WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter

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Computer-Help: Drop-In 3-5** PM Oct 25, 2021
MASKS REQUIRED.

Next meeting of User's Group: 11/8/21 1-4 PM
Questions/Answers, and general discussion
Jim's Nov. presentation is entitled
"Aging in Place with Technology".
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Nov Drop-In Computer Help: Monday Nov 22, 2-4 PM**. MASKS REQUIRED.

October 11,2021, 3 PM: Welcome EVERYONE. During the first hour, we will have **General Questions & Answers. Erin** from the Senior Center will also be available to give us updates and answer questions about the Senior Center.
Then for our second part of the meeting, **Jim** will be discussing **"Talk To Your Devices".**

Please note until further notice **MASKS are required for our Windsor Senior Computer Users' Group IN-PERSON EVENTS.**

In the News:
a) EU proposal would make USB C mandatory. What would that mean for iPhone?
b) New Microsoft Office is coming: Release date, pricing and major changes
c) iPhone 13, iPad Mini and all the details of Apple's big announcements last week
d) Amazon fall hardware event: Home robot, flying drone, and new Alexa devices
e) Microsoft announces Windows 11 general availability as global rollout begins

Articles for October

a) Before you shell out money for software take a look at these 9 free software programs by Kim Kommando, 09.18.2021. With everything else we shell out cash for online, you don't always want to pay for programs. If you need to save a little cash, I've got your back. Round out the savings with this list of full-featured programs that work just like popular software everyone else uses.

https://www.komando.com/kims-column/9-free-software-copycats/807623/

b) A Data Breach Has My Data. What Do I Do? By Leo A. Notenboom. It seems we hear about a data breach at one company or another every week. What do you do? As with almost everything: it depends.

https://askleo.com/a-data-breach-has-my-data-what-do-i-do/

c) Responses to Your Three Common Password Manager Objections by Leo A. Notenboom.

c) Password vaults are a common recommendation by security professionals to improve your online security. Why do so many resist? Password Managers: Objections & Responses
It's difficult to set up: Setting up is a side effect of just going about your day.
A hack will expose all my passwords: Even the service itself cannot see your passwords, so neither could any hacker.
I'll forget the master password: Make it easily memorable. Back up your vault. You can always reset passwords to rebuild.https://askleo.com/responses-to-your-three-common-password-manager-objections/

d) No more passwords? Microsoft says you can ditch yours and use one of these secure methods instead. By Kim Kommando, September 17, 2021. If everything goes according to plan, passwords could soon be a thing of the past.

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https://www.komando.com/security-privacy/microsoft-passwordless-future

e) Privacy Not Included by Mozilla. Be Smart. Shop Safe. How creepy is that smart speaker, that fitness tracker, those wireless headphones? We created this guide to help you shop for safe, secure connected products. Mozilla provides a tuide to softwear and hardwear products with information about privacy policies and what could be done with your data.
https://foundation.mozilla.org/en/privacynotincluded/

f) Disinformation: How social media lies change history By Kim Kommando September 8, 2021

f) Keeping you ignorant is profitable, which is why companies, governments and terrorist groups manufacture fake social media posts. Fall for them, and you're letting strangers inject their lies into your brain. In this episode, Kim sits down with disinformation experts Kristy Roschke and Emerson Brooking on the scary new shadow industry designed to keep us ignorant, compliant and powerless
https://www.komando.com/episode/disinformation-how-social-media-lies-change-history

g) The 6 best hidden features in iOS 15 and iPadOS 15 By Jason Cipriani September 20, 2021. The best features in.

g) any software update are usually hidden. The iPhone and iPad's latest software updates, iOS 15 and iPadOS 15, are available to install right now. Apple unveiled the updates in June during its annual developer conference and walked viewers through plenty of flagship features like Live Text, a new Focus feature and the ability to FaceTime Android users. Those features are all welcome additions, but they're not the entire story. These hidden features are some of my personal favorites, regardless of the of the platform, including iOS 15 and iPadOS 15.
https://www.zdnet.com/article/the-6-most-useful-hidden-features-in-ios-15-and-ipados-15

h) Remote work is making productivity and innovation harder, says Microsoft study by Owen Hughes September 13. 2021. A peer-reviewed study of Microsoft's 61,100-plus US workforce found that teams became more siloed and spent less time communicating with those outside of their immediate teams in the months after the software company instructed employees to work from home in March 2020. This meant less information was being shared between colleagues in real time.
https://www.zdnet.com/article/remote-work-is-making-productivity-and-innovation-harder-says-microsoft-study

Internet

12 Things you should never do on the internet. https://www.komando.com/tech-tips/12-things-you-should-never-do-online

4 killer tab search tricks for Chrome and Microsoft Edge
https://www.pcworld.com/article/395118/4-killer-tab-search-tricks-for-chrome-and-microsoft-edge.html

Why Am I Getting Email Sent to an Email Address Similar to Mine?
https://askleo.com/email-address-similar-to-mine/

Can My ISP See If I'm Using a VPN, and Do They Care?
https://www.howtogeek.com/749839/can-my-isp-see-if-im-using-a-vpn-and-do-they-care/

Can My Computer Run Windows 11? Get the healthcheck app to find out. It's near the bottom of the page.
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-11#pchealthcheck

Facebook explains what caused its widespread outage
https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/facebook-explains-what-caused-widespread-outage/

Facebook whistleblower: 'Morally bankrupt' social giant will have to 'hook kids' to grow
https://www.zdnet.com/article/facebook-whistleblower-morally-bankrupt-social-giant-will-have-to-hook-kids-to-grow/

Comments from Ross:
E-Waste: What is e-waste? E-waste is electronic products that are unwanted, not working, and nearing or at the end of their "useful life." Examples are old computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines. It also includes power cords, keyboards and mice. Santa Rosa has a couple of options to get rid of your e-waste. eWaste Sonoma Computer and Electronics Recycling on South Santa Rosa avenue, although they charge to drop off certain items. You can also drop things off totally free at Santa Rosa Computers on Piner Avenue. Do not throw e-waste in your garbage or blue bins. Also, remove the hard drive from any old computers you're throwing away and have someone drill holes in it or in some fashion destroy it. Deleting your files from a drive is not the safe way of removing old data.