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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter

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Computer Help-Desk Drop-In sessions are every second and fourth Mondays of the month 1-3 PM. Please use the sign-in sheet when you arrive.

June: Monday June 9 and June 23, 1-3 PM.

There are NO sessions in July.

Help-Desk is a free drop in program to assist Seniors with their tech issues. Seniors can get help with their computers: PC, laptops, tablets: Android and Apple, and phones: Android and Apple.

In the News:

a) Data breach exposes 184 million passwords for Google, Microsoft, Facebook
b) Apple's serious health warning
c) Everything We Learned at Google I/O
d) EU Set to Accept Microsoft's Proposal to Resolve Teams Bundle Dispute
e) Google to pay $1.38 billion over privacy violations
f) Apple Expands Official Self Service Repair Options
g) Why the end of Google as we know it could be your biggest opportunity yet
h) Apple to Launch iOS 26, macOS 26 in Major Rebrand Tied to Software Redesigns

Articles for June

a) How to Hover Over a Link to Check It's Not a Scam by Leo A. Notenboom. "When it comes to links on webpages and HTML email, what you see is not always where you go. Hovering over a link is an important technique to look before you leap. There are several ways to look at a link (both in email and on webpages) before you click on it to make sure it is what it claims to be. What you see isn't always where you'll end up. Hover your mouse pointer over a link to see its true destination (usually shown at the bottom of your browser window). If it looks weird or doesn't match, don't click. Copy/paste if you're unsure. Always look before you click, especially in email. Hovering your mouse pointer over a questionable link is one way to determine its validity. All that means is you move the mouse pointer over the link but don't click. Look before you click. Hover over the link, or copy/paste it somewhere so you can confirm it will take you where you expect. Only when you're certain it's safe should you click." Please read the article as it contains great examples and photos of what you should see. When Mr Notenboom says the 'target link' is in the lower left of the window when you hover over it, he means way at the bottom of the page/window just above the task bar in the lower left of your computer screen. Try it for yourself with the links he has for examples. You will then know where to look to see if a link is legitimate or not. askleo.com/3241

b) Microsoft Edge vs Google Chrome: Is it finally time to switch browsers? by Aamir Siddiqui, 04.28.2025. "Edge and Chrome are the premier browser offerings from the two big tech companies in the world: Microsoft and Google. There is a whole host of similarities in how both browsers look. The general layout, buttons' placement, and other user experience elements are very similar. Edge appears and functions differently than Chrome in a few ways. What Chrome can do, Edge can do as well. But there are plenty of things that Edge (cont)

b) can do that Chrome can't." There are many difference between the browsers which the article goes into great detail to explain. androidauthority.com/chrome-vs-edge-3298624 related article: askwoody.com/manage-your-browsing-experience-with-edge

c) Stop squinting! 10 ways to make Windows easier on the eyes by Chris Hoffman, 05.07.2025. "The tips we're about to go over work on both Windows 10 and Windows 11. The most important trick: Tweak display scaling. Windows will also let you change the text size, specifically, throughout the entire operating system. Zoom in on web pages and

c) documents. On a larger display, it can sometimes be hard to see the mouse pointer and the text cursor. You can make both more visible at a glance by choosing a custom color and size. Widen scrollbars (and stop them from hiding). Increase your taskbar size. Make File Explorer's icons bigger. Zoom in on everything with the Magnifier." The article explains steps on how to do each of the above tips. computerworld.com/make-windows-easier-on-the-eyes

d) 6 Google Search Alternatives That Protect Your Privacy by Sydney Butler, 05.15.2025. "Google is such a huge search engine, that the

d) very act of searching for something on the net is often referred to as 'googling' something. Yet, Google has become a service that not everyone likes for reasons of privacy and, in some cases, even accuracy. With AI summaries that can be very wrong, search results that don't always seem to be in your best interest, and the prospect of being tracked for advertising, it's understandable to be hesitant." Learn about six alternative search engines that are more 'privacy-focused' than Google in this article. howtogeek.com/google-search-alternatives-that-protect-your-privacy

e) Finally! Microsoft is making AI useful in Windows by introduc-

e) ing AI agents by Martin Brinkmann, 05.07.2025. "Microsoft just announced the addition of an AI agent to Windows Settings. The main idea here is to allow users to describe what they want to achieve using natural language. Say, you would like to increase the size of the font that Windows uses to display text… Previously, you had to type a search term that matches the request… Now, at least on Copilot+ PCs, you can use natural language and Windows will guide you to finding the setting. Even better, Microsoft says that the agent can perform the action on your behalf, provided that you give it the green light to do so. The new AI agent in Settings...adds a feature that Windows users will find useful, as it helps them find the right setting option." There is a short video included in the article that explains this new AI agent feature. ghacks.net/finally-microsoft-is-making-ai-useful-in-windows

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Audible Expands Catalog with AI Narration audible.com/audible-expands-catalog-with-ai-narration-and-translation
Microsoft Tests 'Hey, Copilot!' Voice Command for Windows 11 techrepublic.com/microsoft-windows-hey-copilot