

The Villages Computer Club - meeting will be this Friday, **Dec 6th** a work shop at La Hacienda.

Join us for a VCC Workshop where you have the option of selecting the technology table you want and ask any questions or just listen to various conversations. This is a good opportunity to have a dedicated computer GURU to discuss your computer software or hardware.

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Have a most blessed Hanukkah!

All About the Jewish Holiday of Hanukkah (Chanukkah)

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Hanukkiyah - *Artist Unknown*

Hanukkah (sometimes transliterated Chanukkah) is a Jewish holiday celebrated for eight days and nights. It starts on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which coincides with late November-late December on the secular calendar.

In Hebrew, the word "hanukkah" means "dedication." The name reminds us that **this holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E.**

The Hanukkah Story

In 168 B.C.E. the Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and dedicated to the worship of the god Zeus. This upset the Jewish people, but many were afraid to fight back for fear of reprisals. Then in 167 B.C.E. the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus made the observance of Judaism an offense punishable by death. He also ordered all Jews to worship Greek gods.

Jewish resistance began in the village of Modiin, near Jerusalem. Greek soldiers forcibly gathered the Jewish villages and told them to bow down to an idol, then eat the flesh of a pig – both practices that are forbidden to Jews. A Greek officer ordered Mattathias, a High Priest, to acquiesce to their demands, but Mattathias refused. When another villager stepped forward and offered to cooperate on Mattathias' behalf, the High Priest became outraged. He drew his sword and killed the villager, then turned on the Greek officer and killed him too. His five sons and the other villagers then attacked the remaining soldiers, killing all of them.

Mattathias and his family went into hiding in the mountains, where other Jews wishing to fight against the Greeks joined them. Eventually they succeeded in retaking their land from the Greeks. These rebels became known as the Maccabees, or Hasmoneans.

Once the Maccabees had regained control they returned to the Temple in Jerusalem. By this time it had been spiritually defiled by being used for the worship of foreign gods and also by practices such as sacrificing swine. Jewish troops were determined to purify the Temple by burning ritual oil in the Temple's menorah for eight days. But to their dismay, they discovered that there was only one day's worth of oil left in the Temple. They lit the menorah anyway and to their surprise the small amount of oil lasted the full eight days.

This is the miracle of the Hanukkah oil that is celebrated every year when Jews light a special menorah known as a hanukkiyah for eight days. One candle is lit on the first night of Hanukkah, two on the second, and so on, until eight candles are lit. You can learn more about the hanukkiyah in the article: [What Is a Hanukkiyah?](#)

Significance of Hanukkah

According to Jewish law, Hanukkah is one of the less important Jewish holidays. However, Hanukkah has become much more popular in modern practice because of its proximity to Christmas.

Hanukkah falls on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month of Kislev. Since the Jewish calendar is lunar based, every year the first day of Hanukkah falls on a different day – usually sometime between late November and late December. Because many Jews live in predominately Christian societies, over time Hanukkah has become much more festive and Christmas-like. Jewish children receive gifts for Hanukkah – often one gift for each of the eight nights of the holiday. Many parents hope that by making Hanukkah extra special their children won't feel left out of all the Christmas festivities going on around them.

Hanukkah Traditions

Every community has its unique Hanukkah traditions, but there are some traditions that are almost universally practiced. They are: lighting the [hanukkiyah](#), spinning the [dreidel](#) and [eating fried foods](#).

- **Lighting the hanukkiyah:** Every year it is customary to commemorate the miracle of the Hanukkah oil by lighting candles on a hanukkiyah. The hanukkiyah is lit every night for eight

nights. Learn more about the hanukkiyah in: [What Is a Hanukkiyah?](#) | [How to Light the Hanukkah Menorah](#) | [Hanukkah Candle Lighting Blessings](#).

- **Spinning the dreidel:** A popular Hanukkah game is spinning the dreidel, which is a four-sided top with Hebrew letters written on each side. Read [The Hanukkah Dreidel](#) to learn more about the dreidel, the meaning of the letters and how to play the game. Gelt, which are chocolate coins covered with tin foil, are part of this game.
- **Eating fried foods:** Because Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of oil, it is traditional to eat fried foods such as latkes and sufganiyot during the holiday. Latkes are pancakes made out of potatoes and onions, which are fried in oil and then served with applesauce. Sufganiyot (singular: sufganiyah) are jelly-filled donuts that are fried and sometimes dusted with confectioners' sugar before eating. Learn more about Hanukkah food traditions: [Hanukkah Food Traditions](#) | [What Is a Latke?](#)

In addition to these customs, there are also many fun ways to celebrate Hanukkah with kids. Check out this article for more about traditional and modern ways to celebrate the holiday: [Hanukkah Traditions for Kids](#)

More About Hanukkah:

- [What Is the Hanukkah Menorah?](#)
- [Hanukkah Food Traditions](#)
- [What is a Dreidel?](#)

This article appeared on my Yahoo Home Page this evening. Just keeping an eye on things... and being prepared.... it's not a matter of "if" but "when". And yes, I love my XP desktop a whole bunch, too - but now it's become a storing device!

However, if it's a nice machine, and you **disconnect it from the Internet**, it may be usable for a whole bunch of things, like storing something, or keeping your pictures on, or even editing your pictures - downsizing a batch all at once with the "Resizer". It all depends on what you do with the machine....M

A taste of the horrible things to come for Windows XP

By Zach Epstein 6 hours ago

<http://www.bgr.com/>

Windows XP is now more than 12 years old but according to data from Net Applications, it is **still used on more than 31% of desktop and laptop computers around the world**. Those tens of millions of PC users could be in for a very rude awakening next year once [Microsoft](#) cuts off support for the aged operating system. Microsoft itself even [warned users of the imminent tsunami of viruses and other malware that will inevitably wash over XP stragglers](#) once it stops issuing updates and fixes for the OS. Now, a recently discovered critical zero-day flaw has been acknowledged in a Microsoft support document that could cause serious problems for [XP](#) users.

"The vulnerability is an elevation of privilege vulnerability," Microsoft said in a recent security advisory. "An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could run

arbitrary code in kernel mode. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full administrative rights.”

Microsoft confirmed that it is working on a fix for the flaw, but let this serve as a warning — after April 8th next year, critical flaws like this one (and worse) will go unfixed, thus leaving gaping holes in Windows XP that are just begging for malware to exploit them.

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WHAT YOU DON'T NEED

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- CREDIT CARD
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XP Taskbar enlarged

Rightclick desktop...click Properties
Click Appearances
Click Advanced
Click down arrow in box and select Caption Buttons
Select Icons and increase size

Add/Remove Programs Shortcut

Place a Shortcut Icon on the Desktop or Launch Toolbar for Add/Remove Programs.

Since it is often necessary to go to the Control Panel and to Add/Remove Programs, it is advisable to create a desktop icon for the Add/Remove Programs.

- 1. Click Start....Settings...Control Panel.**
- 2. On the drop down list of Control Panel items, rightclick Add/Remove and select Create Shortcut. You will get a message, "shortcut cannot be created here would you like it on the desktop?" Click Yes.**
- 3. Now, you have the option to use the shortcut on the desktop to go directly to Add/Remove Programs or you may drag it down onto the Launch area of the taskbar at the bottom of your screen.**

Note: in win 7 you select Pin to taskbar

ADDRESS TOOLBAR

One of Windows most powerful hidden gems is a universal command line. From here you can launch programs, open folders, go to Web sites and more. Right-click on the taskbar and select Toolbars/Address. When the Address box shows up on your toolbar, click and hold on the word Address and drag it to the top of your Desktop. Right-click on it and select Always on Top. Now, when you maximize applications, they'll expand between your Address bar at the top and your taskbar at the bottom. Now if you're in the middle of doing something and need info you can type www.google.com and click ENTER to go to that web site, if you're signed online already.

Snipping Tool in Win 7

1. Click Start...All Programs...Accessories...Snipping Tool.

2. In the small window that pops up on your screen, click NEW and then click the little down arrow and select how you want to select to Print Screen.

Once you clicked the New snip button, the Snipping tool's window will go away so you can be free to mark the screen with the rectangular cursor. There are four types of snips that you can choose from:

- a. Free-form Snip. Draw an irregular line, such as a circle or a triangle, around an object.**
- b. Rectangular Snip. Draw a precise line by dragging the cursor around an object to form a rectangle.**
- c. Window Snip. Select a window, such as a browser window or dialog box, that you want to capture.**
- d. Full-screen Snip. Capture the entire screen when you select this type of snip.**

Try each one until you find the one you prefer.

Note: if you're using AOL Desktop 9.7 and are using the Data Mask benefit, you'll have to turn it off to use the Snipping Tool.

Remove programs

Q: I want to remove some applications from an old computer. But the Control Panel doesn't list the applications. How do I completely remove applications?

A: The item you're looking for is actually called Add/Remove Programs. If it's missing, there are several options:

Try reinstalling Windows from the original disk; this is a simple process if you have a CD-ROM, but it can be more time-consuming if you must use floppies. The process of reinstalling should place Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel.

Another course of action is to simply delete the programs directly from the hard disk. Open Windows Explorer and place the cursor on the folder of the program you want to remove. Then hit the Delete button and answer Yes when prompted to move the program to the Recycle Bin. This procedure will leave traces of the program application on the hard disk, but it won't permit the next owner of the computer to use the software. (Programs should ideally always be Uninstalled and not just deleted)

There also are several software programs that will do a nifty job of removing applications, but it doesn't sound like it's a necessity for your old computer.

Try these other two methods before just deleting a program which can be done ONLY as a last resort.

Another way to uninstall programs is to click START...Programs and locate the program on the list. It may have it's own uninstall listed there. Click it.

Another possibility is to put in the program CD, when it comes up to install, select Uninstall instead.

Did you see this tsumani mentioned on US TV???

**Wow..this is scary for us with property on the waterfront.
I think I'd be calling for someone with a plow/backhoe instead of watching it creep forward.**

Put on sound.

Have you ever seen an ice tsunami? It happened on the south side of Lac des Mille Lacs, Thunder Bay , Ontario , Canada , on May 11, 2013! It destroyed more than 20 houses in 15 minutes! The ice looked like legs creeping up to residences.

> > <http://www.youtube.com/v/Wbs8tN8xlxA>

The logo for Jmax, featuring the word "Jmax" in a stylized, red, cursive font.

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