my-phone-charge-more-quickly-on-some-chargers

What Is a Chromebook Plus Laptop?

howtogeek.com/what-is-chromebook-plus

NameDrop Explained: Breaking Down the Technicalities of Apple's Contact-Sharing

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