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Our **after-meeting Drop-In computer help** session will start **following the end of our general meeting** sometime between **2-3 PM. Drop-In ends at 4 PM.** Please use the sign-up sheet.

Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Mar 27, 2023..

Next general meeting will be **Apr 10, 2023, 1 PM, at Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation Center.**

Apr Drop-In Computer Help: Monday **Apr 24, 2-4 PM. First come first served.**

Mar 13, 2023: General meeting, **at the temporary Bluebird Windsor Senior Recreation Center (BWSRC)**. We will discuss the latest news in technology, review the newsletter and answer questions.

After our general meeting, we will have **Drop-In computer help session, (2:30-4 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

Masks are only required on non-vaccinated participants.

In the News:
a) Reddit was hit with a phishing attack-- a lesson for everyone
b) Amazon gets key FCC approval for more than 3,000 satellites
c) Stalkerware-type app developers fined by NY Attorney General
d) Blue Alchemist Technology Powers our Lunar Future
e) TikTok banned on certain devices – Is it banned in your state?
f) Microsoft Limits Bing's AI Chatbot After Unsettling Interactions
g) Supreme Court hears Gonzalez v. Google case against Big Tech

Articles for March

a) Use voice access to control your PC & author text with your voice.
"Voice access is available in Windows 11, version 22H2 and later." This article from **Microsoft support** contains all the links you will need to setup and get started using your voice to navigate and interact with your PC. "Voice access is a new feature in Windows 11 that enables everyone, including people with mobility disabilities, to control their PC and author text using only their voice and without an internet connection. For example, you can open and switch between apps, browse the web, and read and author email using your voice." Read the article to learn how to get started and use 'Voice Access'.
support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/use-voice-access-to-control-your-pc-author-text-with-your-voice

b) When Do You Need to Retire Your

b) Windows 10 PC? by Andrew Heinzman, 02,10.2023. You should upgrade to Windows 11 before October 14th of 2025. "After that date, Microsoft will end support for the Windows 10 operating system, leaving it vulnerable to malware and hackers. If your PC is eligible for the Windows 11 update, then this isn't much of a problem. You can install the update for free at any time. But the majority of Windows 10 machines are incompatible with Windows 11 and need to be replaced (or taken offline) by the end of 2025." reviewgeek.com/145209/when-do-you-need-to-retire-your-windows-10-pc

c) How to Use Cloud Storage Safely by Leo Notenboom**.** "This article explains the difference between 'cloud storage and cloud backup". The author gives 'Four rules to prevent disaster'. Please read the article to learn these rules and how you can protect your data whether in 'the cloud' or stored locally.askleo.com/cloud-storage-as-cloud-backup

c) Dear Advertisers, I Already Bought It by Joe Fedewa,03.04.2023. Targeted ads are everywhere. Do one simple search for computer mice and now they're following you from Instagram to the sidebar of your favorite blog. t's a lot more cost-efficient for an advertiser to show you something you might actually click on rather than a completely random product you'll probably ignore. Ad providers such as Google, Facebook, and Amazon use cookies to track you around the web. Advertisers are great at knowing which products I'm interested in, but they never know when I've actually purchased a product. Your best bet is to opt out of

c) targeted ads altogether. Amazon and Google...allow you to turn off targeted ads from them. Instead, you'll just get generic ads that aren't tailored to you." Click on the links to learn how to turn off targeted ads for Amazon and Google.

howtogeek.com/874575/dear-advertisers-i-already-bought-it

d) 5 just-released Windows 11 features you need to try now by Brad Chacos, 03.02.2023. 5 new Windows 11 features:
1-return of the search box
2-tabs to Notepad app
3-iPhone support in Phone Link
4-Snipping Tool screen recording
5-Energy recommendations
Read the article to learn

d) more about each of these February update features.

pcworld.com/article/1528312/windows-11-features-february-2023-update and related article:

howtogeek.com/872462/10-windows-11-start-menu-features-you-should-be-using

e) Using Your Real Email to Sign In? Your Privacy Is at Risk by Jason Fitzpatrick, 02.22.2023. "Many people use their primary email to sign in to practically everything. That's a privacy nightmare, and you might be shocked to see how easily someone can use it to effectively stalk you and violate your privacy.Your Email Can Be Used to Identify Which Services You Use." This is especially troublesome if your email address is some

e) variation of your first and last names. The article looks at "how to handle dealing with this email privacy issue from a bad, better, and best practice perspective." One takeaway: When you switch your personal email address to an alias you "put a wall of email aliases between you and the people who would chip away at your privacy." howtogeek.com/872828/using-your-real-email

f) Just how big is this new generative AI? Think internet-level disruption by David Gewirtz, 02.27.2023.

Comments from Ross--
The Power Button: When I help clients remotely, i.e. not physically there, and I ask them to turn off their computer/laptop and then back on, I often told that their computer came back on immediately. I know they didn't actually turn the computer off. What happens when you press the power button once when it is already on just merely puts it into sleep mode. If the computer screen is frozen, the client presses the power button once, and then presses it again, and the screen comes back on in the exact same state it was before. When you want to turn off the computer completely, press and HOLD the power button down for 10 seconds. After 10 seconds the computer shuts completely down. Then you can press the power button once to turn it back on. Use this method if you get a warning window telling you the computer has been compromised and to call a bogus "help" telephone line. **DON'T CALL!** Use the above method to turn the computer off then back on. Chances are good that the bogus scam window will be gone. Also, do not use this method to shut off the computer at the end of the day. Use the Start button from within Windows to shutdown correctly.

Internet

Microsoft just added a new reason you might want to try Edge
komando.com/microsoft-adds-adobe-acrobat-to-edge
Setting Up 1Password
askleo.com/setting-up-1password
6 things ChatGPT can't do (and another 20 it refuses to do)
zdnet.com/article/6-things-chatgpt-cant-do-and-another-20-it-refuses-to-do
See this in a URL? Don't click!
komando.com/security-privacy/google-sites-spoofing
Microsoft kills off Internet Explorer — mostly askwoody.com/free-edition-microsoft-kills-off-internet-explorer-mostly
Testing RFID blocking cards: Do they work? Do you need one?
zdnet.com/article/testing-rfid-blocking-cards-do-they-work-do-you-need-one

Please Stop Making New Smartphones Every Year reviewgeek.com/please-stop-making-new-smartphones-every-year
Shopping for a new computer? 3 specs that really matter
komando.com/shopping/essential-computer-specs
Starlink Explained: Insights Into Elon Musk's Satellite Internet Service
cnet.com/home/internet/starlink-satellite-internet-explained
Your Personal Info Is Out There. Now What? view.email.aarp.org
How to clean a disgusting laptop
pcworld.com/article/1512489/how-to-clean-a-disgusting-laptop
This cool gadget adds emergency satellite messaging to any smartphone
digitaltrends.com/mobile/motorola-defy-satellite-link