

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 11/13/17

1. Questions/Answers???? - General Discussion. Computer dialog - what's new, what's different, what works or doesn't work? Computer Tips: Upcoming events and Computer classes: SRJC, SR Cm Center, Windsor HS, Healdsburg HS, SSU Ext, and Healdsburg Senior Center. Computer Consultant: Ross Guistino rossg@sonic.net, Jim Tubb, Consultant, Drop-in Computing Help Coordinator, drdelta91@gmail.com and Andrea Antonik, aantonik@sonic.net, Drop-in Computer Help



WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik---Need new Director

2. News –*This Month's Latest news:*

(a) Possible Broadcom/Qualcomm merger

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-qualcomm-m-a-broadcom-china-analysis>

(b) Intel and AMD team up

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3235934/components-processors>



(c) Voters drown in political text message spam on Election Day,

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/election-day-voters-drown-in-political-text-message-spam/>



(d) California calls on the world's only 747 SuperTanker to take on wildfires

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/747-supertanker-california>

(e) FBI vs. Apple, round two?

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/texas-shooter-fbi-cannot-access-texas-gunman-iphone>

3. Articles

(a) **Windows 10 Fall Creators Update: Be proactive and turn on ransomware protection**, By Mark Kaelin,

November 3, 2017, "Windows 10 Fall Creators Update added ransomware protection....Oddly enough, you must proactively turn on this new ransomware protection feature since it is off by default. It's not difficult to do, but as is Microsoft's way, the option is buried fairly deep in the configuration settings.... The Windows 10 Fall Creators Update must be installed before these settings will apply." Learn how to turn it on with this step-by-step tutorial.

(editor's note: Fall Creators Update is version 1709 and the final build number for this release is 16299.)

Windows specifications	
Edition	Windows 10 Pro
Version	1709
OS Build	16299.15

Check Settings > System > About to see full details about the current Windows 10 installation.

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/windows-10-fall-creators-update-be-proactive-and-turn-on-ransomware->

[protection/](#)

(b) **Google finally releases an Android patch for the KRACK WPA2 vulnerability** By Rich Woods November 6, 2017, "Last month, a vulnerability in the WPA2 protocol was exposed, which affected pretty much all modern wireless networks. Dubbed KRACK, *(editor's note:*

Checkout this article to learn about the flaw in the wireless protocol,

<https://www.wired.com/story/krack-wi-fi-wpa2-vulnerability/>.) it was the latest security flaw that got everyone to check for updates on their devices. Microsoft had already fixed it by the time it went public, and Apple released its patch with iOS 11.1." Google "...has fixed the issue with the November security update for the OS. It's available for most supported Nexus and Pixel devices."

<https://www.neowin.net/news/google-finally-releases-an-android-patch-for-the-krack-wpa2-vulnerability>

(c) **Four things we learned when Facebook, Google, Twitter testified in Russia inquiry**, By Zack Whittaker October 31, 2017, "Representatives from the three tech titans spoke to what they know about alleged Russian interference using their platforms to buy ads, promote stories, and spread misinformation in an effort to influence the outcome of the election. ...Facebook says over 126 million people saw Russian produced posts in the run-up to the election. ... Twitter reveals thousands of accounts associated with Russian election meddling. ...Google says it saw only 'limited activity' from the Russian meddling, but vows to do better." <http://www.zdnet.com/article/what-we-learned-facebook-twitter-google-testified-senate-in-russia-probe/>

(d) **Microsoft quietly announces end of last free Windows 10 upgrade offer** By Ed Bott, November 3, 2017. If you missed the upgrade to Windows 10, you can still upgrade from a supported earlier version of Windows to Windows 10 before the offer expires on December 31, 2017. Watch the video for the "How to". The only caveat is some older hardware may not be supported by Microsoft. "We won't know the answer to that question until after the New Year."

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-quietly-announces-end-of-last-free-windows-10-upgrades>



Happy Thanksgiving

4. Internet -Web sites: (If these don't work, let me know – Editor Andrea)



--New from Samsung: A Folding Phone <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/422737/samsung-confirms-new-radically-different-phone>

--Privacy Not Included: A Guide to Make Shopping for Connected Gifts Safer, Easier, and Way More Fun <https://advocacy.mozilla.org/en-US/privacynotincluded->

--High-end smartphone comparison chart <https://www.komando.com/charts/271375/high-end-smartphone-comparison-chart->

--Learn to Code [https://www.pcmag.com/article/349070/learn-to-code-with-hack-to-school-](https://www.pcmag.com/article/349070/learn-to-code-with-hack-to-school-lesson-1)

[lesson-1](#)

-- What is the Dark Web?- <https://www.komando.com/tips/424658/questions-about-the-dark-web>

--A slideshow of the 10 most secure locations in the world--<http://www.zdnet.com/pictures/the-10-most-secure-locations-in-the-world>

--12 Google Maps tricks you'll use time and time again <https://www.komando.com/tips/426240/>

*** Favorite Web Sites: What is yours? Let me know and I'll include***

5. Comments From Ross "Online Maps: There have been a few times when I've been asked to help solve a problem with an internet browser after

someone searched for and installed free mapping software. It turns out that those people inadvertently installed a bogus redirection malware called

searchencrypt.com. Searchencrypt.com is a browser hijacker that is bundled with other free software. When installed this browser hijacker will set the homepage and search engine for your web browser to

"www.searchencrypt.com". Now whenever you search for something, searchencrypt will send you to websites that you don't necessarily want to go to and will not give you the correct information. The point of this article is this...you do NOT have to install anything when you want an online map. All you need to remember is googlemaps.com. Googlemaps.com is free and it works. Also, if you normally have Google as your home page, and it doesn't say G-O-O-G-L-E in the center of the page, then chances are you've been hijacked."

Thanks Ross

7. Thanks for Refreshments to Pat Lynch.

8. Thanks for being **Welcome Lady** to Ines Williams.

9. Computer Lending Library—Be sure to check out new books from O'Reilly. Thanks to Ernie Lopez for coordinating this important task. Note for O'ReillyMedia discounts: www.oreilly.com



10. Today's Program: During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, Mr. Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik will be giving a short talk on Smartphone tricks and Tips - "**How to Silence Your Phone**". Then during the 2:00-

4:00 time slot our speakers will be Mr. Bobby Tagnolli, Store Manager, and Mr. Michael Banuelos, Senior Sales Tech, of Windsor Office Depot, who will be

discussing/demonstrating "**Choosing a Tablet, Laptop or Printer - What's Important?**" Thank you Bobbie and Michael for sharing.



11. Computer Help – Drop-in - Seniors can drop by the Senior Center, first come/first serve, and will receive one/one opportunity to get their questions and projects addressed. Bring your laptop to work on or a list of inquiries for Coordinators Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik to answer. Windows 7 and 8/8.1 and 10 spoken here.. *No preregistration—But Donations*

November 27, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

There will be no Drop-in computer help in December.

12. Next meeting of User's Group 12/11/17—All senior computer enthusiasts are invited to join us. This information gathering shares ideas, resources and networks. *No preregistration.*

1:00 – 2:00 pm General

Question/Answer

2:00 – 4:00 pm Program: Our

speakers will be Mr. Jeffrey Vaillant, Director, Marin County Genealogical Society, and Mr. Pat Travis, Director of the Family History Center. Their topic is "What's New?" since the Genealogy field is changing almost daily!



If you have questions, please call me (home 838-4737), (e-mail: donna@sonic.net) or you can call the Senior Center 838-1250 for dates/times of computer events. See www.sonic.net/wscug for Computer Information

This is your User's Group - What are your goals? Help to make this group what you want it to be.

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." Charles R. Swindoll