

TechTalk

A newsletter for members of *LeisureWorldTECH*



Allen Solomon shows Barbara Frank and Louise Bargamian some of the Mac laptop's finer points. Photo by David Merritt.

Let's Talk Tech

Welcome to the first issue of TechTalk, a newsletter developed especially to keep you informed about opportunities, equipment and programs available through Leisure World Tech.

The name, Leisure World Tech, was adopted in 2022 to represent the combined operations of two existing entities — The Leisure World Computer Center, Inc., and the Leisure World Apple Club. The new organization assumed management of the computer club, which was renamed the Technology Research Center.

If you are receiving this newsletter electronically, you are on our mailing list and we will send you future editions unless you tell us not to. If you have picked up a paper copy and wish to be added to the email list, contact leisureworld.tech@gmail.com.

In the coming months, the newsletter will include notifications about educational programs and other activities that can improve your understanding of digital tools.

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LeisureWorldTECH

Leisure World Tech is a 501(c)(3) organization responsible for managing the Technology Resource Center in Clubhouse 2. We promote the use of technology to improve quality of life for citizens of this community. Our services include access to equipment, training and education.

Coming Up

Aug 12 — 2:30 pm, *Backing Up Data*, TRC

Aug. 19 — 2:30 pm, *Email*, TRC

Aug. 23 — 3:00 pm, Board Meeting, TRC and Zoom

Aug. 24 — 1:00 pm. *All About Alexa*, Zoom and TRC.

Aug. 31 — 2:00 pm, Assistive technology to help the disabled use computers, Zoom and TRC

The Technology Resource Center

is located in Clubhouse 2 and is open from 10 am-noon, 2 :00-4:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm, seven days a week, depending on the availability of monitors. A schedule is posted outside the door. Call 301-598-1306 to make sure that the room is open during designated hours.



Monitors Recognized at July Event

Our monitors are the life blood of our resource center. They enable us to open our doors to the community and provide help to our visitors whenever possible.

On July 16, most of our monitors assembled in Clubhouse 2 for a rare opportunity to meet and greet fellow volunteers. Leisure World Tech President Allen Solomon thanked the group for their service and joined monitor coordinator Janet Zimmer in presenting certificates of appreciation to the guests.

The event was a volunteer effort led by Margarete Levy who recruited some helpers to plan the event and provided guests with a delightful array of snacks and sweets. Monitors volunteer for two-hour slots throughout the month, with no minimum amount of time required. They may also participate in activities and programs offered through the center. We need more monitors to keep the center open every day. If you can help out for a few hours a week, please let us know.



New Programs In The Pipeline for August

Did you stop by our first Saturday at the Center mini clinic on August 12. If not, you have another chance to join a session on August 19 at 2:30 pm on using email.

These informal sessions address basic issues that confront computer users. They begin with a 45-minute tutorial followed by another half hour devoted to answering questions and solving problems.

Get Acquainted with Alexa

Put a star on your calendar for 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 24, because you won't want to miss an informative program on using Amazon's Alexa version of a virtual assistant. Our own David Merritt will discuss Alexa's many features and provide some insight into choosing a model that works for you.

These sessions are offered in person or by Zoom. Email leisureworld.tech@gmail.com for the link to the virtual program.

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Got Questions? We've Got Answers

Beginning the week of Aug, 14, you can walk in to the Resource Center at three designated times per week to get help with your Windows or Apple devices and smart phones.

Apple users can continue to call on in-house gurus Allen Solomon and Ron Masi on Fridays from 2:00—4:00 pm. Marcia Fletcher will work with you Thursdays, 11 am—1:00 pm.

If you're having issues with your Windows device or non Apple smart phone, David Merritt will be available to make it all better between 2:00 and 4:00 pm on Wednesdays.

