

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 9/10/18

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



WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik, Ines Williams, and Ernie Lopez

2. In the News:



(a) Microsoft's October 2 Fall Event: What to expect –

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsofts-october-2-fall-event-what-to-expect>

(b) Apple Special Event, Steve Jobs Theater-September 12, 2018, 10am

<https://www.apple.com/apple-events/september-2018>



(c) IFA 2018: Everything we've seen at Europe's biggest tech show –<https://www.cnet.com/news/ifa-2018-everything-weve-seen-so-far>

3. Articles

(a) Windows 10 alert: All versions get new Intel patches for Spectre, Foreshadow bugs By Liam Tung, August 22, 2018--



"Microsoft has released a set of new microcode patches from Intel that address Spectre vulnerabilities, as well as the

recently disclosed Foreshadow attacks. The updates are available for all supported versions of Windows 10 and Windows Server....Microsoft made the updates, all dated 8/20/2018, available on the Microsoft Update Catalog this week."

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/windows-10-alert-all-versions-get-new-intel-patches-for-spectre-foreshadow>

(b) Google completely revamps Chrome to celebrate browser's 10th birthday- by Luke Larsen, Sept.4.18-

"Google is celebrating Chrome's 10th birthday with the release of a new version of the web browser...Known as Chrome 69...Gone are all sharp edges and angular features, replaced instead with bubbly circles and pastel colors...In the mobile browser, Google has moved the toolbar to the bottom on iOS, which it says makes it easier to reach." The new features include "rich results", better access to



shortcuts, password security is easier, and Picture-in-Picture mode.

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/chrome-10th-birthday>

update:

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/chrome-69-user-issues>

(c) What's New in Windows 10's October 2018 Update

by Chris Hoffman, August 10th, 2018-- Windows 10's October 2018 Update, also known as version 1809, is a major upgrade. Some of the new features include:

"a clipboard history that syncs between your devices and a long-awaited dark theme for File Explore", a "built-in touch keyboard...powered by' SwiftKey", a "Your Phone app" for Android and iPhone, a "Make Text Bigger" setting, and a new screen shot clipping tool. The article gives a comprehensive list of the new features with screen shots.



<https://www.howtogeek.com/353165/whats-new-in-windows-10s-redstone-5-update-available-fall-2018>

(d) EU considers 60-minute deadline for social networks to remove terrorist content-- by Charlie Osborne, August 20, 2018- "...the European Commission is considering imposing an hour-long deadline for social networks to remove terrorist and extremist content after voluntary measures appear to have failed....On pain of heavy fines, the social networks will need to detect and remove content such as videos, images, audio, and potentially live streams which promote or encourage extremism....The new rules would need to be approved by the European Parliament and the majority of member states to pass into law." <https://www.zdnet.com/article/eu-considers-60-minute-deadline-for-social-networks-to-remove-terrorist-content>

**First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2018
Columbus Day October 8th, 2018**



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



The 10 best smartphones of 2018--<https://www.zdnet.com/article/10-best-smartphones>
Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint unlimited plans comparison-<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/verizon-att-t-mobile-sprint-unlimited-data-plan-comparison>

Creating Shortcuts-https://windows.tips.net/T010868_Creating_Shortcuts

What I think about President Trump's idea to regulate Google search results

<https://www.komando.com/columns/483710/what-i-think-about-president-trumps-idea-to-regulate-google-search-results>

How to dictate text and speak commands in Windows 10-- <https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-dictate-text-and-speak-commands-in-windows-10>

If you're still using Yahoo email, it's still spying on you--<https://www.digitaltrends.com/web/yahoo-mail>

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

5. Comments From Ross--Your old PC: In my line of work, I often see old unused computers sitting under clients' desks or in the garage along with other obsolete electronics. And in almost all cases, the users' personal data is still on the hard drive. If you have banking

information or a Word document saved that contains passwords, this could be a problem for you if someone should steal the computer or you decide to give it to a charity, an unscrupulous relative or to an e-waste facility.



(I recommend donating the computer to the Santa Rosa Computer Recycling Center on South Santa Rosa Avenue (<http://www.crc.org/>). However before you do, you need to do two things: 1) Open up the case (if it's a desktop) and remove the hard drive, which usually has a few screws holding it in or sometimes it just slides in and out, and 2) Destroy the hard drive by any means you can. Ask a handy friend to drill holes in it (wear safety goggles!!), or somehow smash it. If you have an old laptop, taking the drive out can be either extremely easy or extremely difficult depending on the make and model. As an alternative, there are various software programs you can use to erase the data but the most secure ones cost money. Whatever you do, don't assume that just deleting your documents is enough; those documents can easily be retrieved by someone who knows what they're doing. Because I deal with so many old hard drives, I bought a program that completely destroys all data; in some cases if I have multiple drives to destroy, I enlist the help of a machine shop which drills big holes in the drive. **Take away: Don't think that simply deleting your documents is all you need to do before getting rid of your old computer.** (Thanks to Ross)

6. Thanks for Refreshments to Marie Powers.

7. Thanks for being Welcome Lady to Ines Williams.

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**, we will have Q\A and Jim Tubb will be giving a short talk on "Windows 10 Action Center".

Then during the **2:00-4:00 pm time slot**, our speaker will be Erin Stroud, Recreation Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation for the Town of Windsor. Her presentation is entitled "Online Travel Arrangements". We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.



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 or smartphone 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 Donation*

September 24, 2018 2:00 – 4:00pm

October 22, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 pm

11. Next meeting of User's Group 10/8/18 –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 speakers will be Jeffrey Vaillant, Director, Marin County Genealogical Society, and Kathy Payne, Director, Family History Center, Santa Rosa. Their topic is "Genealogy Mysteries". We are very fortunate to have such knowledgeable speakers.



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. Help to make this group what you want it to be.

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Pablo Picasso

