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Computer-Help: Drop-In 2-4 PM Nov 22, 2021 MASKS REQUIRED.

NO DEC GENERAL MEETING.
Dec Drop-In Computer Help: Monday Dec 13, **2-4 PM. MASKS REQUIRED.**

Next general meeting will be January 10, 2022. Our planned guest speakers will be from Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force (NC3TF).

Nov 8,2021, 1 PM: Welcome EVERYONE. During the first hour, we will have **General Questions & Answers. Erin** from the Senior Center will also be available to give us updates and answer questions about the Senior Center.

Then for our second part of the meeting, **Jim** will be discussing **"Aging in Place with Technology".**

Please note until further notice **MASKS are required for our Windsor Senior Computer Users' Group IN-PERSON EVENTS.**

WSCUG News:
After over 25 years as the heart and soul of the Windsor Senior Computer Users Group**, Donna Crawford, our founder,** has decided the time has come to **retire.** Please join us at the November meeting to **thank her for her years of service** to the group**. We hope to continue to see her at our meetings.**

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US!

In The News

a) Plan Ahead for Phase Out of 3G Cellular Networks and Service
b) Facebook Isn't Facebook Anymore
c) Recycling isn't enough.

d) Tesla Opens Its Charging Network to Other EVs in New Pilot Program
e) Why Trump's TRUTH Social Platform Will Probably Get Hacked Right Away

Articles for November

a) Do Random Words Make Better Passwords? by Leo A. Notenboom. "Choosing as few as three random words will generally be longer than a typical random password, and can be more secure because it's easier to manage and more likely to be used properly." The article discusses the mathematical differences between random characters and three-word passwords. And makes these two recommendations: "Never reuse passwords. No matter how the password is created", and "Use a password vault." askleo.com/do-random-words-make-better-passwords

b) 5 clues that your email has been hacked by Komando Staff, 10.30.2021. "If you're worried your email account may **b)** have already been compromised, here are five clues to check for." The article presents five clues and explains four steps to take to protect yourself. komando.com/privacy/clues-your-email-has-been-hacked

c) What Are Computer Files and Folders? by Benj Edwards, 10.18.2021. "Files and folders are a common metaphor for storing data on a computer. When it comes to computers, a file is an abstract idea. It's a conceptual object... a group of related computer records treated as a single unit." This article explains the difference between folders and directories and provides easy to understand information about file paths, file formats, and file locations on different devices including Macs and smartphones. howtogeek.com/757092/what-are-computer-files-and-folders

d) Microsoft tells Windows 10 users to prepare for the November 21H2 update by Mary Jo Foley, 10.21.2021. "officials said users should get ready for the Windows 10 November 2021 Update, aka Windows 10 21H2. Windows 10 21H2 won't offer many new features. It will behave almost like a Cumulative Update..." zdnet.com/article/microsoft-tells-windows-10-users-to-prepare

e) Privacy warning: What Gmail, Yahoo and Outlook get for providing you a free email account, by Albert Khoury. 11.2.2021. "Sometimes a service will perform valuable tasks such as extrapolating booked flights from your inbox and offering to add them to your

e) calendar. While this is convenient, it may also feel uncomfortable to know your messages are being analyzed.Your data can be used to target you with ads. It can be shared with other companies or even sold. Your browsing habits can track you across websites as companies build a profile of you." The article reviews gmail, yahoo mail and outlook. Although this article contains information from an ad-sponsor of Kim Komando's national radio station, it reminds us "there's no such thing as complete privacy". komando.com/privacy/free-email-no-privacy

f) I'm Suddenly Getting More Spam Emails. Should I Be Worried? by Leo A. Notenboom. "A sudden flood of additional

f) spam is not unusual. In general...you need not worry — unless you see suspicious activity beyond just spam. This happens all the time, to be honest." This article describes why you might be experiencing this increase, and when you should start to worry. But the bottom line is "You cannot stop spam".. askleo.com/im-suddenly-getting-more-spam-emails

g) What is phishing? Everything you need to know to protect yourself from scam emails and more by Danny Palmer, 10.13.2020. "Phishing is one of the easiest forms of cyberattack for criminals to carry out, and one of the easiest to fall for. It's also one that can provide everything hackers need to ransack their targets' personal and work accounts.

g) A basic phishing attack attempts to trick a user into entering personal details or other confidential information, and email is the most common method of performing these attacks. It's estimated that 3.7 billion people send around 269 billion emails every single day." The article is from last year, but still contains relevant information of what phishing is, what it looks like, the different types of phishing, how to spot phishing attacks and links, and how to protect against them. zdnet.com/article/what-is-phishing

h) If you use Chrome, you need to update your browser now by Charlie Fripp, 11.1.2021. komando.com/security-privacy/google-chrome-update

Comments from Ross: Destroying your hard drive: Last month I talked about e-waste and suggested you remove the hard drive from the PC and drill holes in it. Here's an alternative that will allow you to keep the drive in the PC. Use a program called KillDisk. Download the file from killdisk.com, double click it to install it, start the program and click on Local Disk C, click the Erase Disk button and then the Start button. Restart the computer after it's done and everything will be gone--no files, not even Windows. The drive will be empty.

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