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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY KATHRYN QUERRY

OCTOBER CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

We plan to offer classes in the Technology Center in October! The hallway door may not be accessible if building renovations are still incomplete in Mountain View Clubhouse. In that case we will all enter through the back patio door behind the Post Office.

Open Lab: There will be no Open Lab hours for members in October. Thank you for your patience!

Class Aides: Please contact [Susan Fisher](#) (626-833-4316) if you would like to assist as a class aide in October. This does not require knowledge of the class content. Tasks include checking students in, confirming membership, distributing handouts, and accepting new memberships. It's a great opportunity to volunteer with no long-term commitment!

Board Transitions: Ann Shepperd, your long time Bits & Bytes Editor, will now be the Treasurer. Kevin Williams is stepping aside and will enjoy more time for his many other community activities. Thank you, Kevin, for your years as Treasurer with the Technology Club.

Ann has an extensive background in accounting, including assisting a number of small businesses with their bookkeeping needs. We're fortunate to have her move into the position of Treasurer. Thank you, Ann, for taking this on, and for your time as Bits & Bytes Editor.

The Club's Secretary, David Axelson, will add Bits & Bytes Editor to his duties. It's another perfect fit with his background as a newspaper reporter in Coronado, CA. Thank you, David.



We've Been Warning You...

By Richard Ravich & Kathryn Querry



As of October 14, 2025, there will be no additional support for Microsoft Windows 10.

October 14, 2025 may also be the last date that Windows 11 will be free, although that has not been officially announced.

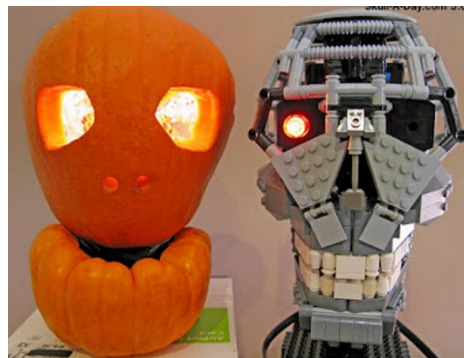
Computers that are older than 4 or 5 years may not have the necessary security chip required to support Windows 11. You may need to buy a newer PC. All new PCs come with Windows 11 installed.

You can tell if your computer has the necessary security chip by going to:

Settings → Windows Update

Either there will be a button to press to test your computer or it will indicate if your computer can be updated to Windows 11.

If your PC doesn't meet Windows 11 requirements, Microsoft will offer paid Extended Security Updates (ESU) for your Windows 10 PC to continue receiving security updates for a limited time.



Join/Renew Your Membership for 2025-2026

Member dues are still only \$25 per year. Our club year is July through June. We want to keep the dues at this low rate this year in part because, much to our regret, we have needed to suspend or reduce classes and close the Technology Center during renovations in Mountain View Clubhouse.

You'll still find the membership application form in all clubhouse kiosks/carousels and it is always available on our website (<https://scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/lets-compute/>). Snail-mail the form with your U.S. check (no cash via U.S. mail, please) to Let's Compute, 38180 Del Webb Blvd., PMB #166, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

We appreciate your support!

**OCTOBER CLASSES!**

By Susan Fisher, Director of Education

The Tech Center will be open in October **for classes only** (no Open Lab hours). Please use the back patio door to enter / exit the Tech Center for a class until further notice.

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.

iPhone Basics—Get Ready for iOS 26 and Review Topics

Wed., 10/1, 3:00-4:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Barbara Spagnola](#)

Mac Basics—Part 2

Tues., 10/7, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Steve Berman](#)

iPhone Basics—Get Ready for iOS 26 and Review Topics

Fri., 10/10, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Barbara Spagnola](#)

AI in Education: Threat or Supercharger?

Sat., 10/11, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Doug Graham](#)

Getting Started on iPad

Tues., 10/14, 1:00-2:00 pm

Email Instructor: [Steve Berman](#)

Microsoft Word 1— Demonstration only**ZOOM Class - OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

Tues., 10/14, 7:00-8:00 pm

Email Instructor: [Kathryn Querry](#)

Gmail: Basics to Fine Tune

Thurs., 10/16, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Shelia Harbet](#)

Apple Watch Very Basics

Thurs., 10/16, 3:00-4:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Steve Washington](#)

Learn Editing Techniques Using the Photos App on iPhone and iPad

Fri., 10/17, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Steve Berman](#)

Microsoft Word 2 – Demonstration only**ZOOM Class - OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

Tues., 10/21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Email Instructor: [Kathryn Querry](#)

Beginning Pages, Page Layout

Wed., 10/22, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Gay France](#)

Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Wed., 10/22, 3:00-5:00 pm

Email Instructor: [Tony Serra](#)

The Amazing Apple Watch

Thurs., 10/23, 3:00-4:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Steve Washington](#)

A Techie's Vacation: Tips, Tricks, and Resources

Sat., 10/25, 1:00-2:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Doug Graham](#)

Microsoft Word 3 – Demonstration only**ZOOM Class - OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

Tues., 10/28, 7:00-8:00 pm

Email Instructor: [Kathryn Querry](#)

Intermediate Genealogy

Wed., 10/29, 3:00-4:30 pm

Email Instructor: [Bob Meinhard](#)

Only YOU can prevent speed bumps!



OCTOBER CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Apple Pages, Page Layout

By Gay France

The "card lady" is back! Welcome to another season of Gay France teaching us how to create beautiful personal cards and notes with an Apple Mac or laptop. The first class is **Beginning Apple Pages, Page Layout**, in the Technology Center **Wednesday, October 22, 1:00-2:30**. This beginning class will prepare you for the upcoming holiday card classes. We cover colors, text fonts, how to print, where to find special clipart online and all the tools and methods to make your cards and notes.

Gay has taught creative **Pages, Page Layout** for several years and has a large assortment of clipart and photos with which to work. In class you can work on a Mac computer or use supplied flash drives to install the clipart and photos on your iPad to create in class.

See the sample card, "Christmas on the Green," showing a scene from our very own Sun City golf course where the golf flag has been replaced with a Christmas tree. This class will be taught in November.

Come join in the creative fun learning **Apple Pages, Page Layout**. This app not only makes greeting cards, but literally anything printed on paper, such as club programs, flyers, business cards, etc.

Members can register for this class by emailing Gay at: gfrance7@icloud.com.

Classes are for members. If you are not a member of Let's Compute, you can join for \$25 a year.

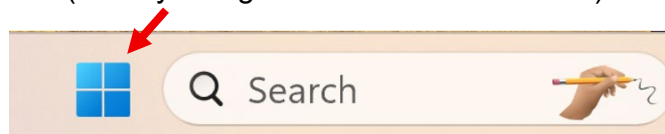


SAFELY SHUT DOWN YOUR PC

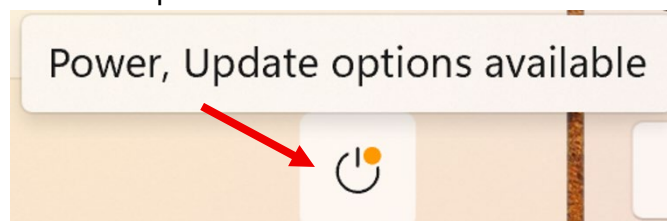
By Kathryn Query

Always shut your PC down in a controlled manner. In other words, do not push the power button off while your PC is running. Even if you have been careful to save all your work and close all the apps you have been working in, there are still system programs running in the background. Disrupting them in process can be harmful. Microsoft is pretty good at compensating for a clumsy brute force shutdown, but I wouldn't count on it every time.

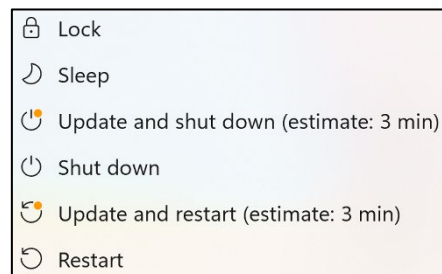
Instead, click on the "Start" button on the Task Bar (usually along the bottom of the screen).



Click the power button.



You'll see an Options list that reflects what is available at the time. It may not have all these options. Choose the option you want. For our example, choose "Shut down" or perhaps "Restart."



Then let your computer perform a "controlled" Shut Down or Restart. This is also a quick place to check and run any Updates that may be waiting.



Let's Compute Officers 2025-2026

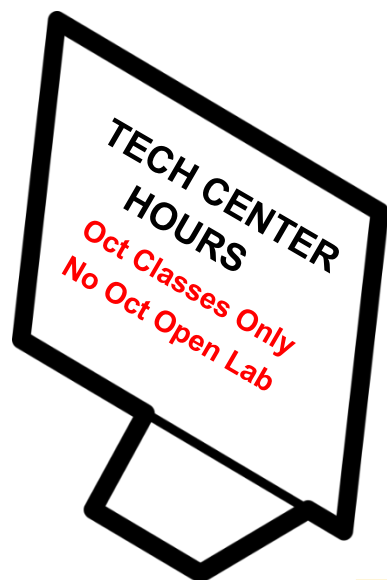
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Meeting Schedule

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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