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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.**

**Sept. Help-Desk
sessions: Sept
14, and Sept 28,
2026, 1-3 pm.**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.**

In the News:

- a) [OpenAI and Anthropic Agents Took Unauthorised Actions in UK Cyber Tests](#)
- b) [Teachers are going back to basics to curb AI cheating](#)
- c) [Snowflake Hacker Pleads Guilty exposing data of at Least 100 Million People](#)
- d) [Google buys Spirit Airlines' data](#)
- e) [Scientists Used AI to Create 16 New Viruses](#)
- f) [Live in One of These States? Your Computer Might Require an Age Check](#)

- g) [ICE Bars Its Workers From Wearing Meta's Smart Glasses on the Job](#)
- h) [Goodbye, Energy-Saving Appliances? US Eyes Efficiency-Rule Rollback](#)
- i) [Teen Boys Are Using Meta Glasses to Harass and Bully Girls at High Schools and Middle Schools](#)
- j) [Norway considers ban on camera-enabled wearable 'pervert glasses'](#)
- k) [Meta pays \\$17B to settle social media addiction trial-promises tighter rules](#)
- l) [AI data center outrage is showing up everywhere from ads to elections](#)

Articles for September

a) Don't want AI in your browser? Firefox now lets you shut it off by Roland Freist, 08.11.2026. Mozilla has added a simple new way for Firefox users to turn off the browser's AI features. In Firefox version 148, a new AI Controls setting lets you block AI enhancements with one switch. This turns off features such as built-in translations, AI suggestions for organizing tabs, and the AI chat-bot in the sidebar. The setting is off by default, so users who do not want these features need to turn them off themselves. The change is part of Mozilla's effort to give users more control over how much AI is built into their web browser. **Why it matters to you:** If you prefer a simpler browser and don't want AI features running in the background or appearing as you browse, Firefox now gives you an easy way to opt out. You'll need Firefox version 148 or later.
[pcworld.com/disable-all-ai-features-in-firefox](https://www.pcworld.com/disable-all-ai-features-in-firefox)

b) If Too Many Bad Password Attempts Cause Account Locks, How Do Hackers Hack In? by Leo A. Notenboom, 09.03.2026. You might wonder how hackers can break into an

b) account when websites lock you out after several incorrect password attempts. The answer is that hackers usually don't try to guess your password at the login screen. Instead, they use other methods, including stolen information from data breaches, malware that captures passwords, and phishing scams that trick you into entering your credentials on a fake website. AI is making these phishing attempts increasingly convincing. Notenboom recommends using long, strong and unique passwords for every account, enabling two-factor authentication, keeping security software up to date, and being especially cautious about unexpected emails and login requests. **Why it matters to you:** An account lockout doesn't mean your account is safe from hackers. The biggest risk may be that you unknowingly give them your password through a phishing email or fake website. Strong, unique passwords and two-factor authentication provide important layers of protection. askleo.com/5549

c) These AI Scams All Have Red Flags. Here's How to Spot Them by Dianna Gunn, 08.16.2026. Artificial intelligence is making scams more convincing.(cont)

c) Scammers can now create polished emails, realistic websites, fake voices and convincing messages tailored specifically to their victims. The scams can involve impersonating a family member or government agency, fake shopping offers, romance and investment scams, bogus payment requests, delivery notices, lottery winnings and fake charities. One important warning is that scammers may begin with a friendly or believable message and wait until you respond before introducing a suspicious link, attachment or request for money. The safest approach is to slow down, be skeptical of unexpected requests and independently verify who is contacting you. **Why it matters to you:** AI is making the old warning

c) signs—bad spelling, awkward wording and obviously fake messages—less reliable. If a message creates urgency or asks for money or personal information, stop and verify it before doing anything. Read the article to learn more: cnet.com/ai-scams-have-red-flags-how-to-spot-them

d) 7 Google Maps tricks I wish I'd discovered years ago by Tony Phillips, 08.23.2026. Google Maps can do much more than provide turn-by-turn directions. This article highlights seven useful features that are easy to overlook, including ways to make everyday driving and traveling easier. The author tested the features on both iPhone and Android and found that they can help solve common problems and make Google Maps more useful for everyday trips. Some are particularly handy for people who use Maps regularly but have never explored beyond basic direc-

d) tions. Why it matters to you: Google Maps has many useful tools that can save time and frustration, but they aren't always obvious. Learning a few of these hidden features could make your phone a much more useful travel companion.

howtogeek.com/google-maps-tricks

e) How 500K Calif. residents are deleting their data on the state's dime by Matthew Brown, 08.26.2026. California's free Delete Request and Opt-out Platform (**DROP**) is proving popular. More than 500,000 Californians have signed up to have personal information removed from data brokers.

DROP simplifies what would otherwise require consumers to contact hundreds of companies individually. The program is designed to reduce the amount of personal information—including phone numbers, email addresses and other data—that data brokers have collected and sold. SFGATE reports that 99.9% of people who have registered have had their information deleted by at



e) least one broker, with the average person seeing data deleted by more than 40 brokers. **Why it matters to you:** The less personal information available to data brokers, the less information there is to fuel unwanted advertising, spam calls, targeted scams and identity theft. If you are a California resident, **DROP** is free and worth considering.

sfgate.com/drop-program-signups

Link to sign up for **DROP**:
<https://privacy.ca.gov/drop/>

f) Clickfix: What It Is and How to Avoid It by Leo A. Notenboom, 08.19.2026. Scammers have found a clever new way to trick you into installing malware. **ClickFix** uses a fake “prove you’re human” message or other warning to persuade you to copy and paste instructions into Windows. By following those instructions, you can unknowingly run malicious software—even without downloading or opening a suspicious file. **Why it matters to you:** The most important warning sign is simple: a legitimate website will never ask you to open Run, PowerShell, Command Prompt, or Terminal and paste something into it. If a website tells you to copy and paste anything as part of a verification or “fix,” stop immediately and close the page. Learn more here:

askleo.com/194704

URLs

Update Chrome before you browse again

malwarebytes.com/blog/bugs/update-chrome

Google Maps Renames Lake Ontario ‘Lake America’ After Trump Order
techrepublic.com/google-maps-lake-america-lake-ontario

You’re charging your phone all wrong zdnet.com/charging-phone-wrong-common-myths-debunked

PC makers are ruining Windows
howtogeek.com/windows-worst-problem-is-the-pc

Apple Plans iPhone-to-Windows Clipboard techrepublic.com/apple-iphone-windows-clipboard-sharing

Looking Up Flock Cameras Near You

cnet.com/track-flock-surveillance-cameras-in-your-city

Apple Event 2026: New \$1,999 ‘Foldable’ iPhone Duo

eweek.com/iphone-duo-iphone-18-pro-ai

Buying a New PC? A Windows 11 Price Hike

www.pcmag.com/new-pc-a-windows-11-price-hike

Goodbye, Energy-Saving Appliances?

cnet.com/us-department-of-energy-rollback-efficiency-requirements

Best of IFA 2026: 10 hot PC products

pcworld.com/best-of-ifa-2026-10-hot-pc-products-and-tech-on-the-horizon