Computers West move update

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The official closing of Computers West current space will be 9/23 for the beginning of the remodel and relocation of CW. The project is anticipated to last approximately 3 months for the construction and finishing work.

Not sure what else there is to say about the temporary space or the move, stay tuned as we go forward. The PC & MacsWest newsletters will provide updates as we progress through this transition.

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THE HISTORY OF COMPUTERS WEST

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PC Board Meeting, Friday, Sept 6th, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. in Room B

PC General Meeting Tuesday, Sept 10th, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. Summit A
Cookies and Coffee served 12:30 PM

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PC Group Chairman’s Message

Robert Gasner

Stop those annoying Windows 10 notifications

Is there anything more frustrating than trying to get work done on your computer and you're distracted by an unnecessary notification?

Eventually, the pop-up goes away and ends up in the Windows 10 Action Center. You'll see notices from such things as social media apps, your email, system updates, and even software updates for programs running on your PC.

If you want to cut down on what notifications you see, you can. There's a way to make Action Center only show you information that you want to see. Here's how:

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Open the **Settings** menu >> tap **System** >> tap **Notifications & Actions**. Here you will see a menu with a collection of toggles that control how notifications are displayed.

![Notifications settings menu](image)

Here you can toggle off tips about Windows, app notifications, alarms, reminders, and incoming VoIP calls on the lock screen, and notifications on the lock screen. There's even an option to turn off notifications for individual apps. So if you're getting tons of annoying notifications from a particular app, simply turn them off.

Need help? The Help Group will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30am up to approximately September 18th. More updates to come on future scheduling due the CW move.
Windows 10 Hands-On Classes On Hold

Computers West facilities will be relocating within Palm Ridge. Present classrooms will be closed starting September 23. Construction and relocation are expected to be completed in January 2020.

Windows 10 Hands-On Classes will resume in February 2020. Watch your CW Newsletter and Website for registration dates in January.

www.computerswest.org
Let's be careful out there!

If you remember the TV show “Hill Street Blues”, the phrase “Let's be careful out there!” should ring a bell. We may not be fighting crime on the streets, but we are fighting an increasing number of cyber criminals. So be prepared when you turn on your computer.

**Scareware Pop-ups**

One of the most common varieties of scam ware is for fake or useless commercial firewall registry cleaner software. While surfing the internet a website displays a pop-up advertisement window or banners with text such as:

“Your computer may be infected with harmful spyware programs. Immediate removal may be required. To scan, click 'Yes' below.”

**DO NOT CLICK ON THIS!!!**

It may look like it is Microsoft contacting you, but it is only a website looking like that. When you click on it, it will install Malware on your computer. Do not click on the “X” to close the pop-up, It will install the malware on your computer. The best thing to do is shut down your computer. If you cannot shut down in the normal way, hold down the power button until the computer turns off.

**Tech Support Scams**

You receive a telephone call that tells you that you have viruses on your computer.

**IMMEDIATELY HANG UP!!!**

This is a scam call. They don't even know whether you have a computer or not. Microsoft or Dell or HP or any legitimate company will not call you. If you talk to them, they will try to gain access to your computer through the internet. You must allow them access for them to gain access your computer.

**NEVER ALLOW SOMEONE ACCESS TO YOUR COMPUTER ONLINE FROM ONE OF THESE CALLS!!!!!!!**

If you go to the internet to get help, with a printer install or some other problem, make sure you are on a legitimate website for that company. It is very easy to click on a website that looks like the one you want, but it may not be. For example: HP is www.hp.com. If it has something other than this, it may be a fake website.

Now again, “Let's be careful out there.” Let your friends, neighbors and family know about this.

If you have any questions or feel you have clicked on one of these. Please contact the **PC Repair Group** on Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8 am – 10 am.
Welcome back! Hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to get away from the heat for a while. Just a reminder to all members: Computers West is our parent club. Be sure to be aware of all Computers West events, as well as the PC Group and MacsWest. Be sure to check our website (www.computerswest.org) for updated information regarding the PC Group (www.pcscw.org) and MacsWest (www.macswest.org). As things are in transition for awhile, it is especially important to check the website.

Check out each month’s “Rec Center News” at www.suncitywest.com. While you are on the Rec Center site, be sure to sign up for the Rec Center e-newsletter, which is sent out every Wednesday. It’s a great way to keep up with what is going on in our community. It’s important that we stay informed. If you are Facebook, check out the Rec Center there, also. Another way to be current on community events is to sign up for the PORA e-newsletter-(www.porascw.org), which is sent out every Friday. This is only for events that are open to everyone, such as Open meetings and Open Houses.

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PC Flight Sim meetings have a New DAY & New TIME

Please Mark your calendar!  Guests welcome

PC Flight Sim Group will meet every **Wednesday at 9:00 am** in the Palo Verde Room. Our members are retired flight instructors, active pilots, pilots of the past (WWII, commercial and private) and those interested in aviation.

Group meetings and demos are on the **First Wednesday of each month**, the following **Wednesdays of each month 1-on-1 personal instruction**.

For more information email: scwflightsim85375@gmail.com
John Burr & Sam Henderson
The Linux Group meets every Friday in the Palo Verde Room from 8 AM to 12 Noon utilizing the following schedule:

8am-10am Software & Hardware Help
10am-11am Prepared Presentation/Lecture
11am-12noon Open Discussion/Problem Solving

Those wishing to learn more about the Linux operating system are invited to attend Friday sessions. The current Operating System of Linux Mint. You don't have to buy any additional software when using Linux, all applications are included with thousands more readily available for installation.

“Hands On” instructional classes are offered annually in February. Check the Palo Verde room schedule for dates and times or the Computers West website.

Free Computers
Linux group is installing the Linux operating system on donated PC desktop and laptop computers and giving them away FREE. If you would like one of these computers or would like to donate a Windows XP or newer computer for this purpose we want it. If you want Linux installed on your existing computer we will do that too. Please come to the Linux meeting on Friday mornings from 8 am to 12 noon in the Palo Verde Room for any of the above.

One-on-One Instruction
For people who have decided to use the Linux Operating system and would like some personal instruction we offer a new help method. On Friday mornings from 8 am to 10 am we will provide a personal instructor to help you navigate Linux Mint. Just arrive in the Palo Verde room around 8am and ask for a personal instructor. Use your laptop or one of ours.

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Comments
From the Chair
David Morin

Last May when I communicated before the summer recess, I left you with the following: “At the moment the FUTURE appears to have much change, but as the saying goes, “change is good”. “We look forward to seeing you back in September. By then many pieces of our puzzle should be in place.”

It is almost September, most of you are still in cooler climates, but the puzzle has begun to take shape. Here is what we know.

1) We will start our regular fall schedule on September 3, but it will only last until Sept. 13th.
2) We will hold our first board and general meeting on September 6th
3) The week of September 16th through September 20 will require that everything be removed and stored from current rooms A, B and C and Paleo Verde. Bruce Merrihew is overseeing the move.
4) Construction/destruction is set to begin on September 23.
5) Construction is estimated to take 90 days, which means we probably will not be back on our regular schedule until after the first of the year.
6) No classes will be offered as there is no space available at present.
7) We hope to be able to use Summit B for an abbreviated Wednesday Genius Bar. Stay tuned!!
8) We will have a social get together on November 7th. Details to be presented in the Macswest News letter-This Week @ MacsWest
9) It is our hope to keep you informed with periodic written construction updates and progress photos.
10) Dues collections and election procedures will have to be modified.
11) Wally will continue to produce the marvelous document, This Week @ Macswest. This will be your only official and we hope factual documentation.

Your MacsWest Board will continue to meet monthly to review construction progress and plan for a smooth transition when the project is finished. If any changes occur allowing meeting

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Mac Message Notice

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September Programs
Nick Gruin

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Friday, Sept 13th at 1 PM will include our Regular Meeting led by David Morin followed by Marcine Fennel helping us explore Birthday Apps and EVITE, a social-planning website for creating, sending, and managing online invitations. There will be no longer be any excuses for not having gala parties!

Q&A/GrabBag Sessions:

Tuesdays in the month of September may or may not see our regular Q&A/GrabBag sessions - remember, we are moving. Stay in touch by reading Wally’s Weekly Newsletter and our Web Site. Whenever and wherever they are held, remember that all Apple product related questions are fair game. We almost always learn something.

Education Corner
Elaine Miller

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Mac and iPad Skills Sessions
Elaine Miller
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ROOM C CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 2019

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Sheryll Lachinsky
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Mary Morrow
Denise Stumbough
Beverly Brauer

Raymond Davis
Donald A. Rasmussen
Ken Tate
Aleta Vomocil-Rasmussen
John Bergman
Harold Blankman
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Ruth Spatny
Al Tyson
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From the Social Committee
Nancy Pines

Fall is around the corner, and a grand howdy to all our members! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Events;

- Fall Event, Thursday, Nov 7, 2019 * Kuentz Courtyard 5:00pm
- Holiday Event, Friday, Jan 10, 2020, Briarwood Country Club 5:00pm
- March Event, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Summit A 5:00pm
- Fall Event, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, Ramada #7, Beardsley Park, 11:00am

WATCH FOR UP COMING DETAILS
With the UP COMING MOVE to our new location, the November and January signups will be primarily online. Watch notices on our website at macswest.org and Weekly emails you receive.

Any questions, concerns or comments can be sent to Nancy Pines at social@macswest.org. Anyone interested in being on our committee please get in contact with me. Would love to have you on the team Looking forward to serving as your Social Coordinator

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Steve & Linda Victor

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