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**Computer Help-Desk
Drop-In sessions are
every **second** and
fourth Mondays of the
month **1-3 PM**.**

**Oct. Help Desk
sessions:
Mondays Oct 13
and Oct 27, 1-3.**

**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) [Cybersecurity at Risk: CISA 2015 Lapses](#)
- b) [father of quantum computing believes AGI will be a person](#)
- c) [Trump approves TikTok deal](#)
- d) [Microsoft Restricts Israel Defense Ministry's Azure Access](#)
- e) [Google misled users about their privacy and now owes them \\$425m](#)
- f) [Trump's UK Visit:US Firms Commit Billions for Data Centers](#)
- g) [Trump Weighs Tariffs to Force 1:1 US Chip Output](#)
- h) [FTC to AI Companies: Tell Us How You Protect Teens and Kids](#)
- i) [Google Touts Biggest Upgrade to Chrome With Gemini AI](#)
- j) [Copilot Study: UK Government Finds No Evidence of Productivity Gains](#)
- k) [Oracle, Silver Lake consortium to control 80% stake in TikTok in US](#)

Articles for October

- a) **10 crucial Microsoft Account settings you need to change now** by Chris Hoffman, 09.12.2025. "If you have a Microsoft account, you should change some of the account settings to increase security and stop Microsoft from sharing personal data with third-party vendors for advertising purposes. This article explains how to control which apps have access to your data, how to disable personalized ads and third-party data sharing and how to stop unwanted promotional emails from Microsoft as well as how to enable two-step verification. Read the article to learn more about securing your Microsoft account. pcworld.com/10-crucial-microsoft-account-settings-you-need-to-change-now
- b) **How to undo OneDrive Backup and restore your personal files to your Windows 11 PC** by Ed Bott, 09.08.2025. "Microsoft is automatically turning on OneDrive Backup b) in new Windows 11 installations. Your files aren't stolen -- they've just been moved to a new folder and synced to the cloud. This article includes step-by-step instructions to turn off OneDrive Backup and reset your local folders...anyone with a Microsoft 365 Personal or Family account will soon find that new files are auto-saved by default in OneDrive (or your preferred cloud destination, if you've set up that option). That change is rolling out to Word for Windows this month and will arrive for Excel and PowerPoint later this year." Read the entire article to learn how to undo this forced OneDrive Backup. zdnet.com/article/how-to-undo-onedrive-backup-and-restore-your-personal-files-to-your-windows-11-pc
- c) **If you use Windows 11 and Microsoft 365, new apps will be installed automatically starting next month** by Martin Brinkmann, 09.29.2025. "Starting in 'early October 2025', Microsoft will install the Companion apps People, Files, and Calendar on any Windows 11 device, (cont)

c) provided that Microsoft 365 desktop client apps are installed. These apps will appear in the Start menu by default. What they have in common is that they introduce even more Copilot AI functionality on the Windows system. Microsoft gives system administrators options to disable the rollout. Users may uninstall the apps after they have been installed, according to Microsoft."

chipp.in/psa-if-you-use-windows-11-and-microsoft-365-new-apps-will-be-installed-automatically

d) These Simple Tweaks Made Edge My Favorite Browser by

Faisal Rasool,
09.10.2025. "Microsoft

d) Edge feels like a billboard more than a browser...it can be a solid browser with a few tweaks. On the first launch, Microsoft Edge throws an entire flashing MSN feed at you with weather, video, and news. Click the gear icon on this page to get rid of this mess. Select 'off' for quick links to disable those site shortcuts. This gets rid of ads too. Next, turn off 'Show Content,' 'Show Widgets,' and 'Show Feed.' You can disable the weather here too if you like." The article also explains how to turn off Copilot and Edge's shopping service, disable Microsoft Rewards and more. Read this article to "Customize Edge and Make it Yours."

howtogeek.com/these-tweaks-made-edge-my-favorite-browser

e) 7 Reasons You Could Lose Your Google Account Forever by Leo A. Notenboom. "Lockouts and loss happen not because Google's broken,... but because of preventable mistakes and oversights." Here are the most common ways that contribute to loss of a Google account: "Outdated Recovery Information, Weak or Reused Passwords, Ignoring Security Warnings, Relying Only on One Device, Not Enabling Two-Factor Authentication, Using Incorrect or Inconsistent Recovery Attempts, and Ignoring Account Activity for too Long." Read the article to "prepare for account recovery, and keep things up-to-date" and to ensure you never lose your account.

askleo.com/184417



f) Is It Legal to Record Audio or Video on a Home Security Camera? Here Are the Rules by Tyler Lacoma, 09.03.2025. "The core purpose of a security camera is to keep eyes on your home -- but how do privacy laws affect their use?...there are rules everyone should know before using live views or downloading video clips. You can generally set up security cams in your home as you please, but you can't interfere with someone's reasonable expectation of privacy. But when in doubt, apply the rule of a reasonable expectation of privacy. No one can film you without your permission on private property, like filming your backyard or through your windows. Because of the Federal Wiretap Act and similar legislation, states are divided into one-party and two-party/all-party consent laws." Read the article to learn about where to set up security cams and how audio recordings need two-party consent in California.

cnet.com/is-it-legal-to-record-audio-or-video-on-a-home-security-camera



URLs

How to Back Up Your Google Photos Library to a Hard Drive

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What Is the "Normal" File Hierarchy in Windows? askleo.com/184027

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Terrible Cellphone Connection? Try These Quick Steps to Boost Your Signal

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Tractors, TVs and tyranny

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How to get free Windows 10 security updates through October 2026

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Remove Junk Files Fast from Android Phone

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