

The Villages Computer Club

Friday, 2/17/2012 1pm At Hacienda Rec Ctr, The VCC will again have a Workshop. Come and get your questions answered at the different tables that will be setup.

Fred Benson gave a very informative presentation today (Fri 2/10) and last week at the Villages Computer Club. The presentation is now posted on the VCC website. See #4 below my signature for the VCC link. Click Presentations and then click [How to Learn Online](#).

***New Service in area of The Villages
Parks Windows - Shane Parks, Owner. 751-4914,
205-3733 cell, email: gaylehp@embarqmail.com
Window cleaning, pressure washing, dryer vent
cleaning. Handyman, RV cleaning, auto detailing.
Commercial or residential. Call for free estimate.***

AOL Password Stored

- 1. Click Keyword and type in Store Password.*
- 2. A page will come up where you will type in your password.*
- 3. Check the Sign On box (don't check the PFC box)*
- 4. Click SAVE.*

Change AOL Password

- 1. Click Keyword and type in Change Password.*
- 2. Enter the secret word to answer the secret question.*
- 3. Click Continue*
- 4. Type in the new password twice.*

Kindle Fire Imports Addresses

You can import contacts on Kindle Fire only if your e-mail provider is Gmail or Yahoo. Importing contacts from AOL or Hotmail is not currently supported.

To import your contacts automatically, check the box "Import Contacts" while setting up your e-mail account.

Or you can manually add contacts later by opening "Contacts" under Apps. Then tap the menu key at the bottom of the screen and select "New contact."

For the Newbies

File changes using CTRL Rightclick

Rightclick presents a dropdown menu. Normally, when you right-click a file in Windows Explorer, a Dropdown menu appears with options to open, view, cut, copy, rename files and so forth. But if you hold the CTRL key while you right-click a file, you'll see an entirely different dropdown menu.

CTRL Rightclick dropdown

The CTRL right-click menu allows you to alter the file view (so you can see small or large icons, details, and so on), rearrange the icons, or create a new folder or file.

MOVING FILES

Q. How can I move files from the MY DOCUMENTS folder to a new folder I created called MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder?

1. Rightclick START...click Explore. (If using Win 7 click Windows Explorer)
2. Doubleclick MY DOCUMENTS to show all it's files on the right side of the screen. Locate the particular document you wish to move to your MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder.
3. Rightclick the file and select COPY from the drop down menu.
4. On the left column, scroll down to the MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder and rightclick it. Select PASTE from the drop down menu.

The file will be copied there. Doubleclick the MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder to be sure the file is there, then go back to the MY DOCUMENTS folder, rightclick the file and select DELETE.

You can actually hold down the shift key and select a number of consecutive files, or hold down the ctrl key to select a number of non-consecutive files, then rightclick in the blue area and select COPY. Now, rightclick the MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder and select Paste. All the files will be pasted at one time.

You can also click on one file in the MY DOCUMENTS folder, hold down the mouse button and drag it over to the MY SPECIAL DOCUMENTS folder but I don't recommend that new users do the dragging as you can lose a file in any folder you pass if you let go the mouse button while dragging across.

As you've heard me say often: There's more than one way to skin a cat or move a file.

SYSTEM FILE CHECKER

Sfc = system file checker

XP

Click START...Run and type in sfc /scannow There's a space between sfc and the /. Click OK. Before running this the user should have an XP installation CD handy if the installation files aren't located on the hard drive. If the procedure finds a corrupted or altered file, it may ask for the XP install CD so it can replace that file. XP will find the files if they are on the hard drive. (In computers purchased with Xp installed, a partition is created on the hard drive, and it puts the Recovery disk on the partitioned drive usually named drive D:.

Forbidden Characters For Filenames

Windows squirms uncomfortably if you try to use more than 255 letters or numbers in a filename or folder. (Earlier versions of Windows -- and DOS -- wouldn't allow more than 8!) Windows still won't let you use any of these forbidden characters in File names:

" / \ : * | < > ?

The moral? Limit the names of files and folders to simple letters or numbers with no forbidden characters between them.

Missing File Error Message

Q. Every time I turn on my computer, I get an error message saying that a particular file is missing. Once I get past that, Windows loads and runs fine. How do I stop this message from appearing?

A. This may be something as simple as unchecking a box in the msconfig's STARTUP list of a program that you have recently uninstalled but because the uninstall did not remove it from the STARTUP list, the computer is looking for the file necessary to start that program that is still listed in it's STARTUP command.

1. Click START...run and type in msconfig. (If using Win 7, type msconfig in the search bar)
2. Click the STARTUP tab.
3. Scroll down the list of items and uncheck the recently uninstalled program.
4. Click Apply and Ok and Restart the computer.

IF this does not solve the problem, try A & B below.

A. (1) RightClick Start click Find(Win 98)or Search (XP).
(2) Type the name of the file in the 'Named' field.
(3) In the 'Look in' field type in
C:\WINDOWS\START MENU\PROGRAMS\STARTUP
(4) Press 'Enter' to start the search. If the file is found as specified, delete it - No futher action should be necessary.

B. (1) Click Start then Run and enter 'SYSEDIT'
(2) Select the 'SYSTEM.INI' file, and then Search then Find.
(3) Type in the name of the missing file and press 'Enter'. If it is found, place a colon (:) at the start of the line that contains that filename - No further action should be necessary.
(4) Repeat this procedure (B2 and B3) above for the WIN.INI file. If found and a colon was placed at the start of the line that contained that file name, no further action should be necessary.

If the above does not solve the problem, it's time to contact service as it may be necessary to edit and modify the system registry which should NEVER be undertaken except by an experienced computer user.

System File Missing

It's not uncommon in Windows to encounter a "File Not Found" error while booting up. The message indicates that a particular file-usually a DLL or VXD-is missing. Chances are, the file was improperly removed when you uninstalled an application. The file may be gone, but one or more lines in your System Registry or SYSTEM.INI could still be trying to load it. To fix the problem, reboot and note the exact name of the errant file. From the Windows taskbar, select Start/Find/Files and Folders to search for the missing file. If you find it, copy it to your Windows\System32 (XP) folder. If you think you might have moved or renamed a program folder, make a new folder with the old name, and copy the offending file there. Reboot and see if the message goes away.

If a particular program can't load because it "can't find __xx.dll__ File". You might try looking for it on www.stardll.com or send a friend, who has the same operating system that you do, an email and ask if they have the particular file in their computer. Give them the size of the file. Most of these system files that get lost or corrupted can be attached to an email and sent along for you to download into your Windows\System (win98) or Windows\System32 (XP) folder to solve your problem.

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UnDelete Plus

UnDelete Plus is a free download which will enable you to recover files from your hard drive, any connected drive, or camera's memory card. It is an executable file which does not require installation. Download it, save it to a folder on your hard drive, and run it by simply clicking on it.

[Click here: UndeletePlus | File Recovery Software | Undelete | Unerase | Recover | Retrieve accidentally deleted files.](#)

SENT TO ADD Locations

Example: The pictures are on my desktop, I want to send to the MY Pictures folder.

1. Rightclick Start and select Explore.
2. Scroll down to Documents and Settings\You_username\Send To (If you do not see your user name then select all Users)
3. Scroll down to my Documents and click the +
4. Scroll down and rightclick the My Pictures folder and select Create Shortcut.
5. Doubleclick the My Pictures folder and rightclick the My Pictures Shortcut and select Copy.
6. Now, go to the C:\ drive and scroll down to the Documents and Settings folder, click the + by it.
7. Scroll down to your_username User and click the + by it.
8. Scroll down to the Send To folder and rightclick on it and select Paste.

9. Go to the desktop and rightclick one of those photos that you want to send to the My Pictures folder and select the My Pictures shortcut.

10. Now go to your My Documents folder, click the + and scroll down and doubleclick the My Pictures folder. You should find the photo there.

Texting for Seniors

Teens have theirs, now seniors have their own texting codes. I thought the following listing was appropriate ... After all the kids have all their little codes...like BFF, LOL, etc....so here are some codes for seniors:

- **ATD - At the Doctor's**
- **BFF - Best Friends Funeral**
- **BTW - Bring the Wheelchair**
- **BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth**
- **CBM - Covered by Medicare**
- **CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center**
- **DWI - Driving While Incontinent**
- **FWBB - Friend with Beta Blockers**
- **FWIW - Forgot Where I Was**
- **FYI - Found Your Insulin**
- **GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low**
- **GHA - Got Heartburn Again**
- **HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement**
- **IMHO - Is My Hearing-Aid On?**
- **LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out**
- **LOL - Living on Lipitor**
- **LWO - Lawrence Welk's On**
- **OMMR - On My Massage Recliner**
- **OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas**
- **ROFL..CGU - Rolling on the Floor Laughing...Can't get Up!**
- **TOT - Texting on Toilet**
- **TTYL - Talk to You Louder**
- **WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?**
- **WTFA - Wet the Furniture Again**
- **WTP - Where're the Prunes**
- **WWNO - Walker Wheels Need Oil**

Hope these help.

GGLKI (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!)

CLEVER IDEAS WORTH KNOWING

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster..

**Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.
Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.**

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of Spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

**Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste
Of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.**

Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!

Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm.

This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

**Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up.
Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.**

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size.

You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in A microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food

Moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, Put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and for- Get about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not Get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. (Wonder if this works with rabbits? Sure gonna give it a try)

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towelroll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow places.

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... At DA! ... Static is gone.

Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such As peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshields

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Re opening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

Conditioner

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves

your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load clothes.) He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material .. I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free ... that nice fragrance too. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that!?! Learn something new everyday!

I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share!

Note: I went to my dryer and tested my screen by running water on it. The water ran through a little bit but mostly collected all the water in the mesh screen. I washed it with warm soapy water and a nylon brush and I had it done in 30 seconds. Then when I rinsed it .. the water ran right thru the screen! There wasn't any puddling at all! That repairman knew what he was talking about!

Jmax

Jmax's Website <http://www.jmaxbits.com/>

Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website.
You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1. For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print [Jmax Bits Good Services List](http://www.jmaxbits.com) in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSClassifieds@aol.com. Put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. To send an Ad, place AD in the subject line.

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

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com