



Bits & Bytes



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY KATHRYN QUERRY

THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER IS OPEN!

Welcome back and thank you for your patience! November marks a return to normal operations in the Tech Center. Open Lab resumes Tuesday through Friday mornings, 10:00-12:50. Members can use the computers and printers, scanners will be available soon, and classes will be held there as well.

Don't Be Shocked: When you come into the Tech Center it appears that nothing has changed. Unfortunately, our room was not included in the Mountain View clubhouse renovations. It simply remained inaccessible while work went on all around it. We hope for some esthetic freshening next year.

Practical Improvements: On the bright side, "invisible" work is getting done. Read Richard Ravich's article in this issue on the new wiring and internet speed upgrades.



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SCPD Community Expo Thu, Nov 6, 1-4pm

Visit our table for Information, chat with delightful volunteer members, and get a small 3D printed gift. But wait, there's more! Open to everyone, visit the Technology Center across from the Daily Grind/Martini's to:

- Watch the 3D printer in action
- Meet even more delightful members
- Learn about upcoming classes
- Get one-on-one Tech Tutor help
- Join/renew with the Technology Club
- Volunteer

Let's Compute Technology Club

Visit our table at the
Community Expo
in Mountain View Clubhouse on
Thursday, November 6
1:00-4:00 pm

And

Stop by the Technology Center for our
one-to-one Tech Tutor event
happening during the Expo

Tutors will be available to offer individual help with your
Apple device, PC, or Android.
Expect a 10-15 minute, one-to-one session depending
on number of attendees.

Open to ALL SCPD residents
No registration necessary

The above flyer was created by Susan Fisher using Canva. Susan took Bill Singer's Canva class and has been having fun making flyers ever since! You could too!



TECH CENTER WIRING UPDATE by Richard Ravich

The HOA has contracted with ELB, a company specializing in wiring spaces to best take advantage of technology, to perform re-wiring work in SCPD. The Technology Center is included! Over the summer Kathryn Querry and I have been meeting with Brian Locke (HOA Information Systems & Communications Director), and representatives from ELB, to discuss ideas for reconfiguring the Technology Center's infrastructure. Here is a brief rundown of what will be completed soon:

- Our internet speed has been upgraded from 200 Megabits per second to 2,000 Megabits per second. This will increase the response time when using our computers to access the internet.
- Rewired ethernet cabling will allow us to make use of the speed increase. The old cabling, probably installed twenty years ago, is not capable of handling the increased speeds. Plus, instead of having unsightly cable bundles along the floor, there will be new cable enclosures for a neater look.
- HDMI ports will be added to the front of the classroom to accommodate those instructors who prefer to teach from the front. The ability to teach from the instructor PC and MAC in the back of the classroom remains, providing instructors with a choice.
- You will also see a new equipment rack on the window counter, which contains our new stuff.

If you are interested in understanding how all of this equipment works, contact me and I'll be glad to show you.



NOVEMBER 18 GENERAL MEETING by Bill Singer

...And The Fun Never Stops! Mark your calendars now. Join us in Speakers Hall and bring your neighbors. All SCPD residents are invited.



**Let's Compute
Technology Club**
Invites everyone to our
helpful and entertaining
presentation of...

**High Tech Gift Ideas
for the Holidays**

Presented by Bill Singer

Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025, 1:30pm
SPEAKERS HALL, Sunset View Clubhouse

From affordable stocking stuffers to
more exotic gifts, you'll see the latest
that technology has to offer.
Discover gift ideas for all ages.

ALL SCPD RESIDENTS ARE INVITED!



"Useless But Important Information"
(Jimmy Buffett song)



**What are the different
cognitive impacts when
reading fiction versus
non-fiction?**

Type in or ask that question when you open your favorite AI app (Microsoft's Copilot, OpenAI's ChatGPT or Atlas, Google's Gemini, Perplexity, other).

Whether you're already an Artificial Intelligence prompt pro, or just starting, try the exercise for an informative response!!



NOVEMBER CALENDAR of CLASSES, EVENTS and MEETINGS

This month our topflight tech instructors will present 14 classes and one very popular Tech Tutor event. Tech Tutor will be held during the November 6 Community Expo. As a reminder, your Technology Club membership includes these educational opportunities at no extra cost.

Please use the email link to the instructor to register for a class.

Class size is limited. We cannot guarantee walk-ins will be able to attend.

If you are registering for a **Zoom class, the instructor will send you the link after you register.**

- **Sat, 11/1 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Richard Ravich **Email:** richard@ravich.us
How to use the Spectrum XUMO Streaming Set Top Box: Learn about Spectrum's free streaming set-top box offered to Sun City residents through the HOA plan, allowing users to record shows in one room and watch them in another.
- **Wed, 11/5 3:00-4:30 Instructor:** Barbara Spagnola **Email:** aauwbarb@gmail.com
iPhone Basics - iOS26 Review: Explore Apple's software update, iOS26 with a discussion of the newest features, followed by a review of some major topics from previous classes.
- **Thu, 11/6 1:00-4:00 Visit our table at the Community Expo in Mountain View Clubhouse!**
- **Thu, 11/6 1:00-4:00 Walk in. No registration necessary**
Tech Tutor Event for your Apple Devices, PC, or Android: A Tutor will provide one-on-one, 10-15 minute sessions depending on availability and number of attendees. **Open to all residents!**
- **Fri, 11/7 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Sandy Myerson **Email:** sandy@myerson.org
Microsoft 365 - Special Interest Group (SIG): We will discuss the features included in a Microsoft 365 one-year subscription—such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Defender, OneDrive, and Outlook—and cover basics like Outlook, Calendar, file sharing, and note-taking.
- **Sat, 11/8 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Richard Ravich **Email:** richard@ravich.us
Ham Radio Technician Class Licensing Class #1: We will go over questions and answers needed to pass a 35-question exam given by the Federal Communications Commission to become a licensed amateur radio operator. This is class 1 of 3 classes this month.
- **Tue, 11/11 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Gay France **Email:** gfrance7@icloud.com
Apple Pages, Page Layout Holiday Cards: You can create personalized holiday cards and notes using Apple Pages on Macs or laptops (not iPads), with supplied clipart, designs, plus a quick review.
- **Tue, 11/11 3:00-4:30 Instructor:** Steve Berman **Email:** steveberman@mac.com
Editing Photos on iPhone, iPad, and Mac: Editing photos using the Apple app "Photos" is almost identical on an iPhone, iPad and Mac.
- **Wed, 11/12 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Barbara Spagnola **Email:** aauwbarb@gmail.com
Apple Watch Basics: This class will help you set up and use your Apple Watch, including pairing it with your iPhone, updating the operating system, accessing apps, using the Control Panel, and enabling Fall Detection and AFib Detection features.
- **Thu, 11/13 3:00-4:30 Instructor:** Steve Berman **Email:** steveberman@mac.com
Mac Basics – Part 1: With the launch of the new Tahoe 26 operating system, Mac offers significant new features and improvements to help users find and use their favorite tools more efficiently.
- **Fri, 11/14 1:00-2:30 Instructor:** Sandy Myerson **Email:** sandy@myerson.org
Using Zelle vs. Venmo: Learn how to use Zelle and Venmo and the benefits of each. Bring your cell phone – there will be no computer use during the class.

- **Sat, 11/15 1:00-2:30** Instructor: Richard Ravich Email: richard@ravich.us
Ham Radio Technician Class Licensing Class #2: This is class #2 of 3 classes. Please see class details above for Sat. 11/8.
- **Sat, 11/15 3:00-4:30** Instructor: Doug Graham Email: dgrahamiacds@gmail.com
Phishes and Spoofs and Scams—Oh My! Hybrid Class- Zoom or in person in the Tech Center
This class introduces how scammers try to steal your money, identity, and vote, and provides practical tips to help reduce your risk of becoming a victim.
- **Mon, 11/17 2:00-4:00** LCTC Board Meeting - Technology Center
- **Tue, 11/18 1:30-3:00** Presenter: Bill Singer Open to All SCPD Residents
High Tech Gift Ideas for the Holidays - November LCTC General Meeting in Speakers Hall
- **Wed, 11/19 3:00-5:00** Instructor: Tony Serra Email: tonyserra@prodigy.net
Excel Spreadsheets Part Two for Beginners – Windows 10/11: Builds on the basics covered in Excel Part One and covers more advanced topics such as formulas, functions, formatting, printing, searching, sorting, and filtering data, with demos and hands-on practice to enhance your spreadsheet skills.
- **Sat, 11/22 1:00-2:30** Instructor: Richard Ravich Email: richard@ravich.us
Ham Radio Technician Class Licensing Class #3: This is class #3 of 3 classes. Please see class details above for Sat. 11/8
- **Sat, 11/22 3:00-4:30** Instructor: Doug Graham Email: dgrahamiacds@gmail.com
A Techie's Vacation: Tips, Tricks, and Resources: Hybrid Class- Zoom or in person in Tech Center. For my 6,000-mile summer road trip, I used ChatGPT to plan the itinerary, Luno to "glamp-up" my RAV-4, HipCamp to find unique campgrounds, and used other sites which I will share along with tips, tricks, and resources.
- **Thu/Fri, 11/27/28** Technology Center is Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
All Technology Club classes are organized by Susan Fisher, Director of Education.
See full class details in the monthly class schedule that is emailed to members.



Join/Renew Your Membership for 2025-2026

Member dues are still only \$25 per year. Our club year is July through June. We have kept dues at this low rate this year because, regrettably, classes were reduced while the Technology Center was closed during building renovations.

Now you can stop in the Tech Center Tue-Fri, 10:00am to 12:50pm. Join/renew, see class schedules, and learn what else the Technology Club offers!

You'll also find the membership application form in each clubhouse kiosk/carousel, and it is always available on our [website](#). Snail-mail the form with your U.S. check (no cash via U.S. mail, please) to:

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Join and learn something new!

Let's Compute Officers 2025-2026

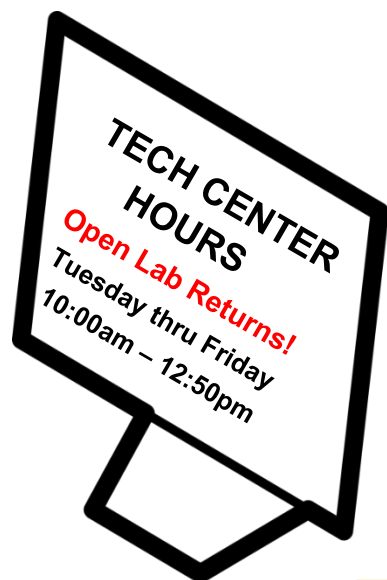
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Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting	Third Monday 2:00 PM
General Member Meeting	When Announced



HOLIDAY	2025-2026 Tech Center Closures
MVC Closed for Renovations	SEPTEMBER
Labor Day	Mon, September 1
Columbus Day	Mon, October 13
Veterans Day	Tue, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thu/Fri, November 27/28
Christmas	Thu/Fri, December 25/26
New Year's Day	Thu, January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King Day	Mon, January 19
Presidents Day	Mon, February 16
Memorial Day	Mon, May 25

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