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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Jan 23, 2023.

Masks are only required on
non-vaccinated attendees.

Next general meeting will be Feb 13, 2023, 1 PM, at Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation Center

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

**Feb Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday Feb 27, 2-4
PM. First come first
served.**

Jan 9, 2023: General meeting, at the temporary Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation Center (BWSRC). We will discuss the latest news in technology and answer questions.

After our general meeting, we will have **Drop-In computer help session**, (2-4 PM). **Jim, Andrea and Ross** will be available to help with your computer/smartphone problems. Please be sure to use the **sign-up sheet**. We hope to see you there

In the News:

- a) [CES 2023 Day 1: The biggest announcements so far](#)
- b) [Major Energy Breakthrough: Milestone Achieved in US Fusion Experiment](#)
- c) [Microsoft just topped a 'best-run company'](#)
- d) [Dell's Concept Luna laptop comes apart like building blocks.](#)
- e) [Apple Japan slapped with 14 bil. yen in back tax over duty-free sales](#)
- f) [New York's Groundbreaking Right to Repair Law](#)
- g) [Microsoft aims for AI-powered version of Bing](#)

Articles for January

a) When will Microsoft end support for your version of Windows or Office? by Ed Bott, 12.19.2022. Starting in January, there are only two versions of Windows supported by Microsoft, Windows 10 and 11. And for Windows 10, only 21H2 and 22H2 will be getting updates. To find out which version of Windows you have, please read: [how to find out which build and version of Windows 10 you have](#). Read the following article to learn more and how long your version of Office will be supported. zdnet.com/article/when-will-microsoft-pull-the-plug

b) What to Do About the LastPass Breach by Leo A. Notenboom. If you use LastPass, you definitely should read this article. The author gives advice on what to do, with 'Don't Panic' being the first thing. askleo.com/lastpass-breach/

c) Using AI against us: Hackers can weaponize chatbots to write phishing

c) campaigns by Charlie Frupp, 12.20.2022. "Artificial intelligence has received a lot of attention over the last few weeks. However, a recent technological advance means that it can be used for malicious purposes", by "sending malware through email easier. Phishing emails are getting more sophisticated and difficult to detect. Now with AI chatbots sending phishing messages, things are even more serious. **ChatGPT** has no problem generating an authentic-sounding phishing message without spelling or grammatical errors." This article lists 5 things you can do to "avoid falling victim to phishing attacks". komando.com/security-privacy/ai-chatbot-phishing

d) Skip the keyboard: How to dictate in Microsoft Word and Google Docs by Albert Khoury, 12.26.2022. "Voice typing is part of the accessibility features built into many operating systems and apps...Microsoft Word and Google Docs have this capability built into their software". To use dictation in Microsoft Word you need a microphone (cont.)

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d) and a network connection. To use your voice with Google Docs, you will need a Chrome Browser and a microphone. This article gives instructions on how to set up voice dictation for Microsoft Word and Google Docs. **(Editors note:** I found the microphone built into my webcam worked for both Word and Google Docs.) komando.com/tech-tips/dictate-in-microsoft-word-and-google-docs

e) How Long Can You Keep Using an Android Phone? by Corbin Davenport, 12.31.2022.

"Smartphones aren't making significant strides every single year, which has led more people to keep their phone for two,) three, or

four years. Can the average Android phone last that long before running into problems, though? Android has not significantly changed its minimum requirements in many years, at least in terms of hardware...new Android updates generally don't make a phone or tablet slower or less usable. The main problem with any aging Android smartphone, like nearly any portable electronic, is battery life." Read the article to learn about OS updates and app updates effect your Android phone.

howtogeek.com/854108/how-long-can-you-keep-using-an-android-phone

f) Be careful what you click--Scammers are hiding malware in ads

by Charlie Frupp, 12.24.2022. "The most convenient (and often the fastest) way to find information on a business or service is through a search engine. Google is at the top, with billions of daily queries. But not all results can be trusted. In addition to other ventures, Google makes money by selling advertising in its search results. Anybody can pay to have their results displayed at the top of the page, above all other possible results. And scammers are exploiting this." There are two main places for this advertising space: "most common is a square on the side of the results page or through Google Ads, and "at the top of the search results page. Companies pay big money to have their busi-

ness show up first, especially when people google for a competing product. If you don't pay attention, you won't notice that it's an ad. And that is precisely what scammers are hoping as they come after your information." Read the article to learn tips given by the FBI to stay protected. komando.com/security-privacy/malware-infested-online-ads

Comments from Ross-- Do you have icons cluttering your computer's desktop? Most icons on your desktop are not really needed. For example, when Adobe Reader is installed an Adobe icon is automatically placed on your desktop. However the icon is not needed to open .pdf files. Same thing happens when you install Word or Excel or any other application. You can safely drag these icons to the Recycle Bin. Then how do you open a document if the icon is missing you ask? Simply find the file you want to open and double click it. If you're organized, all of your documents will be in the Documents folder, pictures will be in the Pictures folder, music will be in the Music folder, etc. Double click the file name and it will open in the correct application. For example, a file named 1234.pdf will open in Adobe Reader. You do not need to click the Adobe icon on your desktop to open the file. I prefer a tidy desktop so I get rid of most icons with the exception of shortcuts I create for my most often used documents.

Internet

Someone's Sending from My Email Address! How Do I Stop Them?
askleo.com/someones-sending-email-address-stop

What Google Needs to Do for Android to Overcome Apple and iPhone in 2023
cnet.com/tech/mobile/what-google-needs-to-do-for-android-to-overcome-apple-and-iphone-in-2023

The LastPass Scandal Shows It's Time to Leave Passwords Behind
reviewgeek.com/140954/the-lastpass-scandal-shows-its-time-to-leave-passwords-behind

Change this one iPhone setting to foil thieves from stealing your phone and selling it
zdnet.com/article/change-this-one-iphone-setting-to-foil-thieves-from-stealing-your-phone-and-selling-it

Why You Should Be Using a Mousepad
howtogeek.com/854196/why-you-should-be-using-a-mousepad

Microsoft's biggest wins, fails, and WTF moments of 2022
pcworld.com/article/1433015/microsofts-wins-fails-and-wtf-moments-of-2022

6 Best Free Email Accounts, Ranked
zdnet.com/artihowtogeek.com/849391/best-free-email-accounts-ranked

IFile Explorer tabs are finally in Windows! pcworld.com/use-the-new-tabbed-file-explorer-to-simplify-your-life
iPhone user watches as stolen phone travels from UK to China
malwarebytes.com/man-watches-as-stolen-phone-travels

Intel's new laptop CPUs offer 24 cores
pcworld.com/intel-launches-13th-gen-mobile-core-chips

