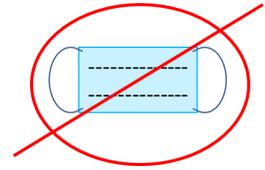


SCA Computer Club notes

Classes for the Month of Oct



Still... No mask..
no entry. Thanks
for cooperating!

NOTE: Class size will be limited to fourteen (14) members while maintaining social distancing. To enroll, log into the website at <https://computer.scaclub.org/>. Go to Calendars and select Classes/Events. Click on the class you want to take and under "Action", click on "**Enroll**". (Be sure to check the date as there may be multiple offerings of the class). If you need to cancel your enrollment, please log back in, select the class again and click on "**Drop**". All classes are FREE to Computer Club members in good standing and are geared for *beginners* unless otherwise indicated. A member can take any class as many times as desired. **IMPORTANT: You must have your SCA Resident ID with you to check-in at the Monitor desk AND AGAIN in the front of the Classroom to ensure you are enrolled on the day of the class. Check-in will begin 20 minutes before the scheduled class time. MASKS covering BOTH the nose and mouth (or a face shield) is required inside of the club at all times.**

Classes for Oct

Macintosh Contacts App: We will cover account configuration, using groups to organize contacts, integration with the Mail app and import and export options. We will also cover moving contacts between servers and printing (including labels).

Prerequisites: *Mac for Beginners or familiarity with Mac operating system.*

Buying a Computer: Are you considering buying a new computer for yourself or as a gift? Should you buy a desktop, a laptop or a tablet? What are the differences between them? Should you buy a Mac or a PC? Will it be used for email, to watch movies, organize your photos, write a book, etc.? Have your questions answered before you buy.

If you've recently joined our Club we encourage you to attend the **New Member Orientation** class to familiarize yourself with our Club's activities. Learn how to sign up for classes, schedule a house call, volunteer to be a monitor and more. **Current members not familiar with all of the benefits offered by our Computer Club are also encouraged to take this Orientation as a refresher.**

Macintosh Safari Browser: Using the Safari browser including using multiple windows or tabs, creating, organizing and using bookmarks, downloading and using plug-ins and extensions, removing unwanted malware, and setting preferences.

Prerequisites: *Mac for Beginners or familiarity with Mac operating system.*

Macintosh Calendar App: Account configuration, using groups to organize contacts, integration with the Mail app, and import and export options will be covered. Moving contacts between servers will be covered. Printing including labels will also be covered. **Prerequisites:** *Mac for Beginners or familiarity with Mac operating system.*

Introduction to iPhone/iPad: If you are new to the iPhone/iPad or planning on getting one, this class will show you how to setup your device including the critical iCloud settings. You will learn how to set preferences and navigate the system. Arranging and grouping your apps will be covered and how to find and install apps from the Apple App Store.

Special Interest and User Groups

A SIG is a **“special interest group”** that meets on a weekly or monthly basis. **“User Groups”** also meet on a monthly basis. We invite ANY Computer Club member who is interested in learning more about a specific product/application or a specific topic to join in the discussions. All groups meet in the computer classroom. Participants ask questions and discuss various topics at each session. **Please remember there will be limited seating in the classroom so please “ENROLL” if you plan to attend.**

Computer Talk meets **weekly from 9 –10 AM every Thursday** and is designed as a “question and answer” session. Any member in good standing is welcomed to attend. It doesn’t matter if you use a Windows based personal computer (PC) or an Apple product (e.g. iPad, Mac, iPhone) or an Android tablet or phone, etc. Can’t figure out how to do something? Do you have a question regarding a specific product or application? Anyone can ask anything **computer related**. Don’t ask us how to fix your running toilet. Bring your questions and join the discussion each Thursday. New members are always welcome.

Apple Talk will meet on **Saturday, Oct 10 from 10am - noon**. Apple Talk is an ongoing investigation of all products Apple. It will include presentations, discussions and demonstrations of iPads, iPods, iPhones, Apple TVs and of course Macintosh computers and related peripherals. As new Apple products are introduced they will be included. Topics for discussion: your Apple device, your experiences, your problems, your accomplishments, etc. Others will add their bit, and you will all come away with something more than when you entered the room.

The **Photography User Group (PUG)** will meet virtually via Zoom on **Monday, Oct 12 from 1-3 pm**. This is for any computer club member who is interested in photography, from beginners with camera phones and point and shoot cameras, to expert and professional members with high-range DSLRS. We like to schedule talks and presentations that will be interesting to everyone. If you would like to learn about photography, photo editing, how to take your camera off the auto mode, or learn how to get the best photos with your phone camera, the PUG is the place to come! If you already are a “seasoned” photographer, whether amateur or professional, we invite you to join our meetings and share your photography knowledge and skills with us! To receive a link to the Zoom meeting, be sure to enroll in the next meeting session on the Computer Club calendar. For more information on how to use Zoom to join the meeting, please contact Pat Y. @ scaphotogroup@gmail.com

Mark your calendars NOW and save the date of **Tuesday, Dec 8th**. Why? This year’s **computer auction** will be held in the Grand Ballroom to ensure adequate social distancing. We envision having either 8 or 9 computers up for auction this year and will let you know exactly which ones (as we get closer to the auction date). Right now there is limited capacity for the Ballroom, so IF you are interested, you will need to ENROLL via the Calendar, once it becomes available. Watch for more information in the Nov Newsletter or our website as the date approaches. Please do not ENROLL unless you are certain to show up. If you do enroll and then find that you cannot attend, be courteous to your fellow members and go back and dis-enroll , allowing someone else to attend. As with all of our auctions, one **MUST** be a **computer club member in good standing** and have their current **SCA Resident ID card** to enter and accepted payment will be by cash or check (payable to Sun City Anthem Community Association, Inc.) **ONLY**. We will have a stamp available so you do not have to write that all out.



Upcoming Annual vote for Officers and Directors from November 2-5

What do the Directors do? Directors help guide the operations of our Club. Some Directors regularly maintain the computer equipment and software, ensuring everything is up-to-date and operational. Other Directors manage programs such as the volunteer monitor assignments, scheduling classes and meetings on the monthly calendar, obtaining guest speakers for our four (4) quarterly General Membership meetings, writing and submitting the monthly Spirit articles for our Club, managing the House Call volunteer program that supports our members who need assistance, etc. All Directors (along with the Club Officers) work together to ensure the best possible equipment is available so that our members can enjoy the best possible experiences as afforded by club membership. Directors are encouraged to complete four (4) monitor shifts each year. Any member in good standing that can contribute their ideas and collaborate with others to find workable solutions or improve on our processes is welcomed.

Please log into our website at <https://computer.scaclub.org/> and check your account information to ensure we have a **current email address** for you. Some of you have changed your email addresses, but failed to update your account information. In order to receive current emails from us, we need to have a **current email address on file**. Change any other pertinent information, e.g. address, phone, password, etc. as applicable. Keeping your account updated and current will ensure you receive notices from our club, unless of course, you have opted out. Thank you. **Voting will be available via our website from Monday, Nov 2 at 9 am until Thursday, Nov 5 through 3:30 pm.** Here is the current ballot:

Ballot for Club Election 2021

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| <p>President (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Ward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> | <p>Vice President (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Woody Parks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> |
| <p>Secretary (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Linda Norton</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> | <p>Treasurer (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rich Blotner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> |
| <p>Assistant Treasurer (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tom Strange</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> | <p>Board Member (Vote for 6)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warren Begas</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brian Corr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Peterson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tony Ptak</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bernie Thompson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write In</p> |
| <p>Approve Budget (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | |

Finally, Flash is Dead!

By Brian Corr

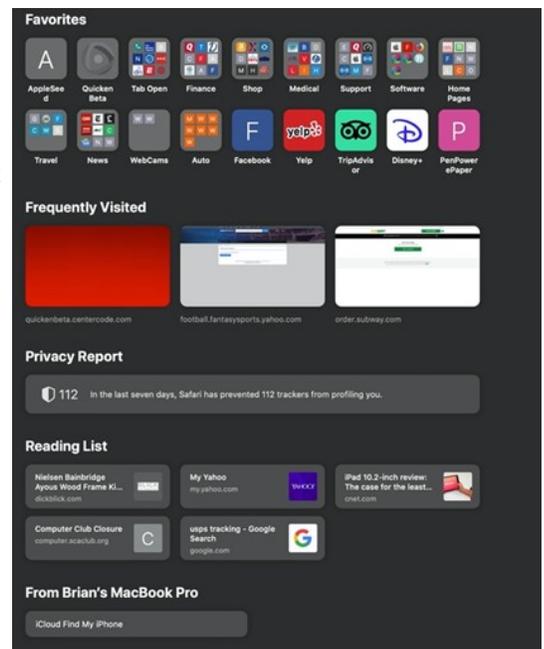
Since the release of the earliest iPhones and iPads, Apple has refused to allow the installation of the Flash extension on their mobile devices. Their reasoning was two-fold. Flash is a power hog and significantly increased battery discharge. In addition, Flash was considered a security risk and Adobe was constantly “fixing” Flash with almost monthly updates to close security holes. For the user Flash was a constant irritant, popping up notices that “Your Flash is out of date” or “Would you allow this site to use Flash”. Sometimes when you got the out of date message, you would be presented with a link to click on to install the update but in fact it was possible it would be a link to install malware or virus apps under the guise of Flash. Recent updates to Safari have allowed users to “allow” Flash on sites and the preference would be remembered but you would be asked on other sites. All of this hassle has actually been unnecessary, as saying no to the query about using Flash almost always let you use the site with no apparent detriment to the experience. I personally believe that webmasters had been removing the reliance on Flash but since some remnant was left behind the site would ask you about using Flash anyway. Adobe has long been warning that Flash would be discontinued but no date was given and they continued to update Flash mostly in response to security threats. Well Adobe has finally stood up and stated in no uncertain terms that Flash will not be supported after December 31st of this year.

What’s the Next Step

As you are probably aware it is that time of year when Apple releases the newest operating system for the Mac computer. The new operating system is called “Big Sur” and includes a new Safari (14.0) that doesn’t even allow the use of Flash. In addition it has significant security and privacy improvements that Apple considers important enough to also incorporate into Mojave and Catalina as updates. Although it is not necessary, I would recommend removing Flash before doing the update if you haven’t done it already or after the update if you have already installed the update. Apple has long stated that you could simply drag an app to the trash to remove it but Flash is not actually an app that appears in your Application folder, but don’t despair, Adobe has a Flash uninstaller that you can download by going to Adobe.com and searching for Flash uninstaller. Once run, the Flash preference in the System Preferences and the extension in Safari as well as other flash support files will be removed from your system. I like to perform a computer restart after doing any uninstalls.

What Other Changes does Safari 14 Include?

Since I teased other security and privacy improvements in Safari version 14, I guess I better highlight the most important ones. Safari now prevents sites from providing cross tracking information and in fact has an icon on the top menu that allows you to see how many cross trackers Safari has blocked on the current website and even provides a list of the sites that were blocked. There is also a Privacy Report on the Safari start page that gives you a summary of how many trackers have been blocked in the past week. Clicking on that report brings up a window that includes the number of trackers prevented in the last 30 days, the percentage of visited websites that included trackers, the most



Finally, Flash is Dead! (continued)

contacted tracker and a list that can be presented, by visited websites or by trackers encountered. When you do it by website, you will be amazed at the number of trackers on some of the most popular websites. You will also be pleasantly surprised to find that there are none on the Apple site.

Aside from the privacy there are several other significant additions. Safari will now support 4K video and includes a built in translator but both of these capabilities will have to wait for the release of Big Sur although they may be incorporated into the version for Mojave and Catalina at a later date. The Start Page is improved with the ability to customize but the popular Top Sites support has been eliminated in fact the Top Sites icon on the Favorites bar has now been redesignated as the Start Page. Hovering over a tab now shows a small version of what is displayed in that tab without having to actually click on the tab. The ability to use web extensions, now easily available through the App store. Overall many great improvements to the Safari browsing experience.

By the way, Flash has been removed from the MacOS on all the Computer Club computers.

Did you know that our Computer club has a Photography User Group? What is it? It is a group of computer club members who have an interest in photography. Some like to take photos, others like to edit photos, some are interested in learning more about how to use their cameras, etc. The **Photography User Group (PUG)** had its very first Zoom meeting on September 14, 2020; they were able to have group discussions, share photos, and even learn some things about Zoom. They will be continuing with popular PUG segments—*Photo-of-the-Month*, *Photo Talk*, *presentations on various photography subjects*, and a new segment called *Photo Share*, where anyone will be able to share a few of one's favorite photos.

Mort S. led a discussion on a few photos submitted for Photo Talk. Good discussion and suggestions for improvement followed. Photos will be edited by the person(s) submitting them and anyone else interested. The edited photos will be brought back for sharing in October.

One of the favorite activities will be to continue with their monthly *Photo Trips*, where everyone can practice their photography skills and learn from and teach others the “how to-s” of photography. Rick B. told us about our upcoming **October 20th Photo Trip**, leaving us all anxious to attend! This will be a late afternoon trip, leaving from the Anthem parking near the Bocce Ball courts. Time of departure will be announced in a successive email. Be on the lookout! PUG members, family, friends, and all SCA community members are invited to join us!

The next **PUG meeting: October 12, 2020, 1-3pm via Zoom**. You **WILL need** to register for the meeting on the Computer Club website calendar at <https://computer.scaclub.org/>

If you want to download the basic, free, version of Zoom so you can get to know the program, follow these directions: Go to zoom.us/download. Click on the appropriate download option for your computer. To use your phone or iPad, download the Zoom Meeting Mobile App from the App store or Google Play.

For questions or more information, please contact Pat Y. @ scaphotogroup@gmail.com.

Video Conferencing

As the safety protocols remain in place in many businesses, clubs, social activities, etc. video meetings have become more prevalent than in the past. Video conferencing is not a new thing, it has been around for years. But today, it is being used more and more. Schools are opening around the country using virtual classrooms. Businesses continue to provide services via the Internet. And here at Sun City Anthem, clubs too are trying to meet virtually online. So let's take a look at some of the more common conferencing applications. Most folks have heard of Zoom, Google Meet and Microsoft Teams as they compete heavily and have been releasing updates to improve their security and add new features in an attempt to one-up each other. Cisco's WebEx is a long-time webinar platform used by organizations world-wide. There are pros and cons of for each app, so how does one know which one to choose? Let's explore them.

| | Free version available ? | Default # of participants | Screen sharing ? | Whiteboard | Able to record meeting? | E2E encryption ? | Cost? Plans from | Mobile app available ? |
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| Zoom | Yes | 100 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | \$14.99 | Yes |
| Google Meet | Yes | 100 | Yes | No | Yes | No | \$6.00 | Yes |
| Microsoft Teams | Yes (limited time available) | 250 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | \$5.00 | Yes |
| Cisco WebEx | Yes | 200 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes (optional) | \$13.50 | Yes |

Although many video conferencing tools on the market offer “free” versions, those normally are limited, including caps on time and/or the number of participants. Paid subscriptions have better management controls and features. One should be mindful of controls that allow the hosts to permit or deny/eject participants, if needed. Being able to record meetings can be helpful for reviewing the information discussed. Many businesses now conduct interviews remotely with job candidates due to the Covid-19 pandemic. One can also record the meeting and store it in the cloud.

Many of the video conferencing applications are continuing to evolve, offering new features in attempts to win over users. And since they are all basically similar, choosing may come down to personal preference or down to whatever business one is trying to utilize for their communications platform. For example, if meetings are held via Zoom, one would need that application in order to participate regardless if one preferred Google Meet. Since Zoom's initial public offering in April, 2019, it has established itself as a leader in the video communications industry, embedding itself with education systems across the U.S. Microsoft Teams is just as solid, offering online group meetings, calls, etc. and file sharing with its Office 365 application so that users have a shared workspace with their other Microsoft products. Likewise, Google Meet and Cisco WebEx both get excellent reviews from their users touring

Video Conferencing (continued)

touting their ease of use and installation, although some users have had issues with lag time in videos or videos freezing, but that may not be directly related to the applications, but instead related to the user's bandwidth or network connections. If you are wanting to join a meeting that uses one of these video conferencing apps, it is not necessary for you to have a paid subscription. You can download the applicable free version. Whoever is actually "hosting" the meeting will then provide you access normally via a link sent to your email. The meeting host is the one with the paid subscription.

If you haven't yet explored using any video conferencing applications, maybe now is the time to do so. Our Computer Club Board is currently evaluating the use of Zoom potentially for future classes and has already conducted a couple of Monitor Refresher classes successfully. Being able to participate from one's abode rather than coming up to the Center works well for some of our members.

Our Photography User Group (PUG) also conducted their Sep meeting using Zoom successfully. And there are also other groups/clubs in SCA that are starting to use video conferencing applications with success. For example, the Veterans Club, our own HOA Board, the Community Lifestyles Committee (CLC), etc. have all been using "GoToMeeting", while the Finance Club will be having their very first Zoom meeting this month. So, don't get left behind. Change is always scary, but it doesn't have to be. If you are interested in learning more about these applications, "Google" them or watch for more information in our newsletters or on our website. Now is the time to learn new things and keep up with your grandchildren (who are probably using video conferencing apps to go to school virtually these days).

The New Microsoft Edge Browser

The "New" Microsoft browser has been out and available for download since January 2020. We have talked about in previous newsletters and it is Chromium based, meaning it is based on the open source project invoking Chromium code used by other browsers such as Google Chrome, Opera and now Microsoft Edge. It will also be incorporated into the upcoming Windows 10 Oct/Nov update so if you have not already downloaded it, you will get it automatically when you update your computer.

Many of you might prefer and even use another browser, such as Google Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Opera, Tor, etc. But Google Chrome is the most widely used browser, capturing 68.5% of the market share and is known for its fast and secure interface. But surprisingly, Microsoft Edge has now moved into the 2nd most used browser, recently edging out Firefox. Maybe not surprising though as there are billions of devices running Windows 10 world-wide and with the new Edge browser being incorporated as part of the Microsoft services (e.g. Windows 10 OS), it will be used even more in the future. Microsoft Edge is even now useable on Mac computers and iOS devices. And although its popularity is growing, it still has a long ways to go to even approach the market share that Google Chrome enjoys. Microsoft Edge has about 7.6% of the market but continues to grow as it is now able to use all of the extensions available in the Chrome web store and its performance and compatibility with other sites improves.

If you have not tried using the new Edge browser, give it a try and then let us know what you think. You may be pleasantly surprised regardless whether you use a Windows based device or an Apple device.

Windows 10 - 10 and listening in...



You are kidding, right? We just updated Windows 10 to Version 2004 and already they are talking about the new October update (20H2 update). What is in this one? Well, first of all, Microsoft is saying that this upcoming update should be stable and include some polishing and bug-fixing. I know what you are thinking, we've heard this before. If it truly happens, then it will be good news for all of us Windows 10 users.

The Oct update is supposed to be fast to install, similar to a normal monthly update and no reboot should be required. In this upcoming version, the "System" page in the Control Panel has been removed. If you try to open it, you will be taken to the "About" page instead (in the new Settings app). But do not worry because although this is a change, all of the information found in the Settings pane in Control Panel will be available in the new Settings app. So, once again, instead of deleting things you are familiar with, Microsoft just moved them around a bit. It's just another step that Microsoft has been progressing to, in order to eventually phase out our beloved Control Panel altogether.

We've told you about the new Edge browser several months ago (see back issues of this Newsletter) and the Oct update will be the first Windows 10 update that includes the new, Chromium-based Edge browser. You probably already have it installed as it was optional up until this point in time, as it became available earlier in Jan 2020.

Changes to the Start Menu include "theme-aware tiles", meaning that the tile background will be either light or dark to match whichever Windows 10 theme a user invokes (e.g. light or dark). If you are one who uses an accent colour, it is still available to you but you might have to re-check your settings after the update by going to "**Settings > Personalization > Color**" and enable the accent colour on "**Start, taskbar and action center**".

If you are a user that typically uses multiple browser tabs simultaneously, then you will appreciate that with the new Edge browser, instead of just seeing one Edge thumbnail for each browser window, you will be able to a number of different tabs in the Alt+Tab switcher. This will allow you to quickly find and switch between the by just using the combination keys of Alt+Tab. And if you do not want to see all of your tabs, well that's OK also. Head over to "**Settings > System > Multitasking**" and there you can configure Alt+Tab to show your most recent (three or five) tabs OR you have the option to turn it off completely and use the classic Alt+Tab experience.

If you use a 2-in-1 windows device and switch between a desktop mode and tablet mode, then you are usually asked if which mode you want to enable. No more. Windows will automatically switch to the tablet mode without asking if you change from a desktop to a tablet with your 2-in-1 device. Of course if that irritates you, you can go into "**Settings > System > Tablet**" and prevent it from automatically doing it.

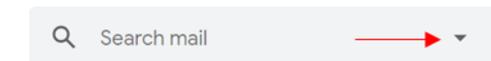
It seems as if finally, the Microsoft developers are listening to its many users and making more transparent changes with allowing the user options to decide upon configuration changes. Many users have their own preferences and appreciate being able to configure their devices accordingly. Look for this new Windows 10 update to roll out to everyone in Oct or Nov this year.

Useful things you may want to know, or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that we made up ourselves

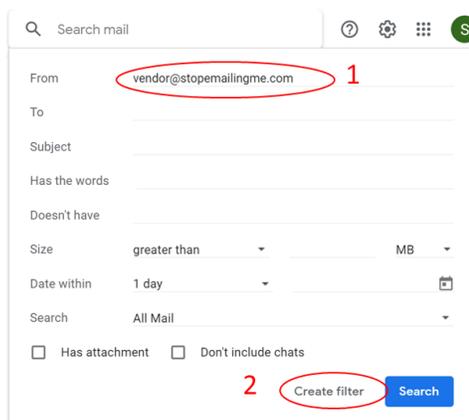
Q. I use Gmail and recently bought something online and now I am getting a lot of unsolicited advertising emails from the vendor. I have tried unsubscribing but the emails come almost daily. How can I get them to stop?

Excellent question! This isn't the first time we have had members wanting to not be bothered with emails they do not want. Unfortunately, if you have contacted the sender and they still send you emails, you cannot stop them from doing so. However, you CAN set up in your Gmail a way to automatically delete those emails as soon as they arrive and you won't have to see them anymore. Here is how to do so:

1. Sign in to your email account and click on the down arrow in the Search mail box at the top.



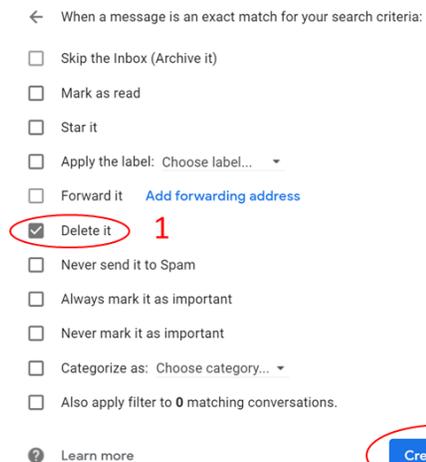
The following should now be displayed.



1. On the "From" line, enter the email address of the sender of whose emails you want to automatically delete.

2. Next click on the "Create Filter" button near the bottom right-hand margin.

3. Now check "Delete it" and click on "Create filter" once again.



4. If done correctly, you should get a confirmation that your filter

was created and any emails from the address you entered should automatically be deleted

and you won't have to see them anymore. Don't forget to periodically empty your trash. Let us know if this works for you and thanks for asking.

Q. Will there be a computer/electronics recycling event in the Spring of 2021? I really missed it this year and do have items that I could very well drop off if we have one.

A. As of right now, your Board is working on once again having such an event for our SCA residents. Unfortunately, the vendor we used in years past was no longer able to support us so we did not have a recycling event this year. Your Board recently learned of another vendor, who appears to offer similar services and we are currently looking into that at this time. We will keep our members posted as soon as we obtain more information., so keep checking the website and the newsletters regularly. The SCA HOA has sent out an Eblast recently indicating that on Saturday, Oct 10 from 10am-noon, Curbside Care will be at the Anthem parking lot and will be accepting electronics recycling. Go to the HOA website or check the Eblast for more information. We know a lot of you are interested in having another event. Check our past Newsletter issues to see alternatives for recycling your computer and electronic devices.