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**Our last Computer
Help-Desk session
for 2024 will be
Monday December
9, 2024, 1-3 PM.**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.
Seniors can get help
with their computers:
PC, laptops, tablets:
Android and Apple,
and phones: Android
and Apple.**



In the News:

- a) [AT&T to kill off landline phone service by 2029](#)
- b) [Intel slapped with class action lawsuit over crashing CPU fiasco](#)
- c) [1.1 Million UK NHS Employee Records Exposed](#)
- d) [DNA testing company vanishes along with its customers' genetic data](#)
- e) [FCC Clears SpaceX's Cellular Starlink For Commercial Operations](#)
- f) [Apple to delete iCloud backups for older iOS versions](#)
- g) [Trump tech tariffs could slam your wallet](#)
- h) [Intel CEO steps down after a disastrous 2024](#)
- i) [Breaking down the DOJ's plan to end Google's search monopoly](#)

Articles for December

a) Microsoft to manipulate Mail and Calendar in Windows so that they become unusable in 2025 by Martin Brinkmann, 11.09.2024 "In less than two months, Microsoft will manipulate Windows Mail and Calendar on Windows systems so that they stop working. Support for Windows Mail, Calendar, and People will end on December 31, 2024. (Microsoft writes we are) in the process of moving existing users to the new Outlook for Windows. The change is a culmination of Microsoft's decision to create and push a new Outlook application to all users. Microsoft confirms that it is migrating users to the new Outlook for Windows." chipp.in/software/windows/microsoft-to-manipulate-mail-and-calendar

related article: [Outlook \(new\) for Windows](#) by Peter Deegan. Use these credentials:

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b) Going Passwordless Without Going Passwordless by Leo A

b) Notenboom. "Passwords are slowly being phased out, but most services still require them. The technique I'm suggesting requires that **the account(s) you do this with have ways to sign in that don't involve a password.** They might offer sign-in methods like: Passkeys, an email to an associated account with a link to click or a number to enter, a text message to an associated mobile number with a number to enter or the ability to confirm sign-in on a different, already signed-in device. This dramatically reduces vulnerability to phishing, keyloggers, and database breaches." Read the article to learn about alternate sign-in methods, how they are more secure, and how to use them **"if they're available to you."**

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c) Microsoft to tighten Windows security dramatically in 2025 by Ed Bott, 11.19.2024. "Stung by last summer's CrowdStrike meltdown, which crashed Windows PCs and servers worldwide, Microsoft is rolling out a wide range of security changes to Windows. A new feature called Quick Machine Recovery will make it easier for IT professionals

c) to remotely repair a machine that's stuck in a reboot loop because of a bad update or driver. The biggest change of all will allow developers to build security products that can operate in user mode instead of requiring kernel mode. The biggest security issue is that the overwhelming majority of Windows users run using an account with administrator privileges. The fix is a feature called Administrator Protection, which gives the user standard permissions by default. If they need to perform an action that requires administrator rights, such as installing an app or changing a system setting, they'll need to authenticate using Windows Hello biometrics or a device-specific PIN." Read the article to learn of other new security

c) measures in the works. zdnet.com/article/microsoft-to-tighten-windows-security

d) How to Disable Annoying Ads on Windows 11? updated 08.06.2024.

This article discusses 9 methods for disabling ads on your **Windows 11 system**. There are step by step directions for each method. "By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can effectively stop ads from disrupting your workflow and enjoy a cleaner, more focused computing environment." geeksforgeeks.org/disable-annoying-ads-on-windows

e) **Facebook annoys an increasing number of users with ad breaks** by Martin Brinkmann, 11.20.2024. "Facebook is rolling out (ad breaks) to users in the European

d) Union after it received a lot of flak for its 'subscribe and pay money' or 'continue to see ads' prompts in the EU. Facebook is giving users two choices when it comes to ads currently: Personalized ads and Less-personalized ads. Once you have switched the setting to less-personalized, you may get ad breaks. This appears to be limited to the mobile Facebook app for the time being. When you scroll down a page on Facebook, the app may suddenly display an advertisement and block scrolling for a period. In other words, it stops whatever you are doing on Facebook to display the ad." Read the article to learn how to change Ad experience preferences on Facebook. ghacks.net/facebook-annoys-an-increasing-number-of-users



Comments from Ross:

Do you have an old cell phone collecting dust in a drawer? Just like all old electronics that you are no longer using, you should bring it to a location to dispose of it properly. But first you will want to delete all of your information on it by resetting it back to factory default. Your cell phone vendor can help you with that. Even if the phone is not charged up, they can plug it in long enough to wipe everything off the phone. Visit the ATT, Verizon, Consumer Cellular, T-Mobile, Apple store and they can make sure that your old cell phone doesn't end up in the landfill. Some of those old phones can be recycled for precious metals and some can be refurbished and either given or sold to low income users or charities.

[Start Fresh: How to Factory Reset an iPhone or Android Device](#)

[How to Properly Recycle Your Cell Phone in California](#)

URLs

Microsoft Photos can now upscale and enhance images using AI

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Firefox 133 adds privacy-boosting 'bounce tracking' protection
pcworld.com/firefox-133-adds-privacy-boosting-bounce-tracking-protection

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The official "Bing Wallpaper app" does some nasty, malware-like things to Windows

techspot.com/news/105673-official-bing-wallpaper-app-does-nasty-malware-like

