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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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**Computer-Help: Drop-
In 2-4 PM Feb 28, 2022
MASKS REQUIRED.**



Next general meeting
will be **March 14, 2022,**
1 PM. Our planned
guest speaker will be
Susanne Skabelund
from the **Santa Rosa**
Family History Center.

March Drop-In
Computer Help:
Monday March 28, 2-4
PM. MASKS REQUIRED

Feb. 14, 2022. During the first hour, Jim will moderate General Questions & Answers.

Then our presentation will be from **AARP tax preparers, Mike Berry and Dave Harrison.**



Erin will give updates for the Senior Center.

Please note until further notice **MASKS are required for our Windsor Senior Computer Users' Group IN-PERSON EVENTS.**

In the News:

- a) [Check out this robot restaurant built for the Winter Games](#)
- b) [The Brain-Implant Future Is Almost Here. Are You Up for It?](#)
- c) [Google and Facebook fined \\$240 million for making cookies hard to refuse](#)
- d) [Mercedes-Benz's New Concept EV Puts Every Other Carmaker to Shame](#)
- e) [Microsoft invests \\$50 million in LanzaJet for sustainable datacenter fuel](#)
- f) [First Microsoft Pluton-powered Windows 11 PCs to start rolling out this year](#)
- g) [Microsoft: This new browser feature is 'huge step forward' against zero-day threats](#)

Articles for February

a) The metaverse is just getting started: Here's what you need to know

by Andrew Morse and Scott Stein, 01.21.22. "You've probably

heard a lot about the metaverse recently. Last year, Facebook

rebranded itself as Meta. The metaverse isn't a new idea. The term

has circulated for decades. Virtual reality, augmented reality and 3D

computing – the technological concepts behind it -- are older still. The

current boom in interest is just the most recent peak in a years-long push

to make these advances useful to everybody... the metaverse is a

squishy concept. Will there be one metaverse? Or many metaverses?"

Read the complete article here to find out. [cnet.com/tech/services-and-](https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/the-metaverse-is-everywhere-heres-what-you-need-to-know)

[software/the-metaverse-is-everywhere-heres-what-you-need-to-know](https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/the-metaverse-is-everywhere-heres-what-you-need-to-know)

b) Why Is Windows Called Windows?

by Benj Edwards, 02.07.22. "You've probably heard the name a million times: 'Microsoft Windows.' But how did the operating system get that way." This article tells how and why it is called Microsoft Windows.

[howtogeek.com/781573/why-is-windows-called-windows](https://www.howtogeek.com/781573/why-is-windows-called-windows)

c) What really happened with 5G and the airlines

01.21.22-Kim Komando podcast. Listen to Kim's quick and easy breakdown of what happened..

[komando.com/episode/what-really-happened-with-5g-and-the-airlines](https://www.komando.com/episode/what-really-happened-with-5g-and-the-airlines)

d) AMD vs Intel in 2022: A practical guide to this year's laptop and desktop CPUs

by Alaina Yee, 01.10.22. Read this summary written in plain

English so you know what to expect and what it means for you.

[pcworld.com/article/563664/amd-vs-intel-in-2022-a-practical-guide-to-this-years-laptop-and-desktop-cpus](https://www.pcworld.com/article/563664/amd-vs-intel-in-2022-a-practical-guide-to-this-years-laptop-and-desktop-cpus)

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e) Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV and Chromecast settings to change to protect your privacy by Sarah Lord and Eli Blumenthal, 02.01.22. "While modern TVs and streaming devices aren't tracking you with physical cameras, their software platforms are often following what you're doing from behind the scenes. From Amazon and Roku to Google and even Apple, major smart platforms are capturing your viewing data." This article gives instructions on how to stop this for each of the streaming services.

[cnet.com/tech/home-entertainment/roku-apple-tv-fire-tv-and-chromecast-settings-to-change-to-protect-your-privacy](https://www.cnet.com/tech/home-entertainment/roku-apple-tv-fire-tv-and-chromecast-settings-to-change-to-protect-your-privacy)

f) Search engine comparison: Google vs. Startpage vs. DuckDuckGo vs. Bing by Komando Staff, 01.15.22. "There are many ways search engines stand out compared to one another, from appearance to features. In this article, you'll learn how search results differ from platform to platform. You'll also see what types of results you can expect from your queries". This article compares the pros and cons of each search engine.

[komando.com/tech-tips/search-engine-comparison](https://www.komando.com/tech-tips/search-engine-comparison)

g) How to Spot a Fraudulent Website by

g) Marshall Gunnell, 01.2.22. This article suggests 5 ways to spot a fraudulent website. Read the complete article to learn how to spot these websites and protect yourself while on the internet. [howtogeek.com/729972/how-to-spot-a-fraudulent-website](https://www.howtogeek.com/729972/how-to-spot-a-fraudulent-website)

h) Microsoft Plans to Forcibly Update Some Windows 10 PCs by Andrew Heinzman, 02.04.22. "Only a handful of Windows 10 releases are still supported by Microsoft. To remedy the problem, Microsoft will force an update on customers who are still running Windows 10 version 20H1." To check which version of windows 10 you are using, open Settings>System>

h) scroll down to the 'About' tab. "If you aren't running Windows 10 version 21H1 or 21H2, then you are no longer receiving security updates from Microsoft." The author suggests updating manually to avoid "a surprise update". [reviewgeek.com/109133/microsoft-plans-to-forcibly-update-some-windows-10-pcs](https://www.reviewgeek.com/109133/microsoft-plans-to-forcibly-update-some-windows-10-pcs)

i) USB Explained: All the Different Types (and What They're Used for) by Suzanne Humphries, 09.16.2020.

Comments from Ross-- Search Results: Do you experience strange search results when you open your browser and search for something in Google or any other search like DuckDuckGo or Brave? When you click a search result, are you redirected to some totally unrelated web page? You are experiencing the mysearch.com malware. It is easy to get but hard to remove. Removal is not for the faint of heart but here is a webpage that walks you through the cleaning process: <https://malwaretips.com/blogs/remove-mysearch/> Unfortunately, running Malwarebytes will not fully remove this malware, you have to go through several steps. Good luck!

Internet

10 Gmail tips and tools to make email easier

[cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/10-gmail-tips-and-tools-to-make-email-easier](https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/10-gmail-tips-and-tools-to-make-email-easier)

10 ways to make the most of your password manager

[pcworld.com/article/607960/10-ways-to-make-the-most-of-your-password-manager](https://www.pcworld.com/article/607960/10-ways-to-make-the-most-of-your-password-manager)

Smart DriverTEK Virtual Workshops

aarp.cvent.com/c/calendar

Best Android tablet 2022: Ditch the iPad [zdnet.com/article/best-android-tablet](https://www.zdnet.com/article/best-android-tablet)

That Zoom invite might be a clever phishing trick – Red flags to watch for [komando.com/security-privacy/zoom-invite-phishing-attack](https://www.komando.com/security-privacy/zoom-invite-phishing-attack)

Scams & Fraud aarp.org/money/scams-fraud

How to lock down your Microsoft account and keep it safe from outside attackers [zdnet.com/article/how-to-lock-down-your-microsoft-account-and-keep-it-safe-from-outside-attackers](https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-to-lock-down-your-microsoft-account-and-keep-it-safe-from-outside-attackers)

How does cell service work?

[komando.com/video/komando-picks/how-does-cell-service-work](https://www.komando.com/video/komando-picks/how-does-cell-service-work)

Practical Tech Tip: Print a website without the ads and junk

[komando.com/kims-column/print-a-website-without-the-ads](https://www.komando.com/kims-column/print-a-website-without-the-ads)

12 smart Android tips and tricks you should be using

[komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/12-smart-android-tricks](https://www.komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/12-smart-android-tricks)

Everything We Know About Android 13 "Tiramisu"

[reviewgeek.com/107380/android-13](https://www.reviewgeek.com/107380/android-13)

