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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter

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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Jan 24, 2022 MASKS REQUIRED.

Next general meeting will be Feb 14, 2022, 1 PM. Our planned guest speakers will be the AARP tax preparers, Mike Berry and Dave Harrison.

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

Unfortunately the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force cancelled their presentation, but hope to reschedule for a later date**. Jim and Ross have graciously committed to filling in.** Their topics will be Security and Passwords. Andrea will discuss articles from the newsletter.

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) Apple's AirTags are being abused by car thieves and stalkers
b) Kronos hit with ransomware, warns of data breach and 'several week' outage
c) CES 2022
d) What Is the Log4j Flaw, and How Does it Affect You?
e) Apple becomes world's first $3 trillion company as tech becomes central to post-COVID life
f) Dell reveals Concept Luna, a radically compelling vision for sustainable laptops
g) Microsoft 2022: Redmond faces two old challengers in the new year

Articles for January

a) Malware exposes passwords saved in browsers – Check your data now by Charlie Fripp, 01.03.2022. "There are plenty of passwords we need to remember for online accounts, but too many people make the mistake of using the same one for multiple sites. If one site is breached, your other accounts are also at risk. One of the most convenient ways is using your browser's ability to store them for you." Read this article to find out "how malware is putting your saved passwords at risk".
komando.com/security-privacy/redline-stealer-malware-exposes-passwords

b) The importance of backing up by Malwarebytes Labs, 11.12.2021. This is a great article for learning what a back up is and why its important. Its geared toward businesses, but our data is just as important to us as any

b) business'.
blog.malwarebytes.com/101/2021/11/the-importance-of-backing-up

c) The 3G shutdown impacts more than just your phone – These devices may stop working by Albert Khoury, 12.27.2021. With the impending 3G shutdowns of cellular networks, it will be more than cell phones what will no longer work. Check out the article to see if your vehicle and other devices will be affected by the shutdown.
komando.com/technology/3g-shutdown-impact

d) 6 life-changing tech habits you need in 2022 by Ed Bott, 12.16.2021. The author makes tech recommendations to help you be "happier, more productive, and maybe even less anxious. Even if you only check one or two of these items off your 2022 to-do list," he promises you will be better off. Be sure to add these to your New Year's Resolution list. (cont)

d) zdnet.com/article/the-6-life-changing-tech-habits-you-need-this-year

e) 8 reasons why AMD Ryzen CPUs deserve your attention by Gordon Ung, 12.7.2021. There are eight good reasons why you might buy a computer with an AMD Ryzen CPU. pcworld.com/article/557094/8-reasons-why-amd-ryzen-cpus-deserve-your-attention

f) Intel reports new computing breakthroughs as it pursues Moore's Law by Monica J. White, 12.13.2021. "Intel issued a press release, unveiling various advancements in the fields of packaging, transistor, and quantum physics. The company has stated that these new findings were made in pursuit of Moore's Law. According to Intel, these breakthroughs are going to be fundamental to advancing computing well into the upcoming years, going as far as beyond 2025." Read the article to learn what Moore's Law is and how it and Intel will affect advancements in computing. digitaltrends.com/computing/intel-reports-new-breakthroughs-chasing-moores-law-beyond-2025

g) How Hackers Use Malicious Attachments to Give You Malware by Leo A. Notenboom, Ask Leo. "Hackers use fake emails to fool you into opening attachments containing malware. The malware often targets unpatched vulnerabilities or bugs in the operating system or other software on your machine. It's important to remain skeptical and cautious before opening any attachments, and always keep your system and other software as up to date as possible." askleo.com/malicious-attachments

h) Habitat for Humanity Just Sold Its First 3D-Printed Home by Suzanne Humphries, 12.27.2021. "Habitat for Humanity teamed up with Alquist—a 3D printing company—to build the home in Williamsburg, Virginia. It's 1200 square feet and has three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The house was built from concrete, and it only took 12 hours to print the home's walls, shaving approximately four weeks off the average home's wall construction time. The concrete used has several other benefits, too, like better temperature retention and the ability to better withstand natural disasters such as tornadoes. It also saves about 15% per square foot in building costs." reviewgeek.com/106417/habitat-for-humanity-just-sold-its-first-3d-printed-home

Comments from Ross, Jim and Andrea:
Windows 11--Unless you have purchased a new computer with Windows 11 pre-installed, we recommend you **do NOT upgrade** from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Fortunately you will NOT be 'forced' into migrating to Windows 11. If you have an older PC, your hardware might not support Windows 11 and you will see this message in the Windows Update Settings: **"This PC does not meet the minimum system requirements to run Windows 11"**. **Windows 10 is supported until October 2025**. We have compiled a list of articles to help explain the reasons for NOT upgrading to Windows 11 at this time.
1- You shouldn't upgrade to Windows 11 yet
2- Your Windows 11 upgrade is ready. Should you do it?
3- I wouldn't upgrade to Windows 11 yet — here's why
4- Windows 11 review: Should you upgrade right now?

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Why Doesn't Blocking Email Senders Work? askleo.com/why_doesnt_blocking_email_senders_work
Why the Future Is Passwordless howtogeek.com/763503/why-the-future-is-passwordless-how-to-get-started
5 ways the world will change in 2022: CNET's predictions for the year ahead cnet.com/tech/5-ways-world-will-change-2022-cnet-predictions-year-ahead
There are 4 kinds of Live Photos on your iPhone – How to try them all komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/iphone-live-photos-tools
Stop Closing Apps on Your iPhone howtogeek.com/773871/stop-closing-apps-on-your-iphone/

iOS 15.2: How to ensure family can access your iCloud data when you die zdnet.com/article/ios-15-2-how-to-make-sure-your-family-has-access-to-your-icloud-data-when-you-die
Is the iPhone default browser bar annoying you? Here's how to move it cnet.com/tech/mobile/is-the-iphone-default-browser-bar-annoying-you-heres-how-to-move-it
What Is Spam, and Why Do We Call It That? howtogeek.com/773383/what-is-spam-and-why-do-we-call-it-that
What's next for the Microsoft Cloud zdnet.com/article/whats-next-for-the-microsoft-cloud
This privacy-focused browser stops websites tracking you cnet.com/a-privacy-focused-browser