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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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Computer Help-Desk
Drop-In sessions are
every second and
fourth Mondays of the
month 1-3 PM. These
sessions are first
come first served.
Please use the sign-in
sheet when you arrive.

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

There are no Help-Desk sessions in July.

In the News:

- **a)** Spacetop, the radical new laptop with no screen, is ready for launch
- **b)** Microsoft is finally changing Word's annoying default Paste behavior
- c) Google admits its Al Overviews can generate "some odd, inaccurate" results
- d) Dell notifies customers about data breach
- e) Al 'Kill Switch' Promised by Tech
 Heavyweights. What It Means for Safety
- f) OpenAl strikes deal with News Corp. to access Wall Street Journal content
- g) Twitter is officially X.com now
- h) <u>Facebook wants to use your posts to train Al. Here's how to object</u>

Articles for June

- a) Windows Recall: All your privacy questions answered by Chris Hoffman, 05.29.2024. It's not what you think. Windows Recall is a new Al feature. "A new AI feature coming in Copilot+ PCs this year will capture your screen every five seconds and store the screenshots. Recall is a new feature that will be built into Windows 11 moving forward...It will only be available on new PCs Microsoft has certified as 'Copilot+ PCs.' If you do have a Copilot+ PC, Recall is an optional feature that can capture snapshots of your screen every five seconds. (It won't capture audio or video — just pictures of what's on your screen.) Recall is completely optional. When you're signing into a new Copilot+ PC for the first time, Microsoft says you'll be informed about Recall and given an ability to make a decision. Microsoft says that the Recall data will be stored only on your PC and never processed by Microsoft's servers. The Recall data is stored separately for each user account on a PC. Recall won't capture most passwords you type, since most
- a) websites 'cloak' password entry dialogs by displaying them as ****. But if a website does show the visible passwords -- or if information like a credit card number, bank account number, or social security number appears on the screen -- Recall will save them in your snapshots. Recall doesn't send any of this data over the internet. Recall isn't going to arrive on existing Windows PCs." computerworld.com/microsoftwindows-recall-privacy related articles: Is Microsoft Recall a 'privacy nightmare'? 7 reasons you can stop worrying about it and Microsoft Al "Recall" feature records everything, secures far less
- b) Why I've Stopped Using Google Search by Leo A. Notenboom. "Google Search's declining quality and annoying ads have led to what many call its 'enshitification.' It's caused me to explore alternatives like Bing, DuckDuckGo, and Kagi, which offer better privacy, fewer ads, and in some cases, completely adfree experiences." Check out his YouTube video to learn more. youtu.be/K297opaBp8E or read the article here.
- c) The ultimate free digital security guide: Stay safe without spending a

c) dime by Chris Hoffman, 05.13.2024. "You don't have to spend a lot of money for online security tools. There are a lot of great security tools that we recommend — features built into Windows, trustworthy free downloads, and protection practices that won't cost you anything at all." Some of the tools to use: antivirus software, password manager, VPN services, 2FA apps and Windows backup tools. Read the article to learn about how to use all the free tools they recommend for online protection.

pcworld.com/article/theultimate-free-digitalsecurity-guide

d) Setting up MFA properly by Peter Deegan, AskWoody newsletter, 21.21.F, 05.20.2024. "There is more than one way to

d) verify a login, and you should know about them before something goes wrong. Please tell me you do have multifactor authentication set up on all your important logins, especially email. People often focus on banking sites but overlook crucial mailbox and social-media security. I'll use a Microsoft account for these examples, but similar things apply to other major account logins such as Google, Apple, Facebook, Twitter/X, and others." The article includes graphics and great details on how to set up 2FA/MFA for your Microsoft account and others. "Make sure you take the extra alternative and re-

askwoody.com/newsletter/f ree-edition-setting-up-mfaproperly

covery steps to allow for

the unexpected."

e) How Do Gmail Labels Relate to Folders? by Leo e) Notenboom, a Youtube channel video. This video explains the difference between folders and labels in Gmail. youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=gSwprWa8pXA

f) Windows 11 Shows Start Menu Ads Now: Here's How to Turn Them **Off** by Brad Morton, 06.02.2024. "Windows 11 has started displaying ads in the Start menu. While ads aren't yet showing to all users, the roll-out will reach you eventually, so here's how to turn them off. Ads in the Windows start menu are disguised as app 'recommendations'. Currently, app recommendations and ads appear below your pinned apps in the Windows 11 Start menu." Read the article to learn the four easy steps to disable ads in the Windows 11 start menu. howtogeek.com/windows-11-start-menu-ads-how-toturn-them-off



Comments from Ross--Are you in the market for a new computer? Do you currently have a Windows laptop or desktop, and are thinking of getting a Mac-Book because someone said they're "easier"? I'm guessing those people that are trying to convince you to change to Apple are usually younger folks. Here's my advice, don't change to Apple if you have been using Windows for years. The same goes for Android vs iPhone. I know many people who were told to give up their Android phone for an iPhone and were deeply disappointed. In other words, stick to what you know and have already used. Don't try and learn something new iust because someone said you should. Are those same people going to be there to train you and answer all your questions? Be aware that Apple products look and act very different from Android or Windows products. Not to mention the much higher price you pay for Apple products over anything else. I'm not saying Apple products aren't good, I'm saying don't change platforms for something you have to learn all over again. Save yourself

URLs

Don't click the ads – Might be malware

https://ckarchive.com/b/4zuvheh5d6n30 t6ovveola30rvv77t5

How to Spot and Stop a Scam virtualevents.aarp.org/How-to-Spot-and-Stop-a-Scam

Android 15 unveiled:

<u>zdnet.com/article/android-15-unveiled-here-are-8-new-exciting-features</u>

Tired of your Android phone running out of battery? Change these 10 settings <u>zdnet.com/10-settings-on-my-android-phone-to-improve-battery-life</u>

iOS 17.5: All the Fun and Useful New Features on Your iPhone

<u>cnet.com/ios-17-5-all-the-fun-and-useful-new-features</u>

Inside the Dark Web

<u>aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam/info-2024/the-dark-web</u>

Windows 11 Made Easy: Essential Skills for Beginners

getsetup.io/classes/windows-11essential-skills-for-beginners

Google Drive vs. Microsoft OneDrive: Which Is Best? howtogeek.com/googledrive-vs-microsoft-onedrive-which-is-best Beware of scammers impersonating

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dnet.com/article/the-nsa-advises-you-toturn-your-phone-off



the headache and stress.