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**Computer-Help: Drop-
In 2-4 PM April 26,
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**To sign up for remote
or In-Person computer
help, use these
instructions: Drop-In
Computer help Mar-
June 2021**

**Next ZOOM meeting of
User's Group: May 10,
2021-1 PM**
**Jim's topic will be .
"Managing Your
Email".**

**May Drop-In Computer
Help: 2-4 PM, May 24,
2021**

Apr 12, 2021: This month **Jim's topic is
"Things You Didn't Know Windows Can
Do". Erin** will provide an update on the
status of the Senior Center. **Andrea** will
discuss **"Browser Basics-Extensions".** And
we will have **'Comments from Ross'**.

**TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING YOU CAN
EITHER**: Go to **Zoom.us** and click on JOIN A
MEETING and then enter the **Meeting ID: 971
5450 6396** or simply click on or type this
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https://zoom.us/j/97154506396

In the News:
a) This company was hit by ransomware.
Here's what they did next, and why they
didn't pay up
b) Apple WWDC 21: Looks like we'll see iOS
15 by June
c) Google beats Oracle in biggest
programming copyright Supreme Court
case ever
d) In a radical change, Intel will build x86
chips for other companies
e) Data of 553m Facebook users dumped
online: how to see if you are impacted
f) It's official: Microsoft Build will be May
25 to 27

Articles for April

**a) How to pick the perfect password.
Best practices for storing and creating.**
By Mark Hachman, 04.06.2021."Picking
the perfect password comes down to a
battle between two competing priorities:
creating safe passwords that are lengthy
and unique, and creating ones you can
remember." The article first reviews ways
to store your passwords and avoid easily-
guessed passwords. It shares Four rules
for picking a safer password. Then goes
on to discuss 6 strategies for creating
passwords and how to add complexity.
pcworld.com/article/3604059/how-to-pick-
the-perfect-password

**b) A new Windows is coming this year.
What does it mean for you?** by Simon
Bisson,03.18. 2021. "It's no secret that
Microsoft is launching a new Windows this
year. Windows 10X has been in the works
for a long time...Windows 10X has been

b) reconfigured for use with single-screen
laptops and will roll out in the next few
months, on new systems.You could think of
2021's version of Windows 10X as
Microsoft's answer to Google's Chrome OS,
a lightweight operating system for relatively
low-cost hardware that will mainly run cloud-
hosted and web applications. It's not the full
desktop Windows 10...The first Windows
10X devices will be targeted at education
and enterprise. There's an issue facing
anyone building apps for Windows 10X: how
do I bring older apps to the platform?"
Microsoft is hoping their Project Reunion will
help developers get programs ready for their
new platform. techrepublic.com/article/a-
new-windows-is-coming-this-year

**c) Microsoft Office vs. Microsoft 365:
Which One Should You Buy?** by Andrew
Heinzman, 03.05.2021. "What's the
difference between (traditional)Office and
Microsoft 365, and which is more cost-
effective?" The traditional Office bundle is a
one-time payment, works on one **(cont.)**

c) (cont.) computer, and you own it forever. "Microsoft 365 costs $7 a month, works on all of your computers and mobile devices, and includes collaborative features and perks that don't come with a standard Office bundle." There is also a browser-based Office Online suite which is free. "Office Online is great for the average Joe who just needs to make an occasional spreadsheet or word document, but it only works when you're connected to the internet..." and "lacks some important features". Read the article to find out about Microsoft 365 Personal and Microsoft 365 Family.

reviewgeek.com/72454/microsoft-office-vs-microsoft-365

d) How to Tell Which Emails Quietly Track You by David Nield, 03.07.2021.

d) Many of the emails you receive "want to know whether the messages they send you are being opened, and there are a variety of tools available to help them do just that. A tracking pixel, embedded somewhere in the email, is how most people monitor whether an email gets opened. Tracking pixels can report the times and dates their associated email was opened, as well as the location of the device used, and the email client involved. That's a lot of data to feed back to a third-party that you might not know much about.You might not be able to do much about the use of these tracking pixels, but you can take steps to stop them from functioning, and to see which messages include them—so you know which people and which companies

d) are taking a particular interest in you, and you can choose who to allow and who not to." The article gives details for how to stop tracking emails for Gmail, the Mail app on macOS, and lists extensions for Chrome and Firefox that can counter act tracking pixels.

wired.com/story/how-to-tell-which-emails-track-you

e) See everything Google knows about you with one search By Melissa Hadam, 03.15.2021."We've all heard the notion that Google knows everything about us. It's not just a theory, it's reality. Did you know that you can see everything Google knows about you or thinks it knows about you with one search?" Read the article to learn how to do this and what you can do about it. komando.com/security-privacy/everything-google-knows

f) How to Choose How Long Your Windows 10 PC Waits Before Sleeping by Joe Fedewa, 03.10. 2021. "Windows 10 offers a few different ways to 'shut down' your PC. 'Sleep' is the most common choice, which is why you can decide how long it will take before your PC goes to sleep. Windows 10 uses sleep mode to automatically save power after your PC has been idle for a while. You can customize this time length to better suit your needs. It's easy to do." The article gives step by step instructions on how to change the sleep settings."Keep in mind that depending on your settings in the 'Screen' section, the display may turn off before the computer goes to sleep."
howtogeek.com/714871/how-to-choose-how-long

Comments from Ross: Forgotten passwords: I forgot my password! Don't panic, it's not the end of the world. Simply open your LastPass or other password manager and find your passwords. But if you don't use a password manager and you can't find the notebook where all of your passwords are written down, you can click on the "**Forgot my password**" link on the website you're trying to log into. When you click the link, you will get a code or temporary password sent to your Inbox or a text will be sent to your smartphone, if you have one. That code or temp password can only be used once so don't worry about saving the email or text. Go back to the website that you're having trouble logging into, enter your one-time only code or temp password and you should be prompted to enter a new password. Remember, don't use simple passwords like 12345678 or Password123. It helps to include numbers and characters, for example 1 or ! or @.

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What to Look for in a Laptop
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How to make Windows 10 more tolerable with these six simple tricks
pcworld.com/article/3611208/windows-10-change-cursor-expand-start-menu
City Walks Lets You Walk Around the Globe without Leaving Your Couch
reviewgeek.com/74095/city-walks-lets-you-walk-around-the-globe
How to create disposable email addresses
digitaltrends.com/computing/best-sites-for-creating-a-disposable-email-address
Tech tip: How to connect an Android phone to a Windows 10 PC
komando.com/smartphones-gadgets/connect-android-phone-to-pc
PC and Mac backup: How to protect your data from disaster
zdnet.com/article/pc-and-mac-backup