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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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in August

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**Computer-Help: Drop-
In 3-5* PM June 28,
2021**

**We will have In-Person
help at the Windsor
Senior Center.**

***Please note
Computer Users
Group summer time
changes. There will be
no remote computer
help.**

**There are no
Computer Users'
Group Activities in
July.**

**See you Monday,
August 9, 2021 3-5*
PM.**

June 14 2021: This month Jim's topic is "Customizing Your Windows". Erin will provide an update on the status of the Senior Center. Andrea will share a few articles and Ross his 'Comments'.



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5450 6396** or simply click on or type this
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In the News:

- [Microsoft-to-unveil-next-generation-of-windows-on-june-24](#)
- [Android-12-googles-major-new-revamp-changes-your-phone-from-head-to-toe](#)
- [This-massive-attack-took-large-sections-of-a-countrys-internet-offline](#)
- [Ransomware-we-wont-pay-ransom-says-ireland-after-attack-on-health-service](#)
- [2022-ford-f-150-lightning-electric-pickup-truck-specs-pricing](#)
- [Digital-fingerprinting-online-privacy-brave](#)
- [wwdc-2021-ipados-15-brings-new-multitasking-features-a-redesigned-home-screen](#)

Articles for June

a) Microsoft rolls out Edge 90, with new history search, Kids Mode, to mainstream users by Mary Jo Foley, 04.15.21. "Microsoft's Edge 90 includes a number of new features, including new history-search options and Kids Mode. Microsoft began rolling out Password Monitor in January 2021 as part of Edge 88, but as of Edge 90, it is now available to all users." Other new features include "'current page' option for printing PDF documents; the ability to bulk-delete passwords; improvements to font rendering; and synced browser-history support for history search. Kids Mode is a browsing mode designed specifically for kids ages five to eight and nine to 12. This new mode includes 'guardrails' meant to steer kids away from inappropriate content via a built-in allow list and Bing SafeSearch and tracking prevention

a) automatically set to Strict. Parents can review and make changes in the allowed content from their Edge Settings." zdnet.com/article/microsoft-rolls-out-edge-90-with-new-history-search-kids-mode

b) How to Send a Confidential Email in Gmail by Tim Brookes, 04.13.21. "Are you looking for a more secure way of sending emails within Gmail? Google's 'Confidential mode' is designed to ensure that only the intended recipient can view your message. When you use Confidential mode while sending a message in Gmail, the intended recipient will need to enter a code to read your email. After you send your message, the recipient will receive an email telling them that a confidential message is waiting for them. To read it, they'll need to verify their identity using a code sent either via email (to the same account) or via SMS (to a number of your choosing) before they can read it. None of the message's contents will be included in the email received. Instead, the message exists only on Google's (cont)

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b) (cont.) servers. In addition to the verification process, messages sent via Confidential mode also expire. You can choose an expiration date of a week, a month, three months, or five years." Read the full article to discover how to do this in gmail and what the drawbacks might be.

howtogeek.com/721079/how-to-send-a-confidential-email-in-gmail

c) The FBI removed hacker backdoors from vulnerable Microsoft Exchange servers. Not everyone likes the idea by Danny Palmer, 04.19.21.

"Last week the US Department of Justice revealed how the FBI had worked to remove malicious web shells from hundreds of computers in the United States that were running

c) Microsoft Exchange Server. While the move will have helped keep many organisations secure, it has also raised questions about the direction of cybersecurity." The FBI launched an operation to remove "web shells" from hundreds of systems.

"Action was taken because of the threat the web shells posed to the organisations. The FBI says it's attempting to provide notice to all of the organisations from which it has removed web shells, which means that the agency accessed the systems without their knowledge. Even if the intent was good – in short, helping to protect the businesses by removing the access of cyber attackers, and authorised by the courts – this is a significant

c) "While I understand the good intention – the FBI wants to remove the backdoor – this sets a dangerous precedent where law enforcement is given broad permission to access private servers," says David Brumley, professor at Carnegie Mello University. "In this case, accessing the networks was deemed appropriate by the courts in order to remove backdoors planted by malicious hackers and to protect the organisations from cyberattacks – but Brumley fears what he described as a 'slippery slope'. The debate between cybersecurity, rights to access, privacy, and whether it was the right thing to do to protect vulnerable organisations against cyberattacks is going to rumble on." zdnet.com/article/the-fbi-

d) Practical tech tip: How to digitize your most important documents by Komando Staff, 04.08.21. "How do you store your most important documents? Do you have a folder containing your birth certificate, marriage license, Social Security card and other crucial paperwork? But how do you secure important documents and records? Digitizing them will let you do just that — while offering you quick, secure access to digital copies of your files." While this article is full of advertising, it suggests 2 ways to digitize your documents: Use a scanner or an app. The drawback to using an app is they are geared to smartphones and small tablets. The article provides links to products for iOS and Android devices that were sponsored. komando.com/digitize-important-documents

Comments from Ross: Googling: The other day I was stumped on a project so I called two friends for advice, neither of them were home, so I turned to my virtual friend Google. The key to getting answers to your questions is to phrase things correctly. For example, I needed advice on why the temperature gauge in my car would jump to the maximum setting when I turned on the ignition. I googled "temp gauge jumps to maximum when turning on the car" (without the quotes) and I found the exact answer I needed to fix the problem. Sometimes adding more words to your search criteria gives you a better answer than just searching on a word or two.



Internet

Firefox gets a massive design overhaul, and it's gorgeous FireFox-89-brings-new-look-switch-from-chrome

How Do I Make Sure I Don't Have Malware? askleo.com/make-sure-i-dont-have-malware

What's an AirTag? Apple's new trackers, explained cnet.com/how-to/whats-an-airtag-apples-new-trackers-explained

7 Important Facebook Privacy Settings to Change Right Now howtogeek.com/727135/7-important-facebook-privacy-settings-to-change-right-now

Cryptocurrency 101: 5 tips for buying crypto the safe way komando.com/money-tips/beginners-guide-to-cryptocurrency

Colonial Pipeline attack: Everything you need to know zdnet.com/article/colonial-pipeline-ransomware-attack-everything-you-need-to-know

Windows 10 tip: How to declutter your Start menu komando.com/kims-column/declutter-windows-10-start-menu

How to clean your computer monitor digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-clean-your-computer-pc-monitor-screen

What to Look for in a Desktop Computer reviewgeek.com/79990/what-to-look-for-in-a-desktop-computer

Microsoft is dropping support for IE on many versions of Windows 10 on June 15, 2022

zdnet.com/article/microsoft-is-dropping-support-for-ie-on-many-versions-of-windows-10-on-june-15-2022