THE VILLAGES COMPUTER CLUB

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

The program will feature a presentation on " Setting up a home network/connect devices" by Paul Rabinold.

 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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Summary of the August 6, 2013 iPad Club meeting

Thanks to **Mark Rzemieniewski**, Best Buy Lady Lake Manager for discussing accessories and answering questions on the iDevices. We will have Mark return periodically.

Mark mentioned that we can get 10% off on <u>Only Accessories</u> at the Lady Lake Best Buy Store.
Tell the cashier you are a member of the iPad Club. If you have a problem, ask for Mark.

Apps discussed were:
Fox 35 Weather
Hurricane Tracker for iPad
Wunder Map
NOAA Hi-Def Radar
iBooks
iCookbook
Battery Manager Pro

DocScanner Pro
AppsGoneFree - great source for good free apps

If you missed the meeting, you can get more information on these apps from the Apps Store.

Attached is an updated list of apps and Basic iPad Operations.

Don't forget to send me your favorite apps so I can pass them on.

Remember use Google and YouTube to seek answers for your questions.

If you have any questions you can't find answers to, let me know,

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lol - laugh out loud   pic - picture
brw - by the way   pls - please
brb - by the way   ttyl - talk to you later
nvm- never mind   smh - shaking my head
noyb - none of your business   thx - thanks
omg - oh my gosh

Here's what all those texting letters mean...often used in email as well.
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Wireless USB Dongle

What is a dongle???? A wireless USB dongle for connecting to the internet. Looks a lot like a regular flash drive.

TECH NOTE:
In the event the GMYLE program does not find a wireless router after installation, leave the dongle in place, then use CCleaner or Glary to uninstall the RealTek software. The system will then immediately "discover" a USB device Continue with the installation and the Ethernet connection can now be established.

If the foregoing fails, i.e., there is no "discovery," try a new dongle. Have found 3 defective dongles so far.

Maybe better, still, plug in the dongle without installing the GMYLE software to see if the OS will pick it up and install it. That has worked in one instance here. Possibly others have already used this method but that information has not been disseminated to my knowledge.

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Keyboard Accessibility Keys

Windows XP provides "accessibility options" for people with physical problems. Toggle Keys, Filter Keys, and Sticky Keys.

IF you accidentally cause the function to be activated, Windows does give you a quick message, but it's easy to miss the message if you happen to hit the Return Key during the process.

If you hold down a key for more than 5 seconds, you will enable the "Toggle Keys" feature which gives a beep when you press the Caps Lock, Scroll Lock or Num Lock keys.

If you hold down the Shift key for 8 seconds it turns on the "Filter Keys" option which ignores quick keystrokes or repeated keystrokes.

If the Shift key is pressed 5 times in a row, it turns on the "Sticky Keys" which makes the Shift, ALT, CTRL and MS Windows keys toggle instead of your needing to hold them down.

To turn off these features, click START…Settings…Control Panel…Accessibility Options. Click Settings and uncheck USE SHORTCUT. Uncheck the options. Click Apply and Ok

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Deactivate Onscreen Keyboard.

Go to start>all programs>accessories>ease of access>ease of access center

check under "explore all settings", click on "use the computer without a mouse or keyboard"

uncheck box marked "use onscreen keyboard"; click apply.

then click on administrative settings in the left hand column; remove the tick from "apply all settings to the

logon desktop"; click Apply and Save.
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Stuck keys on your Keyboard?

Your computer keyboard can take a lot of abuse from dust and dirt, it is a good idea to clean it on a regular basis, and there are some things you can try when you get stuck keys like you have.

Before you begin though, you might want to consider just purchasing a new keyboard. You can get them at any office store, and basic models are under $20. You should also be prepared to purchase a new keyboard if cleaning the stuck keys doesn't work, or in the event that you can't get the keys back on the keyboard when you are done cleaning them.

First, collect your cleaning supplies. Get some canned compressed air, lint-free cloth, mild liquid dishwashing detergent, a small screwdriver (for removing keys), cotton swabs, and 90 percent isopropyl alcohol. Before you begin cleaning your keyboard, you need to shut down your computer and unplug the keyboard from the back of your computer. Never plug or unplug your keyboard or mouse while the computer is running, you can damage the port on the computer.

Start by shaking out any loose debris. Put a large piece of old newspaper on a table, turn the keyboard over, and holding it a few inches above the paper, shake out any loose debris.

Now, take your can of compressed air and use it to loosen and remove dirt by directing the air stream between the keys.
Alternate the air with repeated shaking over the paper again.

To remove oils from your hands, dried on spills and other dirt from the surface of the keys, put a few drops of liquid dishwashing detergent in warm water. Use a cloth dampened in this solution to gently clean off the key surfaces, and wipe the keys with a dry cloth.

If you are cleaning the keys on your laptop computer, or if your keyboard is mechanical (makes a clicking noise when you press the keys) you have done all the cleaning you can do. Only continue with the following steps if you have a membrane keyboard with stuck keys.

Take your screwdriver and gently pry off the stuck keys. Don't forget which key goes where, and don't try to take off the larger keys like "Enter", "Shift" or "Tab" they can be hard to get back on and often have extra parts keeping them in place.

Use a cotton swab to clean out under the key, and the underside of the key itself. Use the alcohol only if you need to, and when you have gotten everything nice and clean and dry, replace the key and see if it will work freely.

Once your keyboard is completely reassembled and dry, plug it back into your computer, turn the computer on and see how it works.

Note: I have read that a basic keyboard may be run through the dishwasher without soap, but I have not tried that yet. IF you want to try it, be prepared to buy a new one and then let me know if it worked. Make sure it's dry before attaching it to your computer. Jmax
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Disable the Numeric Keypad

The alpha/numeric keypad on a laptop is controlled by the numloc key located somewhere at the top right of your laptop keyboard.

Numloc ON turns numeric on and you may now use the numeric section of the keyboard just as you did the numbers keypad on a regular keyboard. Holding down the FN key will allow you to type letters instead of the number.

Turn OFF numloc and that area of the laptop keyboard once again is alpha. Holding down the FN key will not allow you to type a number since you already have option to type numbers.

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Keyboard Numbers Lock

Toggle OFF or ON the Numbers on the right side of Keyboard or on the Laptop to activate the number keys.

Hold down the FN key and press the NUM LK key on the desktop keyboard

Hold down the FN key and press the SCROLL key on Laptops.

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KEYBOARD & MOUSE, WIRELESS

 KEYBOARD NOT WORKING?
1. Replace the batteries.
2. Press the "connect button" on the remote connected to the computer.
3 Press the "connect button" on the back of the keyboard.
4 Bring up a typing program i.e... Word and hope that it now works.
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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.

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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