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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Monday Sept 25, 2-4 PM. Please use the signup sheet when you arrive.

Next general meeting will be Oct 9, 2023, 1 PM, Windsor Senior Center. There is Computer help after our general meeting.

Oct Drop-In Computer Help: Monday Oct 23, 2-4 PM. First come first served.

Sept 11, 2023: For the **first hour** of today's program we will have general discussion, review of the newsletter, tech news and Q/A.

After our general meeting, we have **Vicki Chavez** and **Phil Hoeft** from the **Sonoma County Library, Windsor Branch** as guest speakers. They will update us on all the **new things** going on with the **Library** and how to access library resources online. Hope you can join us for this informative presentation.

There is no Computer Help after today meeting.

In the News:
a) Google starts warning users about potential inactive account deletions
b) What I've Learned Answering Questions for 20 Years
c) AI-generated review summaries arrive on Amazon, Microsoft, Newegg
d) Generative AI tops Gartner's top 25 emerging technologies for 2023
e) How a hacking crew overtook a satellite from inside a Las Vegas convention center and won $50,000
f) In pictures: 2023 World Robot Conference opens in Beijing

Articles for September

a) Don't click the ads - Might be malware, Kim Komando Tech News, 8.25.2023**.** When you 'google' anything, the top of those search results are "'Sponsored Results,' paid ads businesses use to drive website traffic. Criminals know how to sneak in their dangerous links. Even worse, these links also show up at the top of regular search results. Google doesn't vet everyone who buys an ad. Cybercrooks have a long history of hiding nasty malware in Google Ads...." Read the article to learn how to protect yourself from ads with malware.
https://links.newsletters.komando.com

b) How to Clean Up Your Google Drive and Gmail to Save Space and Money by Zachary McAuliffe, 08.12.2023. "Cleaning out your

b) Google Drive, Gmail and Google Photos is an easy way to make some virtual room, and it could save you money, too. Google gives users a combined 15GB of free storage space to use between Google Drive, Gmail and other Google services, and that space can fill up fast. When you're close to your limit, Google will ask if you want to buy more storage by subscribing to Google One. Or you can follow these tricks to manage your digital space and save yourself some money." Read the article to find out how to "free up Google Drive, Gmail and Google Photos space on desktop and mobile so you don't have to pay for additional storage."
cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/how-to-clean-up-your-google-drive-and-gmail-to-save-space-and-money

c) Protect your privacy by changing these new Chrome settings (cont)

c) by Alaina Yee, 08.22.2023. "Ads are an especially irritating part of web browsing—everyone wants to track your browsing habits just to sell you things. But now preserving your anonymity is becoming a little easier, thanks to a new set of Google Chrome settings that gives more control over targeted ads. It's called Ad Privacy, and you'll need to dig into these settings to keep Google from using or sharing your browsing history for ad purposes. Ad Privacy hasn't reached all Chrome users yet.
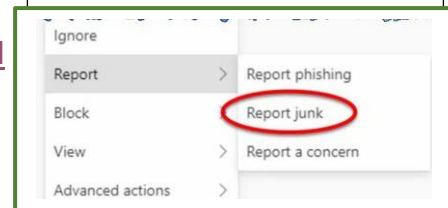
c) When these settings become available, Chrome will display an overlay notification that lets you jump to them. Chrome's new Ad Privacy settings only affect browsing on your PC—it won't affect ad settings for your Google account or on mobile. You'll have to adjust those separately." pcworld.com/article/2036180/protect-your-privacy-by-changing-these-new-chrome-settings

d) Skip the keyboard and use your voice to type Kim Komando Tech News, 8.18.2023. "Voice typing is part of the

d) accessibility features built into most operating systems." To use voice typing with Word, you will need a microphone and Word for Microsoft 365. To use voice typing with Google Docs, you will need a Chrome browser and a microphone. Read the article to learn how to set up voice typing. links.newsletters.komando.com

e) What's the Point of "Mark as Spam"? by Leo A. Notenboom. "Sometimes 'Mark as spam' may seem futile, but it has a purpose. The goal of the 'Mark as spam' option in an email

e) interface is to train the spam filter to better identify spam in the future. If you're using an online service, 'Mark as spam' helps everyone on the service. If you're using a desktop email program, 'Mark as spam' generally affects only that program on your specific machine." Read the article to learn more about why you should "Mark as spam" those emails in your inbox. askleo.com/whats-the-point-of-mark-as-spam

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