

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 11/19/18

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, Ines Williams, and Ernie Lopez



2. This Month's Latest news:

(a) **7 things you need to know about Facebook Portal**

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/things-to-know-about-facebook-portal>



(b) **Windows 10 users seeing their erroneous product-activation issues resolved**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/windows-10-users-seeing-their-erroneous-product-activation-issues>

(c) **Powerful data privacy legislation drafted by Democratic senator from Oregon**

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/wyden-data-protection-legislation>

(d) **Researcher finds simple way of backdooring Windows PCs and nobody notices for ten months**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/researcher-finds-simple-way-of-backdooring-windows-pcs-and-nobody-notices>

3. Articles

(a) **Microsoft resumes rollout of Windows 10 version 1809, promises quality changes** by Ed Bott, 11-13-2018.

"Microsoft has resumed the rollout of Windows 10 version 1809. The re-release of the so-called October 2018 Update comes more than five weeks after the company pulled the original installation files....Don't expect to see this version on Windows Update just yet, however. You might be offered the new release if you manually check for updates, but the company says it plans a 'slow, measured release' that will err on the side of caution before expanding the update to a broader population....Meanwhile, the big question for anyone running Windows 10 is whether it's safe to download the October 2018 Update."

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-resumes-rollout-of-windows-10-version-1809>

(b) **We're killing off passwords. But are we ready for what will replace them?** by Steve Ranger, 10-14-18.

"Nobody likes passwords. Apart from the hackers who find them, steal them or crack them with ease...Insecure, annoying, expensive -- passwords would have been got rid of long ago except that the fundamental concept is easy to implement and easy to understand.So what about the next step? Here smartphones are well ahead of the PC world, by using biometrics -- fingerprints and facial recognition....Microsoft has already outlined how it plans to kill off passwords in Windows 10 using a combination of

multi-factor authentication and biometrics via Windows Hello, a service it says is being used by more than 47 million people....in the US you can't be forced to hand over a passcode for your smartphone because that's considered self-incrimination but you could be asked to unlock your phone with a fingerprint or by looking at it....Before we make the move to biometrics and wave passwords goodbye we need to have some good answers to these tough questions. Increasing security is good, but understanding the consequences is important, too."

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/were-killing-off-passwords-but-are-we-ready-for-what-will-replace-them>

(c) **Strange snafu misroutes domestic US Internet traffic through China Telecom** by Dan Goodin, 11-6-2018.

"China Telecom, the large international communications carrier with close ties to the Chinese government, misdirected big chunks of Internet traffic through a roundabout path that threatened the security and integrity of data...It remained unclear if the highly circuitous paths were intentional hijackings of the Internet's Border Gateway Protocol or were caused by accidental mishandling." The article goes into great detail about "US domestic Internet communications being divert(ed) to mainland China before reaching their intended destination," for two and a half years. "On two occasions last year, traffic to and from major US companies was suspiciously and intentionally routed through Russian service providers." Doug Madory, a researcher specializing in the security of the Internet's global BGP routing system says "When it gets to US-to-US traffic traveling through mainland China, it becomes a question of is this a malicious incident or is it accidental? It's definitely concerning."



<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2018/11/strange-snafu-misroutes-domestic-us-internet-traffic-through-china-telecom>

(d) **3 ways to free up space on your smartphone** by Kevin Downey, 11-3-18. Whether you use an Android or iPhone, the article gives you 3 things to free up space on your smartphone. <https://www.komando.com/tips/501606/3-ways-to-free-up-space-on-your-smartphone>



Happy Thanksgiving

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



--HTG Explains: How Does a CPU Actually Work? <https://www.howtogeek.com/367931/htg-explains-how-does-a-cpu-actually-work>

--How Can I Use a Password Manager for My Security Questions? <https://askleo.com/how-can-i-use-a-password-manager-for-my-security-questions>

--How to protect your iCloud account <https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-protect-your-icloud-account>

--These routers are flawed but they will never be fixed <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/499374/these-routers-are-flawed-but-they-will-never-be-fixed>

-- Talk to your PC <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/tips/home/your-personal-assistant>

5. Comments from Ross--Passwords, the biggest headache when dealing with technology. Your bank requires you to log in with a password, your email requires one, shopping online with WalMart even asks for login credentials. It's hard enough for me to remember what I had for breakfast, let alone all of the passwords I'm required

LastPass....!

to keep stored in my brain for the websites and networks I access on a daily basis. Writing them down in a journal is not the most secure way of dealing with the copious amounts of passwords I have. And even if I did, I'm not about to carry that journal with me out in public where it can be easily lost or stolen. So what is one to do when you are away from the house and not near your trusty password journal? You create an account with Lastpass.com. Lastpass is a website that securely stores all of your passwords, and all you need to remember is the Lastpass password in order to open the application. With Lastpass, you can keep all of your passwords and websites associated with them, in one location at your fingertips whenever you need them. If you're on vacation and forgot the password to your bank's website, just log into www.lastpass.com and **voila!** you've got access to your passwords. If you're on the porch with your tablet and a cocktail and need to log into the library but forgot your password--just go to www.lastpass.com and you're on your way. Lastpass also has an application that you can download to your tablet, phone or computer which helps with logging in to your favorite websites easier by filling in all of the appropriate information for you, like user name and of course, the password. Lastpass is free although you can also buy a version which has additional features, but for me the free version works great. (Thanks to Ross)

6. Thanks for Refreshments to Cassandra Lista.

7. Thanks for being Welcome Lady to Lynda De Martini.

8. Computer Lending Library-- We no longer receive printed books from O'Reilly as their focus as changed to a larger online presence and is more Techy. You can get free webcasts. Their email address is



"webcast@post.oreilly.com". Our current inventory of books is still available for borrowing. Thanks to Ernie Lopez for coordinating this.

9. Today's Program: During the first hour today, **1:00-2:00**, Ms. Jenni Fleish, Admin. Aide for Town of Windsor and Senior Center will explain the Senior Center's new all "**Electronic Check-in Process**" effective November 27, 2018, and we will have Q\A. 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. Their topic is "**New innovations/programs at Office Depot and what's important when choosing new hardware and software**". Thank you Bobbie and Michael for sharing.

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10. 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, smartphone, or tablet or a list of questions for Coordinators Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik to answer. Windows 7 and 8/8.1 and 10 spoken here.. *No preregistration–But Donations*

November 26, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

11. Next meeting of User's Group 12/10/18 –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 speaker will be a representative from Redwood Credit Union Bank, Windsor. Their topic will be "**E-Banking: A Step-by-Step to Your Capabilities and Security**". We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.



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

"I am always doing things I can't do. That's how I get to do them." — Pablo Picasso