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

**Monday Oct. 14, 1-
3 PM and Monday,
Oct. 28, 1-3 PM**

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

In the News:

- a) [Election Information You Need](#)
- b) [Turning an oil town into a crypto mine](#)
- c) [Apple Proves That AI Truly Is the New Mobile Battleground](#)
- d) [Lunar Lake unveiled: Intel strikes back with new laptop CPUs](#)
- e) [Election Scams to Avoid This Year](#)
- d) [Everything announced at Apple's iPhone 16 event](#)
- e) [US Government, Microsoft Aim to Disrupt Russian Threat Actor 'Star Blizzard'](#)
- f) [Microsoft announces sweeping changes to Recall feature](#)
- g) [Microsoft is Turning its Copilot Chatbot Into an AI Companion](#)
- h) [DOJ may force Google to break up](#)

Articles for October

a) OneDrive Is Not Backup by Leo A. Notenboom. "OneDrive is not a backup solution. OneDrive is for file synchronization. It's critical you understand the difference. So what do I mean by file synchronization? In a nutshell, the contents of the locations are kept in sync: as a mirror reflection of each other. 'In sync' means that any changes made in one location are replicated in the other. OneDrive keeps two locations in sync: the OneDrive folder on your computer and the online copy at onedrive.com. But OneDrive is not a backup program. A true backup is a copy of your data that doesn't change once you make it. You set it aside and hope you never need it. Use One Drive... just understand how it works." Read the article to be sure you understand what OneDrive is all about and avoid data loss. askleo.com/onedrive-is-not-backup

b) Complicated Passwords Make You Less Safe, Experts Now Say by Lars Daniel, 10.02.2024. "Using a mixture of character types in your pass-

words and regularly changing passwords are officially no longer best password management practices. For years, conventional wisdom advocated for passwords that were highly complex, combining upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols. This complexity was thought to make passwords harder to guess or crack through brute force attacks." The U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) "found that this focus on complexity was counterproductive and actually weakened security in practice... NIST has moved away from enforcing complexity rules in favor of encouraging longer passwords." Read the article to learn why the focus is now on length and what NIST's recommendations are for passwords. forbes.com/experts-say-complicated-passwords-are-making-you-less-safe

c) Why Am I Getting Email From Someone With the Wrong Email Address? by Leo A. Notenboom. "Spammers often send misleading emails that appear to come from someone you know. This email spoofing tries to trick you into clicking harmful links. It's not caused by viruses or hacks; (cont)

c) it's just spam...many people would assume that someone's computer is infected and that malware is to blame. Almost all email-spoofing scenarios we see these days have nothing at all to do with malware. Hackers have one goal when they send you spam: to trick you into opening and acting on the message. Here, that means they wanted the recipient to click the link. The technique they use is to make the spam look like it came from someone you trust. Be cautious. Think twice before clicking on links or opening attachments." Read the entire article to learn more about the difference between spam and malware.

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d) Memories you should save now by Kim Komando.

This article explains how to save your voicemails and text messages from an iPhone and Android phone. The steps may be different based on your phone model. "But you can still follow some general steps to keep those important messages."

ckarchive.com/b/0vuwh9hopp35wa7mggrmzhv5r3x55hn

e) **Google Tasks is the best Google tool you're not using** by David Nield, 09.07.2024. "Google Tasks can easily be overlooked in Google's long list of apps and services." Install the app on your Android or iPhone, and you're ready to go. The article explains how to get started if you have never used Google Tasks before

e) from your phone. Your to-do "lists sync across all of the devices where you've got Google Tasks installed, and can be edited from any device." Read the article to get the details on how to use Google Tasks on your phone.

www.popsci.com/diy/how-to-use-google-tasks
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f) **What's the Difference Between OneDrive and Google Drive and Similar Services?** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Popular cloud storage options— all have different pros, cons, quirks, and pricing. The best choice for you depends on your needs and in which ecosystem you spend the most time." This article compares 5 cloud storage options. Read the article



f) to see which one(s) are the best for you.
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Comments from Ross:

Many of you have Comcast/Xfinity as your internet and TV provider and you may have received an email from them regarding bill suspension due to a failed payment. Sometimes you will receive multiple emails. How do you know they are fake? It's very simple, just place your cursor over the FROM address. If the address doesn't end in @comcast.net or @xfinity.com then it's FAKE. If you see an email from X I F I N I T Y, IT'S FAKE. Notice the spaces in between each letter? Would Xfinity do that? No. If an email looks like it is from Xfinity@xfinity.com. BUT when you place your cursor over the email address, and it looks something like this: (johnscammer@hotmail.com), ask yourself this question: is this an Xfinity email or is it from some guy named John? If John's address doesn't say @xfinity.com or @comcast.net, then it's fake.

URLs

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