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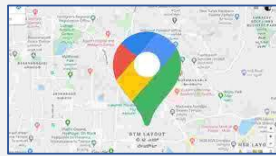**To sign up for remote computer help, use these instructions TeamViewer Support**

Next ZOOM meeting of User's Group: Apr 12, 2021-1 PM
Our topic will include discussions of tech news and informational articles.

April Drop-In Computer Help: 2-4 PM, Apr 26, 2021

Mar 8, 2021: This month **Jim's topic is "Google Maps Part 2- Maps on your Phone".** Erin will provide an update on the status of the Senior Center. We will have **'Comments from Ross'**. And Ross and Andrea will share an article or two.

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a) Federal Reserve Bank suffers outage
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Articles for March

a) Use Hotmail or Outlook? You might have to start paying for it by Charlie Fripp, 02.03.21. "Microsoft retired the Hotmail brand and renamed it Outlook in 2012. Everybody on the system was automatically switched over to Microsoft Outlook back in 2013, and it has been impossible to create a Hotmail account since." It turns out that this switch from Hotmail to Outlook did not carryover the 15GB limit on mailboxes. "Realizing the error, Microsoft has now slapped over-the-limit users with an ultimatum: delete your emails or pay up. Until you decide, you will be unable to send or receive messages in your Hotmail inbox. If the inbox is your primary way of communication, you're faced with a conundrum. You can either sift through (possibly) years of emails, or you can pay $80 a year for a premium Office 365 subscription." Read the article

a) for further details.
komando.com/technology/microsoft-charging-for-hotmail

b) The Framework Laptop is fully modular — and it looks incredible by Chuong Nguyen, 02.25.21. "On the surface, with its attractive machined aluminum shell and sleek design, the Framework Laptop looks similar to a MacBook Pro or a Surface Laptop. In addition to standard upgrades, like the SSD and RAM modules that can be replaced on some Windows notebooks today, you will also be able to upgrade the ports, Wi-Fi module, screen, keyboard, battery, and even the entire motherboard with each successive generation of silicon released by companies like Intel. The modular concept that Framework is using on its notebook allows this laptop to not only be highly upgradable and serviceable but also keep aging electronics out of landfills. This modular notebook is expected to launch this summer, though details about pricing are **(cont.)**

b) (cont.) not immediately available."

digitaltrends.com/computing/framework-modular-laptop-upgrade

c) The Best Tech You Can Upgrade Your Car With by Cory Gunther, 02.04.21. "If you drive an older vehicle, you're probably missing out on a lot of cool new technology. Thankfully, there are tons of tech products and accessories you can upgrade your car with. And while we might not be able to turn it into a Tesla, adding some of the technology below will make your old car feel brand new." The article contains over 10 tech gadgets to add some new technology to your old car from how to add bluetooth to getting a dash cam.

reviewgeek.com/68974/best-tech-you-can-upgrade-your-car

d) Windows 10 2004 now in broad deployment, available to everyone by Sergiu Gatlan, 02.04.21. "Microsoft has announced that Windows 10, version 2004...will be available to everyone via Windows Update." Windows 10 2004 is the Windows 10 May 2020 Update. "This means that all devices can be updated to Windows 10, version 2004 via Windows Update, unless they're affected by compatibility holds that block the update due to hardware issues. After addressing issues triggering blue screens when plugging or unplugging Thunderbolt docks, boot failures caused by the Disk Cleanup maintenance utility, as well as compatibility issues with numerous systems and hardware configurations,

d) Microsoft has finally decided that Windows 10 2004 is ready for broad release to all customers. If you are running older Windows 10 versions, you are strongly advised to update to a newer version to continue receiving timely security updates."

bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/windows-10-2004

e) How to clean up your Gmail inbox by quickly deleting old email by Mark Hachman, 02.11.21. "If you have too much email in your Gmail account, it may finally be time to clean it out. As of June 1, 2021, Google will change its storage policy. By default, Gmail users receive 15GB of storage, shared across Gmail, Drive, and Photos.If your total data exceeds your free allotment, you'll either have to delete

e) data, pay Google for more storage, or risk losing whatever 'extra' data Google chooses to delete." The article explains how to delete old email in your Gmail account.

pcworld.com/article/3604656/how-to-clean-up-your-gmail

f) What Is End-to-End Encryption, and Why Does It Matter? by Chris Hoffman, 02.03.21. "End-to-end encryption (E2EE) ensures that your data is encrypted (kept secret) until it reaches an intended recipient." Please read the entire article to learn about why encrytion is important for your data privacy and security, including the apps you use on your smartphone.

howtogeek.com/711656/what-is-end-to-end-encryption

Comments from Ross: Restoring files: By now we are all backing up our documents and pictures to either an external drive or a cloud-based service, **right?** But have you ever **tested** your backup to see if you can restore a file? If the answer is no, then I suggest you take a minute to learn how to restore a file from your backup drive.If you're using Windows Backup, tap the start button, type restore files, look for the file you want to restore, click Restore.If you're using Cobian, click File Explorer (yellow file folder on task bar), double click your external drive, find the file you want to restore, and drag it to your documents folder. If you're using a cloud-based service such as OneDrive, open your browser and log into your OneDrive account, choose the Recycle bin, find the file you want to restore and click Restore. Consult Google for instructions on how to restore files using whatever backup method you're using. Don't assume your backup software is working, test it.

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