

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday Sept 20th at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation on "Using Email Effectively" by Bobbie Seabolt.

Email is still a program that almost everyone uses. As familiar as it is there are always things we can do to improve our experience with sending and receiving email? Bobbie continues to update this subject so you can benefit from the latest email techniques.

Following the presentation will be refreshments, 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 and bring it to the meeting. Forms are also available at the meeting. Ask for one when you pick up your door prize ticket.

Guests are always welcome, please bring your village ID card. 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

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Some really good news is the wallet we thought was lost at the VCC Workshop meeting was found. It fell down between a variety of stuff in our storage container. One of our observant volunteers noticed it at the last meeting while unpacking the refreshments for the meeting. What a relief!!

Robbery in Tall Trees Village

Robbery in Tall Trees

_____ asked me to notify everyone about a robbery at their home on Welcome Way TODAY Monday 9/16 about [1pm](#). She and her husband were home at the time.

He had just washed the love-bugs off his car and had left the garage door open to allow his car to dry. One of the neighbors witnessed a car stopping at their house with a guy and three girls. One of the girls jumped out of the car ...ran into the garage and came out with a set of golf clubs. The neighbor yelled at the girl and the crooks took off. They notified the police immediately and the police responded within 2 minutes but the thieves had already gotten away. They do have a description of the car and the girl. Best Advice

NEVER LEAVE YOUR GARAGE DOOR OPEN.

Be sure to watch this in full screen...it will surely bless your day!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsm5rCedgCE>

Below is a picture of a CFL light bulb..the ones that are shaped as a coil.



INFO from FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Below is a picture of a CFL light bulb from my bathroom. I turned it on the other day and then smelled smoke after a... few minutes. Four inch flames were spewing out of the side of the ballast like a blow torch! I immediately turned off the lights. But I'm sure it would have caused a fire if I was not right there. Imagine if the kids had left the lights on as usual when they were not in the room.

I took the bulb to the Fire Department to report the incident. The Fireman wasn't at all surprised and said that it was not an uncommon occurrence. Apparently, sometimes when the bulb burns out there is a chance that the ballast can start a fire. He told me that the Fire Marshall had issued reports about the dangers of these bulbs.

XP Boot Fails

IF your XP computer fails to boot up when you press the power ON button,

1. Press and hold the Power button to shut down.
2. Wait 30 sec, then press the Power button to turn on. As soon as the black screen is seen begin tapping the F8 key to go to the Boot options.

a. Press Safe Mode and if it boots into Safe Mode, it gives you an opportunity to try to find the cause of it's not booting. Such as, did you just install a new program before shutting down? If it fails to boot in Safe Mode. You may want to do a System Restore in an attempt to remove the cause for the system not booting.

b. Repeat step 1 & 2 and this time choose Last Known Good Configuration.

Note: This should work with Win 7 as well.

MICROPHONE ADJUSTMENT/MUTE

Doubleclick the Left mouse button on the sound icon on bottom taskbar.

1. The Speaker Mixer box opens, click OPTIONS and PROPERTIES.

2. Select OTHER, make sure Audio Input mixer is in this box.

3. Click OK, this brings up these 4 volume controls:

Audio Input, Line Source, CD source and MIC source

4. Make sure that MIC is not MUTED

NOTE: Always check cables from speaker and microphone to make sure they are plugged into the correct holes in CPU.

Boots to Normal Mode but not Safe Mode

Q. My XP PRO boots to normal but I can't boot in safe mode

1. Click start
2. Click run
3. Type msconfig and hit enter
4. Click the radio button for Diagnostic Startup
5. Click apply and close
6. In the dialogue box that appears click restart
When windows restarts you will be in safe mode

Minimize the window and run your programs.

When you are done, go back to normal startup.

If you don't have run on your start menu:

- a. Right click on start, click properties
- b. Click on the Start menu tab and click on Customize
under the advanced tab in the start menu items list,
- c. click the check box for Run command and OK.

Lock XP or Win 7 Computer

Q. How can I lock my computer (XP) and leave it on?

Answer:

Ctrl-Alt-Del to open Task Manager. Click "Lock Computer".

[How to find Windows Product Key on Windows XP CD](#)

(from Kevin Donahue's web site)

Just got this email tip on how to [locate the product key from your Windows XP CD](#). Haven't tried it myself, but if some of you are looking for your XP product key - here's a good place to search:

Find Windows XP Product Key from the Windows XP CD:

- 1) Insert Windows XP cd into a working computer.
- 2) Exit the Autorun introduction.
- 3) Open "My Computer"
- 4) Right Click on the Windows XP cd-rom drive and select explore.
- 5) Open the **USWXP32P_ZX** folder.
- 6) Open the **sysprep** folder.
- 7) Open **unattend.txt**

Your CD's product key is contained within the **unattend.txt** file.

*Note: On some system disks, USWXP32P_ZX is a hidden folder. If you cannot locate the folder, you may also search for **unattend.txt** and mark "Search Hidden Files".*

As best I am aware, this should work on Microsoft Windows XP Home, Windows XP Professional, and OEM versions of Windows XP from restore disks.

Microsoft PowerToys for Windows XP

[Click here: Microsoft PowerToys for Windows XP](#)

PowerToys are additional programs that developers work on after the product has been released to manufacturing, but before the next project has begun. These toys add fun and functionality to the Windows experience!

We've taken great care to ensure that PowerToys operate as they should. These programs run on Windows XP client only. They provide additional value to some of the great features in XP.

However, the PowerToys were not subjected to the same rigorous testing we provide for the operating system and are therefore not supported. Microsoft Technical Support is unable to answer questions about PowerToys.

The PowerToys are installed into the directory you specify during setup. Typically this is the system32 directory (%windir%\system32).

Some of the PowerToys reside in the taskbar. Before resizing these PowerToys you will first need to check and make sure that the taskbar isn't locked. Right click the taskbar and ensure there is no check mark by 'Lock the Taskbar' menu item.

To uninstall the PowerToys, open Control Panel and then launch Add/Remove Programs. Find the entry for the PowerToy that you wish to remove and choose Change/Remove. You can remove one or more of the Powertoys in this way.

Toys released for Windows XP Client:

Open Command Window Here

This PowerToy adds an "Open Command Window Here" context menu option on file system folders. This gives users a quick way to open a command window (cmd.exe) pointing at the selected folder. After installation, right click on the folder you would like to have a quick launch command window for and select "Open Command Window Here."

Tweak UI

Provides access to system settings that are not exposed in the Windows XP default user interface. There are many settings and options that you can only set from Tweak UI. You can setup your mouse to your liking by setting click speed, hover sensitivity, etc. You can also customize many Explorer settings, taskbar settings, My Computer settings, and a wide variety of other settings.

Power Calculator

This calculator has the support to graph and evaluate functions as well as performing many different types of conversions.

Task Switcher

This PowerToy enhances the existing Alt + Tab application switching mechanism of Windows XP. It provides a thumbnail preview of windows in the task list and is compliant with the new Windows XP visual style. You use this just as you do the existing Alt + Tab mechanism. Press and hold the Alt key and then press the Tab key to cycle through the running applications. When the desired application is highlighted release the Alt key. You can move backwards through the task list by pressing and holding the Shift and Alt key and then pressing the Tab key.

Image Resizer

This PowerToy enables you to resize one or many image files. When resizing you can choose from one of four standard sizes or choose a size that you specify. You can also choose to resize the original image or create a new one. Right click any image(s) and select 'Resize Pictures' in the context menu.

CD Slide Show Generator

Enables you to view images burned to a cd as a slide show. Add only images to a CD-RW drive using Windows XP Explorer and then write these files to a CD-R or CD-RW disc. A new task is presented in the wizard for generating the autorun for the slideshow. Now when you take this disc to another computer that isn't running Windows XP you can still view your images as a slide show.

Virtual Desktop Manager

Manage up to 4 desktops from the Windows taskbar. You can choose a different background for each desktop and run different applications on different desktops. Right click on the taskbar, click toolbars, and then click "Desktop Manager."

Taskbar Magnifier

Allows you to magnify part of the screen from the taskbar. This is very similar to Magnifier that can be found under the Accessories menu on the Start Menu except that this PowerToy remains in the taskbar and has a smaller viewing area. Right click on the taskbar, click toolbars, and then click "Taskbar Magnifier."

HTML Slide Show Wizard

This wizard helps you create a slide show of your digital pictures. When you're done, you can put your slide show on the Web so that your family and friends can view it. Follow the steps of the wizard to select and arrange your pictures, choose from a few simple options, and then save a Web-ready HTML slide show to a folder.

Webcam Timershot

This PowerToy allows you to take pictures from one of the webcams connected to your computer at specified time intervals. When a picture is taken it is saved to a location and with a name that you specify. A simple save option allows you to save all the pictures or only the last picture taken. You can save the pictures to a network share, an ftp share, or an http webdav share.



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 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