

NSCCC

MONDAY MEETING

Location: Newton Senior Center

Date: 04/20/2026 @ 1:00pm

Attendees: 24 members

Chairperson: Vicci Burnett

Speaker: Alta Alta

House Keeping

1. Alta called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and reminded members that they should have scanned your membership cards at the front desk as you came in to check in. This is how the City keeps track of how the attendance are at various centres. There has been talking about eliminating the last senior center in Surrey. If you don't scan your card, we are going to lose the centre, so it is REALLY IMPORTANT to do that.
2. Please silent your smartphone.
3. We have 1 new member today.
4. Athena read the minutes of April 13th Topics: Travel Planning & Tips
5. No errors or omissions noted. Seconded by Vicci & Marina.
6. Reminder to save the date for AGM is at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 1st. There will be computer related door prices. All executive positions will be open for nominations. Alta will step aside and withdraw his name from any nomination after 4 years of services. Encourage someone else should step up and take a turn at supporting our president and chairperson. We will also need a nominating chair for that AGM meeting on June 1st.
7. BBQ is at 11:00am on Monday June 8th in a Hazelnut Meadows Community Park on 70th Avenue. We will have 2 barbeque machines. We will need some chefs, choppers, volunteers to set up, clean up, etc. **Cost is \$7.00**. Athena will collect your \$7.00 starting in May.
8. Joan Danis will be the next week speaker, she will share her knowledge on music programs and snippet tools.

Main topic started around 13:10pm

Topic: Inexpensive Computer Options for grandchildren & seniors

Chromebook started in 2011 and it is really big in the educational market. Apple computer used to dominate education market but Chromebook is much cheaper which works better with school's budgets.

Every operating system out there is based on Linux except Windows. Apple is based on Linux, Raspberry Pi is based on Linux and Chromebook is based on Linux.

Chromebook was built from ground up in 2011 knowing about the internet and the bad so you can't buy any antivirus software for Chromebook community. Since 2011 there's no single recorded incident that virus can be put in Chromebook.

Octane Score: 33,476 is a measure of performance just about everything on a computer.

For brand new Apple or MS PC you should see the minimum number to be 40,000

For Brand new Chrome or Raspberry computer you should see the minimum number to be 20,000

For smart phone or tablet you should see the minimum number to be 10,000.

You can test your internet speed at home from [speedtest.net](https://www.speedtest.net), 75 Mbps for both directions is sufficient for home use.

Alta told a story about Apple sued Microsoft for stealing the concept of Windows from Apple, Bill Gates responded that Apple stole the ideas from Xerox. *Note by Athena - I found this [article](#) if you are interested in reading it.*

Costs:

Apple - \$1400 + | Windows PC - \$600+ | Chrome laptop - \$300.00+ | Raspberry Pi 500 - \$183.00, comes with 32 GB memory

Raspberry Pi 500 is great to travel with, it is light and you just need to take HDMI (to connect to any TV) and a mouse along. Some people travel with tablets which are convenient but they are mainly for looking at medium.

SPECS

- Graphical interface - similar to Windows, Apple, Chrome etc.
- 8 GB RAM – RAM = Random Access Memory which is the short-term memory of a computer. It comes with a 32 gigabyte card with the operating system already installed.
- 3 USB ports
- 2 HDMI ports (4K resolution)
- Micro SD card slot (o.s. + pgms + data)
- Ethernet port + WiFi +Bluetooth

Standard Software

- OS = Debian - based on Linux
- Libre Office - based on OpenOffice

- Text editor
- Chrome web browser, about 70% of the entire world uses the Chrome web browser. Chrome and Gmail are the best out there, others are just not as good.

Web-based programs

- Processing
- Storage (cloud) for files, Income Tax
- Photo editor, video editor, DTP (desktop publishing - greeting card etc.)
- Genealogy (trace your ancestors), graphics
- Additional stuff -
 - mouse \$11,
 - Power supply (5v 27w) \$17.00
 - HDMi cable \$10.00

If you want help call Alta, 778-378-9977. CanaKit.com is a good site to purchase Raspberry Pi

- Kensington lock to lock the keyboard
- Apps - use web-based apps.