

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday November 9th at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation by Fred Benson and John Campbell on Managing music in the Digital era (Download, Record and Edit).

Following the presentation will be refreshments, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and a problem solving session.

If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the troubleshooting request form found at [thevillagescomputerclub.com](http://thevillagescomputerclub.com) and bring it to the meeting.

Guests are always welcome (a village ID card is required). For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at [TVCC.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:TVCC.Pres@gmail.com).

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**HEADS UP VOTERS!**

There are reports of electronic voting machine calibrations causes incorrect registration of voters choice.

If using [electronic](#) voting machine make sure the vote you intended is registered correctly, that the selection you chose lights up.

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**The CREEPS are up to taking your \$\$\$ another way.  
Don't answer or call back.**

**People have been receiving calls from+375602605281, +37127913091 or any number starting with a +375, or +371 number.**

**One ring & and they hang up, leaving a missed call message. If you call back it's one of those numbers that are charged \$15-\$30 & they can copy your contact list in 3 sec.**

**If you have bank or credit card details on your phone, they can copy that too. +375 is from Belarus and Afghanistan.. 371 is code for Latvia...**

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### **History in 2 minutes**

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### **Program Files vs Program Files 86x**

Your Windows "Program Files" folder contains your 64-bit applications and your "Program Files (x86)" contains the 32-bit applications by default.

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### **AOL Addresses Saved On AOL Server**

The AOL address book is kept on the AOL server and is temporarily stored on your computer when you sign onto AOL. So there is no need to save your address book if you are using the latest version of AOL. It will be available to you either on AOL web mail or when you sign onto your AOL Program.

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### **Villages Net Export Contacts**

1. Click Contacts and select Export.
2. Name this new file Village Net Address Book
3. Select My Documents as the folder to which to export the address book, but before exporting create a new folder in My Documents and name it Village Net Address Book
4. Click Export. The addresses will be saved as Village Net Address Book.csv

### **Import to gMail**

1. Open your gMail account and sign in.
2. Click Contacts and select Import.
3. Click Browse and locate the Village Net Address Book.csv file
4. Click Import.

The addresses from Villages.net will be imported to your gMail account.

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### **Music From CD To iPOD by Virginia Mauldin**

(If you have any questions, email me at [Vadee2@aol.com](mailto:Vadee2@aol.com))

You want to load your IPOD with music from a CD? You do NOT need a special program.

1. iPod may ONLY be loaded from the iTUNES player. Go to [apple.com](http://apple.com) and click on iTUNES and IPOD and download it free. It is easier to use in all respects than Media Player which you CANNOT use to sync IPOD.

2. One can sync music (or other files) from iTUNES to IPOD in many formats, AAC (the default format used by Apple one and which is the industry standard except for Microsoft), MP3, and others that are probably not of interest to most people.

3. MP3, is the "poorest quality" of all the modern audio formats, but because it had such a "head of steam" it is used by most individuals (no commercial user uses Mp3) so all the devices pay the patent holder so we can use it free. Bottom line, almost no one can hear the difference in different formats since human ears are so "poor" . Since everyone uses MP3 it is the most convenient and most versatile since Apple rules the music world and Microsoft rules the computer world. Apple will accept and convert the Microsoft proprietary format WMA but Microsoft completely ignores the industry standard and Apple standard, AAC. So you do NOT have to have music in Mp3 to put it on your IPOD but it is probably the most practical choice.

4. iTunes and IPOD will by default encode in AAC. You can change that so your CD is imported into iTUNES in MP3 format by opening iTUNES and changing the import setting.

### **Putting CD music into your iTUNES in MP3**

Open iTUNES, select the GENERAL tab. click on EDIT at the top then PREFERENCES at the bottom. Look in the middle of the page to "when you insert a CD" and click on IMPORT SETTINGS. At the top choose "MP3" and choose HIGH QUALITY setting since computers have such capacity now. If you have a tiny capacity IPOD, maybe rethink the quality for less space but I doubt that is necessary.

Note: If you already have the CD music imported and want to change it from another format to Mp3 (no need to do that to import into IPOD) you can right click on any song in the library and choose the conversion (it will create another file in the MP3 format, while keeping the original) or you can create a playlist on the left, drag all the songs you want to convert, then right click on the playlist and convert the whole thing.

You might want to convert previously imported music that is not in Mp3 if you want to create a Mp3 CD with up to 200 songs to give to a friend or to play in a car or other stereo that plays Mp3. NO players other than IPOD and other small players play AAC or WMA. There is just no commercial need to build such devices.

You CANNOT burn a CD except in "Audio" or Mp3 but the whole CD must be in the same format.

Again, you do NOT have to have files in Mp3 to sync to iPOD. You can have a mixture of formats and it will be invisible to you.

However, as I said, there is **no need to have music in MP3 to sync to the iPOD**. The default setting, AAC(advanced audio coding) is smaller and "better" but you probably can't hear any difference with your human ears. However if you want to use a song in the iTUNES library in a Microsoft program, like PowerPoint or MovieMaker, you would need to convert it to MP3 before importing it into the program.

Mp3 roughly compares with jpeg for pictures since mp3 is really mpeg3 or Motion Pictures Experts Group level 1 audio format 3. mpeg level 3 and 4 are AAC and WMA (roughly compares with AAC but is used only by Microsoft).

Music is the easiest in computing because you are only going to reorganize the songs, not edit them like in pictures. Mp3 and other formats are 8-12 percent of what was on the CD with the rest thrown away, not compressed. What is left is mathematically encoded into equations. It sounds the same to almost all of us.

It's best to start with the original CD.

MORE:

### Converting MP3 files by Virginia Mauldin

I do not use media player if I can avoid it and I've successfully done that mostly. I use iTUNES but I think it would be the same in either, though iTUNES is all around much easier to deal with. In iTUNES if I have a song in AAC and need it in MP3 (now I just set the preferences to import everything in MP3 for convenience) I right click on the song in the Library. One of the choices is to convert to MP3. That function doesn't seem to be in that form in MP.

One does not "convert" anything, but make another copy in MP3 so I then have both copies in differing formats. I am absolutely certain that you can convert songs within Media Player to MP3. In addition you can set your preferences to bring songs in in MP3. Though MP3 is technically an inferior format, your ear probably cannot tell the difference (human ears are not too good) everything individuals (not commercial users) use has to take that format for marketing purposes since it predated most current uses.

If you right click on Library in MP and choose "other options" then "Rip" you can set all your songs to be imported in mp3 or whatever other format you wish that it supports (not AAC, the industry standard). Then all future imports into

Media Player will be in MP3 but you'll still have the issue of finding the physical file. See below.

If you highlight a song and then go to Help at the top of Media Player and click on the Search tab one of the choices showing in the drop down menu is most likely "convert to mp3". If not you can put it in the search window and search for the procedure. I have tried to do it on my machine, but it won't connect to the web page to download the getting started guide. However, once you can get it to display for you I assure you it is easy.

However, both copies, both WMA and MP3, will be together wherever they are stored in your MyMusic folder. I've so far been unable to find the actual music files on my machine (I have a few in there) but no doubt if you put a song name in the general Search on the Start Menu you can discover the location. In the preferences on Media Player it says the songs are in MyMusic in MyDocuments until that location is changed.

In iTunes, the song files are in the iTunes library listed in folders of the artist, then the album, then the individual song files. I'm sure the same is available in Media Player but Microsoft just doesn't make things obvious. If you want to use a song in a program like Movie Maker or PowerPoint, you would need to locate the actual file.

If you just want to burn a MP3 CD, then you drag the songs into a playlist and then burn it, setting the preferences to Mp3 then and the software will convert them as it goes. There used to be a system playlist for just that purpose, but it appears that Microsoft has "again made it easier by making it harder" and eliminated that, at least on my MP11.

## MORE MUSIC by Virginia Mauldin

### **A question from Susan:**

**"I went to Windows Media Player, they are stored there, (itunes library, and folders created by album title it appears). The 19 original songs got to my ipod some how, but the new ones I ripped went to the Windows library. How then can I get them to cross over into itunes."**

You inadvertently chose Media Player. Microsoft of course encourages that choice. I have never used MP much. iTunes will scan your computer and import the MP files (probably in WMA format) and convert them to AAC unless you change the preferences in iTunes to mp3 (not necessary but convenient).

In the future, watch what happens when you put in a CD and do not choose Media Player but

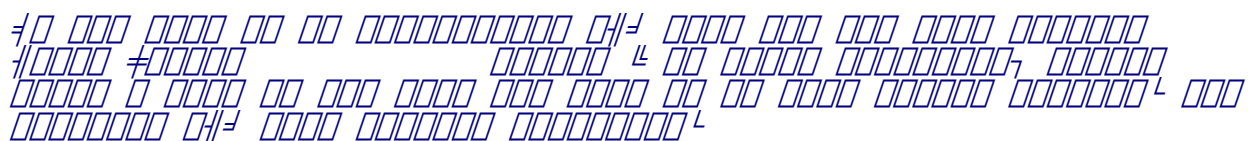
rather iTunes. Good places for information are at the top of iTunes, choose "help" choose "iTunes Help" then click on Sync and read. Really this is all easy

I am on my Vista computer and can't find how to check file extensions. OK, I found it. In Vista goto Control Panel> Default Programs> and choose either but Choose Default Programs and then click on iTunes. In XP go to Control Panel then Folder Options, then File types. Find AAC and Mp3 and Mp4 and associate with iTunes. Anytime Media Player or iTunes updates it seems to change these associations. Also CDDA and CDA (this is the format CDs are in) and associate with iTunes. That should bring up iTunes for audio files. If you open iTunes before you put a CD in the drive to import it seems to work for me.

below is a snip from the edit>preferences>advanced at the top of iTunes. Be sure there is a check in the one to tell you if iTunes isn't the default choice and it should help you stay out of MP.

You might look in the iTunes library because the songs in MP should have been converted and added to your iTunes library already. When you first installed iTunes it should have asked you if you want it to keep scanning and adding MP music. I can't find right now where to tell iTunes to scan now and add.

This is what I found in Help when I put "import music from Media Player" in the search bar. It says unless you by mistake stopped it scanning and adding, the music should have been added already to iTunes. FYI protected music refers to music downloaded online from iTunes Store or some others. Music on CDs you own are regarded as unprotected. That is a whole other subject you really don't need to be confused with now. Just ignore it for music from CDs.



If all else fails (and it shouldn't) put the CD in again, pay attention that you are using iTunes (call it up first) and reimport it to iTunes. Apple designs devices to be user friendly. Hold that thought.

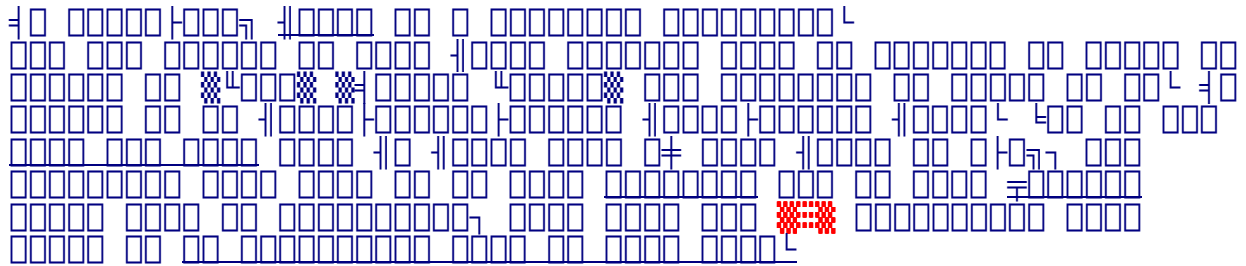
You cannot transfer music FROM and IPOD to a computer, only the other way. However, there is some shareware now to do that. If you put a search in google, like "transfer music from IPOD to Computer" you can locate some of these programs.

I don't have to tell you that you MUST keep MANY backups of your music unless you want to lose it as you did with your stolen computer. I must have 5 copies of my IPOD Library from my computer on external drives and other computers, one at my daughters. I have over 5000 songs and I never want to have to input those again and some were downloaded from Amazon so I don't have CDs.

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### More Music info from a VCC Computer member iTunes and iPod Playlists

For XP machines Using iTUNES/iPOD to Preserve Playlists.  
XP and Vista/Win7 are separate platforms in Microsoft programs, they are not Apple. iTunes looks for the paths for the playlist items through Directory and Settings/My Documents/My Music as in XP.



You must highlight the entire Library listing and delete. Then re-import the folder from the File menu in iTunes Music Library.

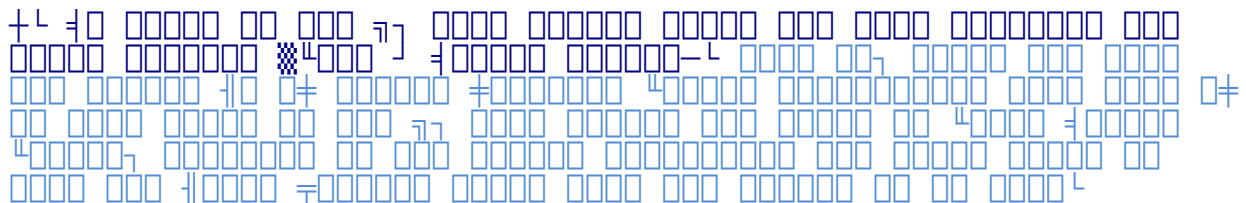
To avoid this issue and (hopefully) have your playlists transfer intact you MUST take action while you still have access to your XP machine. I was told this by an Apple consultant this week when I asked this question about moving music from an XP computer to one with Vista or Win 7 while getting help with my new IPOD Touch.

I have spent months, a guru visit, a call to Smart Computing about trying to get my playlists properly into Win 7. The local computer tech Jon Townsend (250-1686) told me the same as Apple, that it's a lost cause if action isn't taken while one still has access to iTunes in XP.

I now have to repopulate the playlists from scratch after spending a half day eliminating duplicates from the Library. If you never had iTunes in XP you should be OK. But it never hurts to back up the playlists lists as below.

#### WHAT TO DO before your XP machines dies or goes away:

1. In Documents create a new folder and name it My XP iTunes Playlists. Create a subfolder for each individual Playlist and give it the label of that playlist. In XP iTunes rightc lick on each playlist title one at a time, and export each playlist to it's own subfolder of the My XP iTunes Playlists folder. When all have been exported to their own folder, open the library and make sure they are there.







4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: [Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club](#)

To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to [TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

5. Fred Benson's website [www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com](http://www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com)