

The Villages Computer Club

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday Feb. 22th at Lake Miona Recreation Center. The program will feature a presentation by Bobbie Seabolt and John Campbell on Taxes and Tax Software.

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.

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.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

If your area doesn't have any designated hazard recycling places for CFLs which contain mercury, maybe it's a matter of asking for them? More and more people are using CFLs - and they DO eventually wear out - sometimes MUCH SOONER than the package claimed!

You are NOT allowed to return the bulbs because they are considered a mailing hazard!

For your Information:

Here is Lady Lake, Florida, at the Home Depot Building and Hardware Store- at the Entrance where you go over to the RETURN counter - on each side of that part of the entrance there are tall cardboard boxes - BRIGHT ORANGE COLOR.

One is marked **recycle for CFLs (sat on the right side)** - also has clear plastic baggies available that will allow for one lightbulb each and has a glue-strip to close the bag.

The **other receptacle is on the opposite site and marked for non-working power-tool batteries**. There were also clear plastic baggies, a bit larger in size, with glue strip.

Please share with your contacts - many people do not know these are there for our convenience, and at no cost to us, and CFLs should definitely not just be thrown into the landfills.

Lowe's here has a similar recycle for CFLs.

APC Battery Failure

A few years ago I invested in an APC with surge protector outlets on one side, regular back-up on the other side. (and have my desktop and peripherals plugged in, given the many surges and power outages around here.)

My APC recently died. A new one costs retail around \$50. or more

I took my lifeless APC down to Battery Power Store, and was able to get a replacement battery for just over \$25. **So the SHELL WAS RE-USED, saving me about half the cost of a new one.**

BATTERY POWER Store
101 W. North Blvd, HWY 441,
Leesburg FL 34748
(352) 314-9001

Open Monday - Saturday

www.batterypowerfl.com

Their pamphlet says:

Deliver/Installation

Recycle Drop Off

Charger REPAIR **

Wheelchair / Scooter Repairs

** (*what? you can repair a charger????!!!!*) or at least some of them!

--Golf Cart Service

--Battery Replacement in Thousands of Devices.

Also carry Cordless Power Tools > Rebuilt and New

Custom Packs available

Intro to Win 7 Media Player 12

Media Player lets you turn your computer into an entertainment center.

1. Watch DVDs on your PC or your laptop
2. Create great hits CDs for your car stereo
3. Organize a digital photo album from your digital camera

4. Edit camcorder videos into something people will want to watch
5. Create DVDs to display your edited movies or photo slide shows

Windows Media Player and the Windows Media Center are two entirely different programs.

Media Center lets you watch and record live TV shows on your PC. If your PC has the equipment to do so, it can turn your PC into a digital video recorder (DVR) that can automatically record your favorite TV shows and movies, letting you watch them at your preferred time and fast-forward through the commercials.

Stock Media Player's Library with Music

1. Click the Media Player's icon on the taskbar to open it.
2. Click the Organize button and select Manage Libraries, to load Music, select MUSIC to bring up a list of the location of your music folder. If you store music on another drive, add that drive to the list.
3. Click the Folder location and those music files will be added to your Media Player library. They will not be removed from the folder where they were stored.
4. Rip It. When you insert a music CD into the CD drive, Win 7 will offer to 'rip it'. Rip it will add the music on the CD to your computer.

You may also add your videos, pictures or recorded TV to its Media Player Folder.

Click Organize...Manage Library and select the particular folder to bring up the list showing the location of that folder.

Song Tags

Inside every music file is a small form called a 'tag' which contains the song's title, artist, album and other related information. Windows Media Player reads those tags in order to sort, categorize and display your music. If some info is missing, it will go out to the internet and attempt to complete the 'tag'. If you prefer that Media Play not do this, Click Organize...select Options...click the Library tab and uncheck the box Retrieve Additional Information From the Internet.

Note: Media Player tells Microsoft every song, file or movie that you play. This allows them to go out and retrieve 'tag' info for you. If you prefer that Microsoft

not keep such surveillance on you, click Organize...Options and click the Privacy tab. Here you may choose the level surveillance you're comfortable with.

Media Player 12 has two main faces:

1. The Library face
2. The Playing Now face

Toggle between the two using the tiny icon shown in the top(or bottom) right margin.

Playing CDs

Drop a CD into the computer's CD tray and Media Player will jump up and begin playing it for you. At the bottom of the screen is the control which allows you to go from track to track, adjust volume and fine tune for your listening pleasure.

Should a CD not start playing, look at the navigation pane, along the left side of the screen. You should see the name of the album or Unknown Album. Click it and then click the Media Player's Play button at the bottom of the screen.

To have Media Player automatically play your music CD when inserted, click the START menu button and click Default Programs. Choose Change AutoPlay settings. In the Audio CD category, select Play Audio CD using Windows Media Player. Click SAVE.

Press F7 to mute Media Player to take a phone call.

Media Player can play, burn and copy CDs, it can't copy a DVD to your computer.

Music to Player Devices

Q. How to take music from a CD to my computer so I can then put it into my device player (Sansa Player).

A.

1. Open Microsoft's Windows Media Player and click the Rip tab.
2. Click Format and select MP3. It will be easier to add to your Sansa Player.
3. Select More Options and click the Rip Music tab.
4. Click Change and locate the Music folder on your computer.

5. Create a new subfolder and name it the CD Name. Now you should see in the blank the path to that folder. E.g. C:\My Documents\My Music\Tenderly
6. Click Sync on the WMP menu bar and plug your player into USB port so Windows Media Player can recognize it.
7. Select and drag the music over to the Playlist column on the right side of the screen.
8. Click 'Start Sync' to move the selected music to your player.

Picasa3

[Click here: Picasa 3: Free download from Google](#)

Note: below is a link to a web page that has a "Forum"-type exchange regarding a user's **loss of photos** uploaded to Picasa - ***because he was not aware of how the Program works***. This link will help you to understand what Picasa does and does NOT do.

<http://www.google.com/support/forum/p/Picasa/thread?tid=385f541f5231b5d1&hl=en>

Together, Picasa & Picasa Web Albums make it easy to organize, edit and share your photos.

1. When you launch Picasa, you can immediately organize and edit the photos on your hard drive. Picasa can also help import pictures from your camera.
2. Try sharing pictures online with Picasa Web Albums. To get started, simply select photos that you'd like to share, and press the 'Upload' button.
3. Try adding name tags to your photos on Picasa or Picasa Web Albums. Click "Unnamed People" in Picasa to get started.

[Click here: Getting Started Guide - Picasa Help](#)

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Two things to know

The Picasa software provides a simple way to view, edit, and organize the photos on your computer. As you get started, there are two things you should always remember:

- **Picasa does not store the photos on your computer.**
When you open Picasa, it simply looks at the folders on your computer and displays the photos it finds. It displays the file types that you tell it to find, in the folders that you tell it to search.
- **Your original photos are always preserved.**
When using editing tools in Picasa, your original files are never touched. The photo edits you make are only viewable in Picasa until you decide to save your changes. Even then, Picasa creates a new version of the photo with your edits applied, leaving the original file totally preserved.

Add photos to Picasa

Use Picasa to view photos already on your computer, or to import photos from your camera.

Add photos already on your computer

Once you've [downloaded and installed](#) Picasa, you have total control over the photos that Picasa displays. Picasa shows you the photo and video [file types that you tell it to find](#), in the [folders that you tell it to search](#).

Organize your photos

The folder list on the left is the hub for Picasa organization. By scrolling through this list, you can access all photos displayed by Picasa. To understand Picasa organization, you need to understand the following three collections:

- **Folders**
Folders in Picasa represent the folders on your computer. You [control the folders](#) that are scanned and displayed by Picasa. Changes you make to folders in Picasa affect the corresponding folders on your computer's hard drive. For example, if you delete a photo in a Picasa folder, that photo is also deleted from the computer.

- **Albums**

Unlike folders, albums exist only in Picasa. Albums allow you to create virtual groups of photos taken from multiple folders on your computer. Albums display those photos without actually moving the photo -- it's like a playlist for photos. When you delete or move photos from an album, the original files remain in their original folders on your computer.

- **People**

In this collection, you can organize your photos by what frequently matters most -- the people in them. Picasa uses facial recognition technology to find and group similar faces together across your entire collection of photos. By [adding name tags](#) to these groups of faces, new people albums are created. These people albums are just like the albums above: when you move or delete faces, the original files stay put.

Edit your photos

Picasa provides a range of one-click fixes to help you improve almost any photo, adjust its color and lighting, and add effects like black and white or sepia toning. Double-click a photo and use the three editing tabs on the left.

Share your photos

Your photos take on more meaning when you share them with friends and family. Here are two ways to quick share your photos:

Upload photos to the web

Use the **Upload** button in Picasa to [upload all selected photos](#) to Picasa Web Albums. Don't feel like picking through your photos? The **Share** button [uploads an entire folder or album](#), and sends email invitations to your friends and family

Email photos

Click the **Email** button in Picasa to quickly [send all selected photos](#) to friends and family, using the email provider of your choice. Keep in mind that email doesn't accomodate a large number of photos, so if you want to share a lot of photos, consider uploading them to Picasa Web Albums, where you can take advantage of the free one GB of storage that's available.

Discover more features

If you've read this far, you're familiar with the basics of Picasa. As you become a power user, here are some of the features for you to explore:

[Resize photos](#): One of the most popular -- and most hidden -- features of Picasa is the ability to resize photos. Use the **Export** button to quickly resize your photos.

Sync to Web: When you enable **Sync to Web** in Picasa for a folder or album, edits made to your photos in Picasa are reflected immediately in the corresponding album in Picasa Web Albums.

Make a collage: Make a collage and share it with your friends and family. Experiment with six different types of collage, and maintain total control over your collage content and layout.

Add captions: Adding captions can help tell the rest of the story. While editing a photo, click the text below that says 'Make a caption!'. Captions are displayed in Picasa, Picasa Web Albums, and other IPTC compatible programs.

Use Movie Maker: Combine your photos, videos, and music into a movie and upload it directly to YouTube. You can also [trim existing video files](#).

Map photos: Use the **Maps** tab in Picasa to embed latitude and longitude information into the EXIF data of your photo file. This geographic data accompanies your photo when you upload it to Picasa Web Albums.

Print photos: Use the **Shop** button to [order prints from our online print partners](#) or use the **Print** button to [print your photos at home](#).

Add tags: Tags are like keywords. By applying single or multiple-word tags in Picasa, you can quickly search and locate photos. The Tags tab offers quick tags, tag counts and the ability to manage your tags.

Upload to Blogger: Use the BlogThis! button to post photos directly from Picasa to Blogger.

Back up your collection: Protect those precious memories. Use Picasa to back up your photo collection to either [an alternate drive](#) or to [CD/DVD](#).

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Forum re Picasa 3. This will help you to understand what Picasa can and what it cannot do.

Why, why did I trust you with my pictures??

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[martian88](#)
Level 1
2/9/10

Before anyone downloads your program you need to state in GIANT letters that once you have control, we may never get them back. Even when we create backup disk, they'll only open on your Picasa!! I trusted you to store my pics, now I've lost most of them, never knowing if I deleted them from my documents to free up some space on my computer, you would delete them too. I ask you to help me get them back & you want even answer me!! Everyone needs to be warned NOT to trust you with their precious, irreplaceable pictures, I am mad, I am heartbroken!! I hate you!!!

Best answers

[Don Lind](#)

Top Contributor

2/26/10

Popular answer [Go to this answer](#)

This post title sure gets your attention...

Yes, Martian... Picasa is just another program on your computer.

It finds your photos on your disk and lets you work with them.

If you delete your photos (in Picasa or in Windows Explorer) they're deleted.

Don't do that.

@we-carey - a few comments..

I don't know what deleted your photos. But from years of experience with Picasa directly and with many people in this forum, Picasa just plain doesn't randomly delete your photos. It just doesn't happen. Someone has to have deleted the photos using Windows Explorer. Or someone has to have deleted them using Picasa. Or some other program. Or, I guess a terrible disk error could wipe out photos, but it would be a very strange and selective error to zap just photos. But just plain old using Picasa to organize, edit, and share photos doesn't delete your photos..

Hmmm... on the "albums vs. folders" thing... that is an absolutely critical concept in Picasa. If you don't "get it," you're liable to delete all the photos in your folders. Really. That happens. Folders are the real folders on your disk. All your photos are in folders on your hard disk. You can create albums in Picasa. Albums exist ONLY in Picasa. Albums look like folders (except albums have "blue book" icons rather than "Manila Folder" icons. And, for many things, within Picasa, Albums act like folders. But albums do not **contain** photos. Albums simply "point to photos" that live in folders. All too often, people create some albums. And then they delete their folders... **They're generally assuming that the albums have their own copies of the photos... and so, to save disk space, once they've got the albums set up, they delete the folders. HUGE mistake.** Your real folders are in the folders. They get deleted. The albums then die because the photos they were "pointing to" are gone... Never delete folders of photos unless you want them completely gone for good from everywhere. Albums let you add organization to your photos. Albums don't waste any space doing that...

The Villages continues to expand.

This has been in the plans for a long time!

<http://www.dailycommercial.com/News/SumterCounty/07feb2013villages>

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one.

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print.

Every time I try, it says, 'Can't find printer.'

I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor,
but the computer still says he can't find it.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.

Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK!

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes.

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five dots.

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer...

Customer: I have a huge problem.

A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer,
but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first email.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address,
but how do I get the little circle around it?

This one and the next are our personal favorites!

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows?

Customer: 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point.

The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.'

And last but not least!

Tech support: 'Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time.

That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen.

Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.'

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: 'P'.....on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

**Interesting, you might have read this before....BUT HOW MANY OF
THE YOUNGER GENERATION WOULD BELIEVE THAT THIS IS
HOW IT USED TO BE!!**

Thought you'd enjoy this!

It's one you want your Children and Grandchildren to read.

They won't believe this happened, but it DID.

Harry & Bess

**Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made
as many,**

or more important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of

the other

32 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest

on what he did after he left the White House.

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in

Independence Missouri . His wife had inherited the house from her mother

and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their

entire lives there.

When he retired from office in 1952 his income was a U.S. Army pension

reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was

paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance'

and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to

Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating,

"You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't

belong to me.. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the

Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it,

writing,

"I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food.

Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, too many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale (ie. Illinois).

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference!

We ought to have cloned him!

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 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