

The Mouse Pad

TECHNOLOGY CLUB OF ROYAL HIGHLANDS, NOVEMBER, 2023

**If you don't want me to
shop online**



**You Really Shouldn't Use My
Name For All Your Passwords**

A Note From The Editor

This is our free Technology Club newsletter. We also like to add additional information, so we have a “hodge-podge” sections. If you would like to submit an article, share an experience, share photos or give a review or information on a favorite software or device - let the Editor know at dbinder2004@comcast.net. We appreciate your input. Also, we like to hear how you are using technology - send to me and we will share in this newsletter.

We will email this newsletter monthly, if you send a request to Diane at: dbinder2004@comcast.net. Submit articles and/or tech questions. We will attempt to answer your question and post in our newsletter. This email newsletter is free.

12 Simple Tips to Speed Up Windows

12 Simple Tips to Speed Up Windows Make your Windows 11 (or Windows 10) PC run faster without compromising its interface or functionality. 1. Uninstall crapware, 2. Limit Startup Processes, 3. Clean up your Disk, 4. Add more RAM, 5. Install an SSD Drive, 6. Check for viruses and spyware, 7.

Dues Time again for the RH Computer Tech Club 2024:

Please use a check made out to D. Binder, as I monitor the Bank account. Remember the office no longer takes care of the club funds and we were asked to start our own bank account. It is with United Southern. We use our funds to pay our subscriptions for our website, APCUG (Nationwide Group) and Zoom Account. We never use our funds except to pay our subscriptions and supplies for one in-person meeting a year and an occasional door prize.

ONLY \$10 per household. A real bargain to keep up to date with technology. We are now recording our zoom meetings that you can view on our members page. As always, if anyone would like to step up and accept an officer position, please let Diane know. We only have a President and website master; which is me - but, I always like help and suggestions.

How to forward a text message you received to someone else.

Posted on Rick's Daily Tips Email newsletter

Have you ever received a text message that you thought should really be forwarded to someone else (i.e. a message with instructions from the boss, for example)?

Forwarding a text message to another person is really pretty easy once you know how to do it.

However, the Forwarding procedure isn't all that obvious because that option is pretty much "hidden" from view on both iPhones and Androids.

Follow the steps below to forward a text message that you have received to another person:

If you have an iPhone...

- 1 – Tap and hold **the message you'd like to forward** until a menu pops up.
- 2 – Tap **More**.
- 3 – Tap the **arrow** located at the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.
- 4 – Enter the **recipient** you wish to forward the message to, then **send the message**.

If you have an Android phone...

Note: The procedure for forwarding a text message can vary a bit from one Android phone to another. Therefore, I recommend that you use the instructions below as a general guide.

- 1 – Tap and hold **the message you'd like to forward** until it becomes highlighted.
- 2 – Tap the **Options** icon in the top-right corner of the screen (it looks like **three vertical dots**).
- 3 – Tap **Forward**.

- 4 – Select the **recipient** you wish to forward the message to, then tap the **Send** button.

That's all there is to forwarding an SMS text message to another person, and it really can come in handy at times. Pretty easy, right?

"Quizzes on Social Media, Caution"

Quizzes on Social Media is fun. I love them too; however, use caution when answering them. Be sure you know the person asking and if it is a website - usually, it is a website that is not trust worthy. Often quizzes are used for data mining (collection of your personal data that is often used by you as your passwords or your password security questions and answers. For example: Your favorite color, your dogs name, your first car and etc. I'm not saying do not have fun, just be cautious on who is seeing your answers. (source...FYI by your editor).

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What is Bit, Byte, Kilobytes, Megabytes, Gigabytes, etc.

A Bit is one or zero, short for binary digit.

A Byte is 8 bits, the basic unit of computing.

A Kilobytes is 1,000 from the word for 1,000 in Greek.

A Megabytes is 1,000 kilobytes from large in Greek.

A Gigabytes is 1,000 megabytes from giant and Greek.

A Terabytes is 1,000 gigabytes from monster in Greek.

A Petabyte is 1,000 terabytes one day of Google processing.

An Exabyte is 1,000 terabytes equal to 20 billion Solares Hills.

A Zettabyte is 1,000 exabytes, the total of all data now in existence.

A Yottabyte is 1,000 zettabytes which is currently too big to imagine.



Today's featured tech tip...

How to skip the Recycle Bin/Trash Can when deleting a file

Do you ever find yourself wanting to delete a file outright without it going into the Recycle Bin (Windows) or the Trash Can (Mac)?

There are times when it's best to simply skip the Recycle Bin or Trash Can and deep-six a file once and for all. Luckily, this is very easy to do... If you have a Windows PC simply select the file you want to delete and then hold the Shift key while pressing the Delete key. Have a Mac instead? Just select the file you wish to delete and then press the Command, Option and Delete keys simultaneously. (source: R Daily Tips)



Which Laptop Should You Buy? Chromebook vs. Windows

Key Takeaways

- Web-based tools like Google Docs and Slack make Chromebooks a great option for those who work on the web and value collaboration.
- Chromebooks are known for their simplicity and lack of bloatware compared to Windows laptops, making them a no-fuss option.
- Chromebooks have gained popularity in schools due to their low cost and simplicity, with over 50 million students and teachers using them.

If you're in the market for a laptop, you may be wondering whether to stick with a standard Windows machine or opt for a Chromebook instead. Here are some things to consider when choosing between the two platforms. **(continued...See the rest of the article on our website Home page.** (source: MUO website)



Farewell to Kevin Beauregard - He will be retiring at the end of the year. He will attend and speak at our November 16th, 3 pm in-person meeting; which will also be a party for Kevin. RSVP D. Binder to attend.



Fighting fraud against older adults

10/17/2023 Protecting older adults is one of the FTC's top priorities, and a **new report to Congress** tells how the agency tackled fraud, scams, and other issues affecting older adults over the last year. It's been a busy year at the FTC, so what are some of the highlights?

One of the cases with the biggest impact on older adults was the FTC's case against **Publishers Clearing House (PCH)**, charging that the company used "dark patterns" to mislead people about how to enter sweepstakes drawings, making them think they had to buy something to win (or increase their chances of winning). A court required PCH to turn over \$18.5 million to the FTC to use for customer refunds.

While younger people were still more likely to report losing money to fraud than older people, reports to the FTC showed that, during 2022, older adults:

- reported losing more than \$1.6 billion to fraud, compared to about \$1 billion the year before.
- reported losing big to investment scams: \$404 million in reported losses, with reports often describing fake cryptocurrency investment opportunities that targeted people on social media.
- reported losing more to business impersonation scams (especially scammers pretending to be Amazon) and romance scams than the previous year.
- were more than six times more likely than younger adults to report losing money to a tech support scam.

To help older adults spot, avoid, and report scams, the FTC keeps collaborating with community groups, law enforcement, financial institutions, aging and consumer professionals, and hundreds of others to share fraud prevention material. This year, partner organizations ordered 2.1 million pieces of information from the **Pass It On** campaign in English and Spanish. You'll find campaign material in Spanish at **¡Pásalo!**.

To learn more, check out this year's report. And if you spot a fraud or scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud). (Source:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2023/10/fighting-fraud-against-older-adults>).

Computer Tech Club Meetings:

11/16 (in-person), and

12/6 - Zoom,

1/10/24 - Zoom. Program topics pending. Email notice will be sent out.

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