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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



May 8, 2023: We are back at the

Senior Center, 9231 Foxwood Dr. We will discuss the newsletter, the latest news in technology and answer questions.

After our general meeting, we will have a **Drop-In computer help session**, (2-4 **PM)**. Jim, Ross and Andrea 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 nonvaccinated participants. In the News:

a) <u>'We have to move fast': US looks to</u> establish rules for artificial intelligence
b) Google Fi Just Underwent a Huge Rebrand
c) A team of ex-Apple employees wants to replace smartphones with this AI projector
d) Windows 10 won't receive any more feature updates
e) US Facebook users can now claim Cambridge Analytica settlement cash
f) 3 Google changes you need to know about

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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM May 22, 2023 at our newly renovated Windsor Senior Center. Please use the signup sheet when you arrive.

Next general meeting will be June 12, 2023, 1 PM, at our newly renovated Windsor Senior Center.

June Drop-In Computer Help: Monday June 26, 2-4 PM. First come first served.

Articles for May

a) Meta risks 'blindfolding' itself to child sex abuse with expanded encryption, agencies warn by Thomas Barrabi, 04.19.2023. "Law enforcement agencies worldwide including the FBI and Interpol are slamming Facebook and Instagram parent Meta, alleging its plans to roll out expanded end-to-end encryption could effectively 'blindfold' the company from detecting instances of child sex abuse. Meta has signaled plans to roll out end-to-end encryption for messages on all of its platforms with one company executive once stating the feature would be enabled by default 'sometime in 2023.' Metaowned WhatsApp already offers the feature by default. Meta has faced intense scrutiny from US lawmakers over its safety practices, with critics

arguing the tech giant hasn't gone far

a) enough to protect its underage users from harmful content and abuse." <u>nypost.com/2023/04/19/meta-</u> <u>risks-blindfolding-itself-to-child-sex-</u> <u>abuse-agencies-warn</u>

b) What's the Best Way to Store Data for Decades or Centuries? by Sydney Butler, 04.09.2023. "The key to preserving data over the long term is finding a storage format you can trust to last." If you have information you need to preserve for more than 5-10 years, this is the article for you. This article explains the life span of different options, from hard drives to CD/DVD/Bluray, available for storing data digitally with their pros and cons. howtogeek.com/858426/whats-thebest-way-to-store-data-for-decades-orcenturies

c) 5 Windows 11 settings worth changing immediately by Brad Chacos, 04.12. 2023. "Here are (cont)

Thank you to our Welcome Coordinator, Sandy O'Halloran.

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c) five Windows 11 settings worth changing immediately, with an added bonus at the end."

- 1. Move the Start button to the left corner
- 2. Turn off annoying notifications
- Turn off Microsoft ads
 Change your default
- browser

5. Declutter the taskbar Read the article to learn how to make these changes to your Windows 11 environment. pcworld.com/article/178230 3/5-windows-11-settingsworth-changing

 d) Microsoft has changed how they allocate your storage by Leo A.
 Notenboom. "Microsoft made a confusing change d) to how storage is allocated between Outlook.com and OneDrive. Email attachments and in-line images in Outlook.com emails now count against your OneDrive storage limitations. If you exceed a limit, your alternatives are to delete files from OneDrive, delete emails with attachments from Outlook.com, or purchase more OneDrive space." Exceeding these limits could result in the inability to send or receive email from Outlook.com. Read the article to learn what options you have if you use OneDrive and Outlook.com and reach the storage limits.

askleo.com/why-is-myoutlook-com-emailsuddenly-full



e) RIP passwords: Google accounts now support passkeys by Alaina Yee, 05.03.2023. Managing passwords is painful. "But a new system for securing accounts is filtering through the webpasskeys. They take away a lot of the burden associated with passwords. You simply need a device capable of serving as an authenticator to set up a passkey, then you'll use a biometric method on that device (face identification, fingerprint) or a PIN to authorize logins." Read the article to learn why you would want to use passkeys and how to enable passkeys on a Google account. pcworld.com/article/1806627/ rip-passwords-googleaccounts-now-supportpasskeys

Comments from Ross--As I near retirement, and planning on road trips in the RV, internet connectivity is important so I can continue to support people with computer issues. Luckily my RV comes with an antenna to pull in the free wi-fi signal from the campground but more importantly it now means I must use VPN when I go online. Remember, whenever you use free hotspots such as at Starbucks or The Town Green, your browsing is susceptible to hacking. Protect yourself by using a VPN service. For Sonic.net subscribers, you are lucky to have a free VPN available to you. For others, I suggest you check with your internet provider to see if they can give you a VPN application to use. Use it when you are browsing on your phone/tablet/laptop outside of your home, or when you travel. www.forbes.com/advisor/b usiness/software/why-usea-vpn

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