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# WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter

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### There are NO WSCUG meetings in July.

Next general meeting will be Aug 14, 2023, 1 PM, at our newly renovated Windsor Senior Center. There is Computer help after our general meeting.

Aug Drop-In Computer Help: Monday Aug 28, 2-4 PM. First come first served.



There will be **NO July meetings** of the Windsor Senior Computer Users' Group.

#### See you in August!

After our general meeting on August 14, we will have **a Drop-In computer help session**, **(2-4 PM approximate)**. **Jim, Ross and Andrea** will be available to help with your computer/smartphone problems.

In the News: a) The US Senate is working to get up to speed on AI basics b) US to consider additional sanctions on AI chip exports to China c) The Unintended Consequences of **Banning Ransomware Payments** d) Apple is now worth \$3 trillion, boosted by the Nasdaq's best start in 40 years e) Outlook will replace Windows 11's Mail and Calendar apps in 2024 f) Canadians will no longer have access to news content on Facebook and Instagram, Meta says g) DuckDuckGo Web Browser Now Available for Windows PCs

## Articles for July

a) 5 unusual cybersecurity tips that actually work by Mark Stockley, 06.05.2023. "It's time to innovate and get weird. It's time to shake off that special feeling, start lying, forget everything you've been told about passwords, spin up a million email addresses, and start throwing away computers for fun." Here are "five unusual cybersecurity tips that actually work:

1-Lie

2-Stop thinking you're special
3-Forget strong passwords
4-Use endless email addresses
5-Throw your computer away".
Read the article to learn how to use these unusual tips.

malwarebytes.com/blog/personal/202 3/06/5-unusual-cybersecurity-tips

b) Busting the 8 biggest Windows myth by Sven Bauduin, 06.19.2023.

**b)** From USB sticks having to be ejected to Google Chrome slowing down your PC to Windows 10 and 11 spying on you. This article debunks 8 myths about the Windows operating system.

pcworld.com/article/1936133/the-8biggest-windows-myths-exposed

c) 3 smartphone tech tips everyone over 50 must know by Kim Komando, 06.15,2023. "...it can be hard to keep up with the crowd if you didn't grow up with high-tech gadgets like smartphones or tablets." The article explains why our aging hands have difficulty managing touch screens and has tips for iPhone and Android users over 50.komando.com/smartphonesgadgets/senior-tech-skills

**d) What Is a Passkey?** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Passkeys are a new form of authentication that promise to be both easier and more secure. (cont) Thank you to our Welcome Coordinator, Sandy O'Halloran.

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d) Passkeys use cryptography instead of passwords to authenticate your identity and allow you access to an account. Passkeys are more convenient and more secure than traditional passwords. There's nothing to remember and nothing for a hacker to steal. Passkeys They use what's called public key cryptography. They might be the safest and easiest to use but the most difficult to explain..." The article explains in easy to understand language the differences between passwords, passphrases and passkeys

d) what they are and how to use them. Passkeys may be the wave of the future for passwords. <u>askleo.com/what-is-a-</u> passkey

e) The Problem With OneDrive Backup by Leo A. Notenboom. "The 'Manage folder backup' option in OneDrive moves the contents of your Documents (and Desktop and Pictures) folder into the OneDrive folder. This can cause you to exceed your OneDrive storage limits. Turning the feature off isn't enough to undo the damage." If you use



e) Microsoft's OneDrive, this is the article for you. <u>askleo.com/the-problem-</u> with-onedrive-backup

f) Stay protected with Windows Security. This article explains in detail the components listed in Ross' article about the Windows Security Center. To customize how your device is protected with these Windows Security

features select Start Settings<sup>(2)</sup> > Update &
Security<sup>(2)</sup> > Windows
Security<sup>(1)</sup> .
support.microsoft.com/en
-us/windows/stay-

protected-with-windowssecurity **Comments from Ross--Microsoft Security Center:** For those of you who don't subscribe to Norton, McAfee or other antivirus program, then this article is something to be aware of. The built-in anti-virus software in Windows 10 and 11 is represented by a white "shield" in the lower right-hand corner of your screen and looks like



this: Note the green checkmark—this is what you always want to see. If it has a yellow or red mark on it, then Windows is telling you it needs attention. Simply click once on the icon to open the Security Center that looks like this:

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App & browser control to action needed.	Device security View status and manage hardware security features	Device performance & health to action needed.

You want to see all green checks, however, if one of them has something other than green, then click on the item and it will tell you what needs to be done. Sometimes it's just a matter of clicking the Dismiss button or run a program. If you aren't sure what to do, send one of the consultants an email and we can help you, or visit us at one of the twice-monthly Help Desk sessions.



10 tech company customer service phone numbers <u>komando.com/kims-</u> <u>column/customer-service-phone-numbers</u> Apple Is Ending Support for These iPhones This Fall.

Internet

cnet.com/tech/services-andsoftware/apple-is-ending-support-forthese-iphones-this-fall Smart DriverTEK Virtual Workshops aarp.cvent.com/c/calendar/ 10 overlooked Windows 11 features you should start using pcworld.com/article/1974877/10overlooked-windows-11-features-youshould-start-using Watch out for the 9 most creative scams from Kim's inbox komando.com/security-privacy/mostcreative-scams 7 Microsoft Outlook tips everyone should know pcworld.com/article/1935874/outlookthese-8-tips-you-need-to-know **Google Photos vs Apple Photos:** Which Cloud Storage Is Best? howtogeek.com/896850/google-photosvs-apple-photos-which-cloud-storage-isbest What's the Difference Between an Inkjet and a Laser Printer? reviewgeek.com/inket-laser-printerdifference **Different Methods to Secure Your Microsoft Word Documents** techrepublic.com/article/secure-yourmicrosoft-word-documents Live classes for older adults www.getsetup.io