

April – May 2017 Alerts and Updates:

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1. Back to basics: The three easiest ways to back up your files

<http://cnet.co/2gGh6E6>

Make sure you are backing up your important files!

Regular backups are so important! If you don't have a system in place, then please let us know. We can make some recommendations based on your computer system and daily use. We use Carbonite ourselves and set it up on many of our clients' systems.

Here is another helpful resource: [The three laws of smart PC backups](#)

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/3185841/computers/the-three-laws-of-smart-pc-backups.html>

2. Tech Alerts: Pop-Up Message Scams

<http://leaguecomputers.com/blog/2017/04/tech-alerts-pop-up-message-scams/>

Don't call any phone number that pops up in a message on your screen! Call us first!

We added a blog post after several of our clients saw these pop-up scams, so spend a few minutes learn more and remember to call us first before giving anyone access to your machine. We'll let you know immediately if we feel it is a scam!

3. Google Earth relaunches with new storytelling and exploration features

<http://buff.ly/2pv9AQf>

If you're interested in exploring the globe digitally and learning more about some interesting places, check out the new features added to Google Earth.

4. Chrome will start marking HTTP sites in Incognito mode as non-secure in October 2017

<http://buff.ly/2oFgJ0S>

We mentioned the conversion process for all websites currently using “http” vs “https” last month; this announcement from Google gives all of us who create/maintain websites even more incentive to start the process! We are going through further training and research on the best way to implement this conversion for clients, so if you have a website and have questions or need some help, let us know and stay tuned!

5. Microsoft calls takesies-backsies on Windows update

<https://www.cnet.com/news/microsoft-calls-takesies-backsies-on-windows-update/>

After discovering a problem with the latest Windows 10 Creators Update, Microsoft is temporarily blocking downloads of the update for some people. Follow us on [Twitter @socialmediaLCS](#) as we learn and share more.

6. Google Families makes it easy to share calendars, photos, and reminders

<http://buff.ly/2rMZtVn>

Families have some new sharing options for Google products: Google Calendar, Google Keep, and Google Photos, plus YouTube TV (in its limited markets). We haven't tested this yet, but it sounds like a great way to keep everyone's schedule up-to-date, while easily sharing photos and videos.

7. Old Windows PCs can stop WannaCry ransomware with new Microsoft patch

<http://buff.ly/2rhFIE4>

Since Microsoft does not provide mainstream support for these older versions of Windows: Windows XP, Windows Server 2003 and Windows 8, a patch was made available. Learn more in the article and then let us know if you have questions about the potential vulnerability of your system.

8. Social Media: Take Control of Your Facebook News Feed

<http://leaguecomputers.com/blog/2017/05/take-control-of-your-facebook-news-feed-part-2/>

If your Facebook Friends are posting and/or sharing updates that you don't want to see, there are a few ways to see less of them. Learn more in our recent blog post.